Health Budget Oversight Group
9th April 10:30am
Microsoft Teams call

Attendees

D/Health: Paul Bolger, Fiona Prendergast, Aidan Gilchrist , Aonraid Dunne, Caoimhe Dolan, Eoin Halpin, Kevin Colman, Louise Carrigan, Rhona Broderick, Gerry O'Brien

HSE: Colum Maddox, Nigel O'Keeffe, Stephen Mulvaney, Tim Cummins, Tony Patterson, Megan Coll

D/PER: Ronnie Downes, David Owens, Terry Jennings, Patrick Moran, Deirdre Collins, Robert Scott, Sean Prior, Albert Morris, Cian McCarthy, Kevin O'Farrell

1. **Introduction and Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting (01.04) were agreed.

2. **Update on HSE COVID-19 Action Plan – Finance, including**

The HSE's second Flash Report was presented and discussed. The HSE will do a final reconciliation and revert with any additional sanctions required for ventilators. By COB D/Health and HSE to have an agreed costed figure for ventilators to form the basis of a Memo to Government.

HSE highlighted that there are potential impacts not yet known or costed that may appear in the future as this is a fast emerging situation.

Action: HSE to respond to all D/Health, D/PER queries by cob today.

Action: PER to follow up directly with HSE team on GP section of Flash Report.

3. **COVID-19 Reporting and Monitoring Procedures**

This HBOG/ Finance sub-committee meeting is monitoring costs associated with COVID-19.

PER have developed KPI metrics for COVID-19 sanctions. D/Health have a single point of contract in their Finance team for each sanction, allowing a single transparent line of communication with PER.

There will be monthly reviews on the temporary private nursing home supports with this forum used to discuss the metrics. The HSE requested that this data be shared with them to incorporate into the weekly Flash Report.

Memos for Government in regards COVID-19 expenditure will be sent on a monthly basis.

The use of private hospitals for the duration of the crisis and availability of Consultants was briefly discussed.

Procurement for ventilators and PPE was discussed.

4. **Updates - Workforce**

The HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy and NSP were based on staff restrictions and savings which cannot be achieved due to COVID-19.

- Student Nurses will be discussed at the Workforce Subgroup meeting directly after this.

- Additional Medical Interns have been approved and sanctioned.

5. **AOB**

Funding for Section 39 organisations were briefly discussed.

Action: Letter to be drafted from PER to D/Health re subgroup membership and D/PER representatives on such.

Action: Hospital bed utilisation to be included in HSE dash board metrics.

Action: How some COVID-19 measures can be unwound after the crisis to be discussed at next HBOG meeting.