

COVID-19 Wave 2 - Digital Co-ordination & Prioritisation

Minutes of meeting held on 14th October 2021 at 1pm

In Attendance:

Dan West - Chair

**Eddie Ritson
Stephen Stewart
Charlene McQuillan
Brendan O'Neill
Joy Beaumont
Eddie O'Neill
Lesley McGrann
Nadene Aspel
David Bryce
Austin Tanney
Donagh MacDonagh
Stephen Smith
Helen Clarke**

Invite: Joe Dolan

Apologies:

**Linda McRandle
Claire Buchner
Katey Gunning
Penny Hobson**

Dan welcomed all to the Group and also welcomed Joe Dolan and Donagh MacDonagh to the Group.

As it is the Highlight Report week, before we start with the Report, Dan mentioned he would like to talk about 2 specific topics today.

- Cyber Simulation Exercise;
- Issue with GPs using VMS for recording of vaccinations.

Cyber Simulation Exercise:

Joe introduced himself to the Group. He heads up the NI Cyber Security Centre and promotes cyber security across Northern Ireland. He has been working with Dan, David and others around cyber response for the covid vaccination services and how DoH can respond.

Dan mentioned that a desktop cyber simulation exercise was planned for afternoon of 25th October but had been moved to 8th November. It was initially planned to focus on VMS but Dan suggested that it would be useful to include the other digital systems developed in response to Covid. The exercise is a desktop simulation to test the ability of the organisations responsible to maintain delivery of services and rebuild systems as a result of disruption caused by cyber security incidents. This should include VMS, Digital self trace and CCS systems. Letters for 8th November were sent out earlier this week to all attendees.

Joe said that there will be a need to include the potential responses from a wide range of perspectives including senior management, communications and supply chain. "Who needs to know about it" is a key question.

Eddie O highlighted the need for a structured response and suggested the use of templates to facilitate this.

Eddie R sought clarification on what extent other aspects of services needed to be involved. Joe confirmed, as many as possible saying that this demonstrated the complexity of the scenario.

There were positive responses from members.

It was discussed and decided to have an internal cyber planning event next Monday (18th October) in preparation for the call on 8th November.

ACTION: Helen to set up Cyber Planning Call meeting for Monday 18th October.

VMS and Write Back and Data Issues

Donagh discussed the problems that GPs were having re VMS and Write back and data issues. Donagh had mentioned about a summary paper for the current position. Dan had asked Donagh if he could send the updated paper to Joy and Austin so they could show at the Oversight Board this afternoon.

ACTION: Donagh to send Dan/Joy and Austin summary paper on Writeback.

ACTION: Dan to follow up with Austin after discussions at the Oversight Board.

Highlight Report

Joy went through the Highlight Report.

There was very little reporting this week. Dan had mentioned since we had nearly ran out of time for members to send any updates to Joy.

Most of the risks were for CCS (Eddie O).

Eddie O reported that there were some comms imminent regarding Certificates for Domestic Use and the initial lines had already been approved by the Minister

Finances: no change. Dan to talk to Joy/Stephen at the EPMO call next Monday re budgets, spend and resourcing.

AOB

N/A

NEXT MEETING: 21ST OCTOBER 2021 @ 1PM

ACTIONS:

NO	ACTION	OWNER	DEADLINE
1.	Helen to set up Cyber Call meeting.	Helen	15/10/2021
2.	Donagh to send Dan/Joy and Austin summary paper on Writeback.	Donagh	
3.	Dan to follow up with Austin after discussions at the Oversight Board.	Dan	