

Appendix 2 Acute Hospital Preparedness Subgroup Overview and Next Steps: Action Log

Ref	Action	Owner	Status
1/1	LW will share the updated hospital surge plans with the Department following the HSE NCMT meeting on 6 March.	HSE	Complete
1/2	VH will revert with a completed ECDC checklist for the acute hospital system	HSE	Complete
1/3	MD will finalise and submit the ECDC checklist for the Ambulance Service.	NAS	Complete
1/4	Department and HSE will give further consideration to the potential role of the private hospital sector in supporting the response to covid-19.	DOH/HSE	Complete
1/5	Department and HSE will give further consideration to potential to increase isolation facilities and ICU capacity over and above the recently approved proposal.	DOH/HSE	Complete
1/6	Department and the HSE will work together to agree NAS actions.	DOH/HSE	Complete
1/7	HSE will make contact with the Coronial Services, as well as with funeral director services.	HSE	Complete
1/8	Department and HSE will work together to agree actions on mortuary facilities.	DOH/HSE	Complete
2/9	Department and HSE will continue to engage on the detailed actions underpinning the published Action Plan, and the immediate data requirements required to feed into NPHE's work.	DOH/HSE	Complete
2/10	HSE will provide a report of current and surge bed capacity, by hospital and hospital group, by early w/b Monday 23 March.	HSE	Complete
2/11	The required framework for participation of private hospitals in meeting overall requirements will be agreed in the week commencing 23 March.	DOH	Complete
2/12	The Department will engage further with HSE on the model of care within the acute services, to provide an update for NPHE on this including response on the question of cohorting covid positive patients in designated hospitals.	DOH/HSE	Complete
2/13	An update on the ethical framework for resource prioritisation will be provided to the subgroup.	DOH	Complete
2/14	The NAS will share any update on a possible DFB surge plan with the Department as available.	NAS	Complete

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2/15	The HSE will share its statement updating on planning relating to the deceased, including audit of existing mortuary facilities with associated detail as requested.	HSE	Complete
2/16	RH and MC will work with AM and within the overall comms framework to feed in on communications issues for the subgroup as they arise.	DOH	Ongoing
3/17	VH will share a report with the Group on oxygen capacity by hospital.	HSE	Complete
3/18	HSE will provide up to date report on ICU surge capacity, by Hospital Group and Hospital, by 31st March.	HSE	Complete
3/19	A paper will be submitted to NPHEt setting out the subgroup's recommendations on the use of hospitals, in particular private hospitals as designated non-covid hospitals for essential surgery and urgent diagnostics in the first instance	DOH	Complete
3/20	Work will commence on developing data indicators to track outcomes for non-covid work during this period	DOH	In progress
3/21	Feedback on the ethical framework for Critical Care Resource Prioritisation will be shared	DOH	Complete
3/22	The Subgroups on Acute Preparedness and Vulnerable Groups will liaise on any shared issues regarding critical care	DOH	Complete
4/23	The list of outstanding data requirements to support the work of the Modelling Group will be provided to HSE Acute Operations for immediate attention (HSE)	HSE	Complete
4/24	The Acute Bed Capacity Report will be finalised in advance of submission to NPHEt for its meeting on 14 April	HSE	Complete
4/25	An update on outbreak control measures in Acute Hospitals will be provided in advance of the NPHEt meeting of 10 April	HSE	Complete
4/26	A paper on next steps regarding the model of care for non-covid patients will be prepared, for consideration of NPHEt	DOH	Complete

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4/27	There will be a more detailed discussion of issues relating to model of non-covid care and utilisation of the private hospitals, involving the Department, HSE, NTPF, NCCP and the private hospitals representative	DOH	Complete
4/28	The Department and the HSE will engage further in relation to the paper on PPE ethical guidance	DOH/HSE	Complete
4/29	The National Ambulance Service will link with the Vulnerable People subgroup in relation to ongoing work with nursing homes.	NAS	Ongoing
4/30	Communications will continue to ensure that patients who require care feel reassured that it is safe for them to attend hospital.	DOH	Ongoing
4/31	The Department and the HSE will further consider communications on the transfer of care from public to private hospitals.	DOH/HSE	Ongoing
4/32	The Acute Hospitals Preparedness Subgroup will engage with the Vulnerable People Subgroup in relation to patient level communications, including discharge from an acute setting and end of life care.	DOH	Complete
4/33	The Behavioural Change Subgroup will be requested to hold focus groups looking at reasons for the current reluctance to attend hospitals. A focus group to ascertain clinicians' views should also be considered	DOH	Complete
4/34	Members of the subgroup will engage further in relation to the Acute Hospitals risk register in advance of finalisation and submission to NPHE.	DOH	Complete
5/35	A meeting will be held between the Department, the HSE and the IEMAG Subgroup on demand and capacity modelling, to discuss further inputs and considerations for the demand-capacity model developed by the Subgroup	DOH	Complete
5/36	The HSE will provide an update to the Department on strategic plans for provision of PPE in acute hospitals	HSE	Complete
5/37	The HSE will write to the Department setting out an update on progress in regard to infection control	HSE	Complete

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5/38	The Department and HSE will continue to engage in order to finalise the proposal for additional long-term critical care capacity	DOH/HSE	Complete
5/39	The HSE will provide an update to the Department in response to recent correspondence, including on urgent surgery.	HSE	Complete
5/40	The Chair will advise NPHEP of the Subgroup's endorsement and support for the approach taken by the EAG Subgroup on principles in regard to the delivery of non-covid care.	DOH	Complete
5/41	The Department and the HSE will continue to work together to develop effective and targeted communications on attendance at acute hospitals.	DOH/HSE	Ongoing
6/42	The HSE will provide an update to the Department on strategic plans for provision of PPE in acute hospitals.	HSE	In progress
6/43	The HSE will write to the Department setting out an update on progress in regard to infection control in acute hospitals.	HSE	Complete
6/44	The HSE proposal for additional critical care requirements will be submitted to the Department as soon as possible.	HSE	Complete
6/45	The HSE will share its paper on guidance for the health care system in the new working environment, once ready		Complete
6/46	HIQA will be requested to examine the requirements for the NAS to continue to deliver care in the new working environment.	DOH/NAS	Complete