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Dear Paul,

Arising from today's meeting of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE), I wish to bring to your attention, as Chair of the HSE NCMT, the following decision of the NPHE which is now required to be actioned by the HSE and Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC):

- The NPHE notes and supports the progress of disease management measures and initiatives in acute hospitals, in particular the intention to secure the funding required to address the immediate needs for infection prevention and control and occupational health, through the normal channels.

The development of these proposals and the very significant progress made on this to date has involved extensive collaboration by officials from this Department with HSE colleagues. The key role of Infection Protection & Control and Occupational Health services in supporting healthcare delivery, patient care and healthcare staff during this pandemic shows the significant contribution of these services in providing safe care.

For information, the NCMT may also wish to note that the NPHE recommends the establishment of a COVID-19 Immunisation Strategy Group, chaired by the Department of Health.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the wider team across the HSE for your ongoing support and work across the health and social care services as we move through the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency. Officials from this Department have been and continue to be available to work with relevant HSE staff.

Yours sincerely,

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