

Expert Group on the Role of Ventilation in Reducing Transmission of COVID-19

Meeting 3

2pm Monday 8th February 2021

(By Videoconference)

Present

Prof John Wenger (Chair)	UCC
Mr Sean Armstrong	DHLGH
Dr Marie Coggins	NUIG
Dr Laura Heavey	HSE
Asst Prof Orla Hegarty	UCD
Mr Simon Jones	IEA and Aereco Ltd.
Dr Ina Kelly	HSE
Ms Edel Murray	DHLGH
Prof Mike Prentice	UCC
Mr Brendan Redington	HSE Estates
Dr Kim Roberts	TCD
Dr Thomas Roux	HPSC

MINUTES

1. Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were edited during the meeting and approved. The Chair confirmed that a DoE representative will participate in consultations with the Schools sub-group.

2. Terms of Reference

The latest version, containing alternative wording of points 6 and 7, was discussed, edited during the meeting and approved.

3. Discussion on first report

The draft report was discussed in detail. The Chair will incorporate suggestions and modifications into the final draft, circulate for final comments and submit on 9 February 2021.

4. Work Plan - General document and technical documents on ventilation

The Group briefly discussed the public information on ventilation and COVID-19 that is available in other countries (Canada, UK, USA) and also referred to existing technical guidance published by professional bodies (CIBSE, REHVA, ASHRAE) and agencies (WHO, ECDC, CDC). Group members were invited to review the available documentation. During discussions, it was clarified that the role of the group is to review available guidance and the associated literature on ventilation and related aspects within the context of COVID-19, provide advice and recommendations on this. The group reports to NPHET through the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government.

5. **Any Other Business**
None.

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