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Dear Paul,

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

- NPHE endorses the paper for the establishment of a National sero-epidemiology unit in Health Protection, to be based in the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) and recommends the HSE develop a related business case for its establishment to be submitted to the Department of Health for consideration in the normal manner.

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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