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Hi Kathleen,

Máirín has already talked to me re this and off course we are very willing to help with the national response. I will link in with Máirín again on Monday re practicalities and impacts.

I have written to Tony Holohan in recent days offering our full support and again reiterate that we stand ready to assist in whatever way we can - if there are any further requests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Phelim

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Mar 2020, at 15:48, "Kathleen\_MacLellan@health.gov.ie"  
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Phelim

A number of work programmes of an urgent nature are under way to support the National Public Health Emergency Team chaired by the Chief Medical Officer. A set of subgroups including NPHEM COVID-19 Subgroup Vulnerable People subgroup have been established. This subgroup deliverables will support the planning for our most vulnerable in society in dealing with the impact of COVID-19 for the coming period. See attached ToR. Susan Cliffe provided very positive engagement from HIQA at the first meeting which was held on Friday. I would be grateful for your consideration of allowing Mairin Ryan to work as near as full time as possible to support this work programme for a period of time. We understand that this will impact on current HIQA HTA team priorities.

**Many thanks**

**Kathleen**

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