

**From:** Kathleen\_MacLellan@health.gov.ie  
**To:** [Director HPSC \(directorhpsc@hse.ie\)](mailto:Director_HPSC_(directorhpsc@hse.ie)_); [Darina OFlanagan@health.gov.ie](mailto:Darina_OFlanagan@health.gov.ie); [Phelim Quinn](mailto:Phelim_Quinn); [Fibhlin Connolly@health.gov.ie](mailto:Fibhlin_Connolly@health.gov.ie); [Alan Smith@health.gov.ie](mailto:Alan_Smith@health.gov.ie)  
**Cc:** [Rosarie Lynch@health.gov.ie](mailto:Rosarie_Lynch@health.gov.ie); [Niall Redmond@health.gov.ie](mailto:Niall_Redmond@health.gov.ie); [Karl Duff@health.gov.ie](mailto:Karl_Duff@health.gov.ie)  
**Subject:** URGENT: Follow up to meeting this morning Nursing Homes/Lonterm Care Services  
**Date:** Sunday 29 March 2020 14:13:30

---

Dear Colleagues

As an urgent follow up to the meeting this morning can you please information or inputs that you have with regard to 1-7 below as **early as possible**? We intend to pull together to have a paper to circulate tomorrow lunchtime with a view to bringing a paper to NPHE on Tuesday.

### Public Health Considerations

- Disease control aims - minimise patient, staff and community spread

### Scope

Longterm Care Settings: To include nursing homes, long term older people residential, long term disability residential, long term mental health residential

•

### Framework of Information

1. **Data:** COVID-19 positive cases; proportion of overall COVID-19 positive cases; age profile; mortality; number of staff in settings; number of patients in settings; hospitalisations; reporting of KPI suite as a subgroup of data for these settings vs overall KPI
2. **Definition of settings:** type; size; accommodation lay out; patient / client cohort (e.g. care of the elderly, disabilities, mental health etc)
3. **Risk assessment:** those setting with known infection; have infection but not yet known; no infection but at risk; low risk
4. **Guidance/Standards:** IPC; testing; visitors; staff; respite and activities
5. **Preparedness:** IPC training and competence; PPE supply; contingency plans in place for staff
6. **Assurance:** set of KPIs to be reported
7. **Strengthened outbreak control and supports required:** national; regional; local

Many thanks

Kathleen

**Dr Kathleen Mac Lellan**

*Assistant Secretary, Social Care Division*

**An Roinn Sláinte**

Department of Health

**Bloc 1, Plaza Miesach, 50 - 58 Sráid Bhagóid Íochtarach, Baile Átha Cliath, D02 XW14**

Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50 - 58 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, D02 XW14

Designated Public Official under Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015

\*\*\*\*\*

Email Disclaimer and; Legal Notice: <http://health.gov.ie/email-disclaimer/>

\*\*\*\*\*