



Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group
Monday, 09th March 2020

Attendees: **HSE:** Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Pat O'Connor, Prof. George Mellotte, Dr. Michael Power, Sean Bresnan, Ger Flynn, Anne Louise Neenan.
HPRA: Nicola Hickie, Judith Martin.
DoH: Colm O'Loughlin, Breifne O'Rourke, Mary Hyland,

Apologies: **HSE:** Martin Quinlivan, Fran Mollen
HPRA: Niall MacAleenan

- Governance structure of group: shortages issues to be escalated to HSE National Crisis Management Team (NCMT) and from there to NPHET, if required.
- HSE advised that prioritised list at present is based on list circulated by WHO. However, this list was drawn up with the global needs considered, potentially not every item will need to be on a list designed for the Irish health system.
- Noted: the requirement for PPE goggles (500k ordered to date) and potential benefit of UV sterilisation boxes.
- HSE will need to treat renal patients outside of current dedicated dialysis units, which will have implications for devices used and demand. In order to assess what additional dialysis equipment will be required will require manufacturer advice.
- HSE to discuss oxygen supplies with main medicinal oxygen supplier.
- HSE already started the process of procuring new ICU and portable ventilators.
- HSE advised that representatives from NVRL and National Ambulance Service may potentially be asked to join this group for some meetings, but not envisaged as core members.
- Next meeting 12.00 on 12 March, by telecon.