



Thursday, 16th April 2020

Attendees: **HSE:** Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Prof. George Mellotte, Ger Flynn, Brendan White, Martin Quinlivan, Prof. Ross Morgan, John Hennessy
HPRA: Nicola Hickie, Niall MacAleenan
DoH: Colm O'Loughlin, Karen McNamara, Mary Hyland, Breifne O'Rourke

Apologies: **HSE:** Dr. Vida Hamilton, Sean Bresnan, John Griffin, Dr. Michael Power
HPRA: Judith Martin
DoH: Deidre McCaughey

- Ventilators:
 - HSE is satisfied that the gap between the current stock of ventilators and estimated requirements in the event of a surge scenario will be bridged in coming weeks.
 - All hospitals remained fully serviced
 - It is possible that Ireland may be able to provide a certain number of ventilators to international colleagues. This will be reassessed when ICU needs are fully met.
- CRRT machines and kits
 - All clinical needs are currently being met however market for these items remains very constrained
 - CRRT is an ICU unction and therefore a clinical lead from the critical care space of HSE should provide oversight of CRRT requirements. HSE NRO currently providing clinical oversight temporarily until the clinical lead indicated above is appointed, given the available renal expertise within HSE NRO. HSE will update DoH of any change to this arrangement.
- PPE:
 - HSE is satisfied that stocks will cover all locations for the next few weeks, once orders are delivered on Wednesday 22nd April.
 - Masks: HSE working to open up a second line of supply; this will require time to review as some supply chains are compromised by non-compliant products.
- Testing:
 - Test sample swabs stocks now sufficient to service testing strategy and no longer represent a risk.
 - Work ongoing to broaden testing methods in order to address Ireland's needs in the context of a global shortage of reagents.
- HSE advised that hospitals have requested increased numbers of infusion pumps and syringe drivers, due to higher usage per Covid patient in hospital setting. Hospitals remain fully serviced in this respect, with no risk of shortage in the short term.