

IEMAG

Minutes of meeting – Wednesday 19th August 12pm

Attendees: Philip Nolan (Chair), Alan Cahill, Brendan Murphy, Cathal Walsh, Chris Brunsdon, Conor Keegan, Conor Teljeur, David McEvoy, Elizabeth Hunter, Guy McGrath, James P Gleeson, Jim Duggan, Justin Gleeson, Maire Connolly, Malachy Corcoran, Patrick Wall, Simon More, Tony Flynn

Apologies: Ajay Oza, Máirín Ryan, Seán Lyons

Secretariat: Sarah Glavey, Katie O’Brien

General Updates

- Feedback from NPHEt on the sustainability document was positive, with two possible secondments to HPSC proposed.
- The issue of pooled saliva sampling needs statistical input.
- There needs to be messaging regarding the long-term morbidity of COVID19.

Working Group 1: Epidemiology Modelling

Actions:

1	Continue to refine models
2	Follow up discussion on age-cohort model
3	Re-calibrate SEIR model with splines instead of Gompertz function
4	Look at scenario 13 (co-infection with influenza), with regard to winter planning for hospital services
5	Does DoH have symptom onset dates for children?
6	Can school/university opening/closing be incorporated into ABM

Working Group 2: Demand/Supply Modelling

Actions:

1	Finalise technical note
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Working Group 3: Geospatial Mapping/Modelling

Actions:

1	Continue to develop geospatial maps and EWS
2	Plan use of anonymised aggregated statistical data on mobile phone network utilisation

Misc. Actions

- Mobility data workshop on 26/8/2020, all welcome to attend
- MC to provide a summary of key findings from recent studies on COVID-19 in children and role of school settings on COVID-19 transmission.

Next Meeting: two weeks time, date/time to be confirmed.