

IEMAG

Minutes of meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 12pm

Attendees: Philip Nolan (Chair), Ajay Oza , Alan Barrett, Alan Cahill, Ann Barbar, Breda Smyth, Brendan Murphy, Cathal Walsh, Chris Brunsdon, Conor Keegan, Conor Teljeur, David McEvoy, Guy McGrath, James P Gleeson, Jim Duggan, Justin Gleeson, Maire Connolly, Malachy Corcoran, Megan O’Driscoll, Patrick Wall, Sean Lyons, Simon More

Apologies: Alan Smith, Brendan Murphy, Darina O’Flanagan, Derval Igoe, Francis Butler, Máirín Ryan

Secretariat: Rhona Gaynor, Martha Purcell, Sarah Glavey

General Updates

- IEMAG work continues to be used to inform NPHET decisions and CMO communications
- The health service demand sub-group had a successful meeting with DOH members of the Acute Hospital Preparedness sub-group on 21 April.

Sub-Group Updated Actions

Working Group 1: Epidemiology Modelling

Actions:

1	Recalibrate models, look at estimation of R number and report back to IEMAG next week (29 April) for feedback
2	Consult with immunologists and get briefing
3	Continue to finalise datasets – separating institutional population from wider community
4	Continue to work on parameters (proportion of asymptomatic, relative infectiousness of symptomatic vs asymptomatic)

Working Group 2: Demand/Supply Modelling

Actions:

1	Refine model and update parameters
2	Present to HSE via Acute Hospital Preparedness sub-group of NPHET
3	Share ESRI descriptive papers once drafted (emergency departments and hospital admissions)
4	Brief DCMO on work
5	Continue to work on predictive ICU tool

Working Group 3: Geospatial Mapping/Modelling

Actions:

1	Continue to secure relevant data
2	Report progress on Early Warning System (EWS) 29 April
3	Consider other EWS e.g. telecommunications handshakes, Google data, app etc.. To be discussed as an agenda item 29 April
4	Review what data CSO have been gathering
5	Provide IEMAG members access to GeoHive dashboard

Misc. Actions

- CSO, OSI to work on separating community transmission and illness in nursing homes
- All to sign Terms of Engagement and return
- Secretariat to send IEMAG research requests to EAG research sub-group
- Chair to respond to offers of specific analyses

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 29th April