

Meeting of Pandemic Ethics Advisory Group Minutes

- **Attendees (via Microsoft Teams):**
 - Dr Siobhán O’Sullivan (Chair);
 - Dr Barry Lyons;
 - Mr Stephen McMahon;
 - Dr Joan McCarthy;
 - Dr Andrea Mulligan BL;
 - Dr Louise Campbell;
 - Prof. David Smith;
 - Mr Mervyn Taylor.
- **Apologies:**
 - Dr Simon Mills SC;
- **Also in Attendance:**
 - Emily de Grae (secretariat);
 - Audrey Ní Chaoidealbháin (secretariat).

1. Minutes from previous meetings

- The minutes from 11th and 19th May were agreed.

2. Update from NPHE

- The Chair informed members that the Ethical Considerations Relating to Long Term Residential Care Settings (LTRCS) paper was approved by NPHE.
- She advised that NPHE discussed Phase 2 measures and that a recommendation would be made to Government following the NPHE meeting on June 4th.

3. Request for ethical advice from the development team for the covid tracing app

- The group discussed the papers provided by the development team and acknowledged that the development was values -driven. The group discussed privacy issues, the importance of trustworthiness and governance. They also debated the effectiveness of the app, the importance that the assessment is done through a public health lens and the importance of the inclusiveness of the app, given the higher incidence of outbreaks among vulnerable groups.
- It was agreed that the secretariat would contact colleagues to seek more information relating to some of the knowledge gaps identified and to seek a copy of the Data Protection Impact Assessment.
- It was agreed that the secretariat would draft initial feedback that would be circulated to member late next week for further consideration.

Stocktake on the PEAG

- The group discussed its workings since establishment in March. The discussion addressed what worked, what could be done better and areas that could still be addressed by the group.

- It was agreed that a survey would be sent out to the members to allow them to formally give their views to NPHEP.
- It was agreed that weekly meetings would continue for the month of June with the frequency revisited at that point.

4. AOB

- No issues were raised under AOB.

5. Date of Next Meeting

- The date of the next meeting is TBD.