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Mary,

Occupational Health capacity is critical and Lynda Sisson, HSE Head of Occupational Health is trying to work up a package of supports to be assigned to each CHO. Clear alignment between Occ Health, GPs and Public Health is essential.

I will keep you advised.

As you may know, Patrick Lynch has now been appointed to manage overall PPE distribution.

As regards staffing, HSE HR have clearly stated that they will not poach workers who are already in the front line with Nursing Homes etc.

Myself, JP Nolan, Michael Fitzgerald and Siobhan Kennelly are working on the other aspects and will have a product soon.

Regards,

David

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Good afternoon David

Trust you are well.

In light of NHI's meeting with the Minister of Health and his subsequent announcement yesterday (re: risk assessment etc.), I met with the NHI and a number of nursing home providers today.

They obviously discussed the challenges they are experiencing which included:

- Timely testing and results

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- Accessing PPE

- ICP advice
- Staffing concerns (loosing staff to national recruitment drive / private hospital etc.)
- Etc.

They are hopeful that the announced emergency response plans will help them.

I know you are working through issues and looking at an escalation pathway from the infection hub for designated centres through to the HSE.

Would it be possible to also include an occupational health referral pathway– it is certainly a sector wide deficit and if addressed could possibly allow better informed management retaining and rostering staff and reduce their demands for HSE support.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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