Health Budget Oversight Group Minutes (1st Draft)

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Minutes of Meeting of April 2021:

The minutes from previous meeting were agreed subject to some amendments in relation to the National Service Plan.

HBOG Role and Position:

Post pandemic position

- DPER suggests HBOG returns to primary focus of Health spending at a strategic level.
- DPER Early advanced sight of draft agenda.
- HSE note transition is key, financial implications of both the Cyberattack & Pandemic will be here for the rest of the year and next.
- DPER suggests a lack of clarity on a number of fronts cause concerns.
- Minister McGrath & Minister Donnelly will have bilateral in early July.

Staffing:

Pay and Numbers Strategy

- DPER Significant issues with recruitment, to date, just under 3,000 staff recruited from a projected 16,000.
- HSE Report census (due at the end of June) Until full capacity resumes, unable to say about
- Recruitment
- HSE note there is good pressure to recruit within the timescale of Q1 review, best to consider year end position using April data.
- HSE: €5 million savings for every 1,000 posts unfilled/delayed.
- DPER suggest that without this projection piece we have no idea of the scale of savings or how the 16,000 will be filled.

Cyber Attack:

- DPER: We need to quantify the costs. OGP laptop procurement in place, if we could get an overarching strategy and political support.
- Michael Redmond: Making strong and steady progress now in week 6, overall on target.

- 60% of systems recovered, broadly speaking, 76% decrypted some systems are being prioritised.
- Immediate response: Half way through, security device replacement
- Update on progress and estimated costs: No estimate to date
- Michael Redmond: New security operations centre will afford 24/7 monitoring of traffic on ur servers. Gold standard, MFA all access

Health Budget Profile and Monitoring:

- DPER suggests we have very little visibility, lagging figures and we have no idea if we are above or below profile. We will have a better idea when we get review of quarter 1.
- DOH note that April data will be assessed in the next day or 2 and discussions are ongoing Re: March/April/June data.
- HSE note mid-July when they determine profile for the year end, everything after that is part of the estimate forecast Based on April data)
- DOH suggests we wait until all information is available in late July. Then take it the quarterly items.

PER Issues and Other Matters:

- HSE note potential saving on PPE around 100 million, with 350 million spend of a projected 450 million view by the end of June.

AOB:

- Follow up on some points we didn't reach
- Estimates expected soon
- Disabilities piece