



HSE Health Protection
Surveillance Centre



MINUTES OF MEETING

Title of Meeting:	CPE Expert Group Meeting		
Purpose of Meeting:	To provide expert advice to the NPHE		
Location of Meeting:	HPSC Office- Boardroom		
Attendees:	<p>In person:</p> <p>Professor Hilary Humphreys (HH), Professor of Clinical Microbiology & Consultant Microbiologist, Chairperson of CPE Expert Group</p> <p>Professor Martin Cormican (MC), HSE HCAI/AMR Clinical Lead & Director of the CPE Reference Lab (CPERL)</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Kelleher (KK), Director Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) & Assistant National Director, Health & Wellbeing: Public Health & Childcare. HPSC representative</p> <p>Dr. Rob Cunney (RC), Representative for Paediatric Microbiology</p> <p>Bernie O'Reilly (BOR), Voluntary member of Patients For Patient Safety Ireland (PFPSI), and patient representative</p> <p>Dr. Anne Sheahan (AS), Specialist in Public Health Medicine, Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control Team</p> <p>Alison Maguinness (AMG), Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Specialist, Infection Prevention & Control Ireland (IPCI) representative</p> <p>Shirley Keane (SK), Programme Manager</p> <p>Clodagh Cruise (CC), Surveillance Scientist, Naas General Hospital, SSAI representative</p> <p>Dr. Jerome Fennell (JF), Consultant Microbiologist, ISCM Representative Health</p> <p>Marie Cregan, Patient Representative, PFPSI</p> <p>Chloe Enright (CE), Research Assistant for the microbiology team, HPSC</p> <p>By telephone:</p> <p>Mags Moran (MM), Community Infection Prevention & Control Nurse Manager</p>		
Apologies:	<p>Shane Keane (SHK), Principal Environmental Health Officer, Environmental Health</p> <p>Elaine Phelan (EP), Laboratory Medical Scientist, Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine (ACSLM) representative</p> <p>Dr. Catherine Fleming (CF), Consultant in Infectious Disease, Infectious Diseases Society of Ireland (ISDI) representative. Margaret B'O Sullivan, Specialist in Public Health Medicine</p> <p>Dr. Margaret O'Sullivan (MOS), Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Faculty of Public Health Medicine RCPI Representative</p>		
Date/Time of Meeting:	10.30am, Wednesday 22 nd of May 2019	Date/Time of Next Meeting:	10:30am, Wednesday 10 th of July 2019
Prepared by:	Chloe Enright (CE)	Date Circulated:	31/05/19

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1.	<p>Introductions and apologies – noted.</p> <p>Conflicts of Interest – CE was asked to double check that all conflict of interest forms had been received and signed from the previous meeting.</p> <p>All those present and dialling in confirmed that they had no conflict of interest relating to the matters to be discussed.</p>	CE
2	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes were accepted without amendment.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>HH highlighted the need to identify a representative to replace Colette Cowan. MC agreed to approach the CEO group for a new nomination.</p>	MC
4	<p>Review of draft guideline documents under review</p> <p>“Laboratory Detection Guidelines”</p> <p>HH stated that this document will need regular review given that this is a rapidly changing area.</p> <p>The document has been restructured.</p> <p>MC acknowledged that an issue had been raised in relation to the selection of one or multiple representatives of colonies from agar plates. For practical reasons the specification of one representative of each colony morphology has been retained.</p> <p>There was detailed discussion regarding the challenges associated with isolated positive molecular test not confirmed by culture including issues of patient communication. It was agreed that the document addresses the issues adequately based on current information. When the document is circulated laboratories will be asked to document briefly instances of isolated molecular positive but culture negative tests to HSE AMRIC Clinical Lead to inform future revision of the document. The document was accepted subject to final circulation with one-week period for members to identify any additional issues.</p> <p>“CPE Guidance for Haemodialysis”</p> <p>HH and MC met with Clinical Lead for Haemodialysis and took advice from others engaged in the delivery of haemodialysis services.</p> <p>MC discussed the main points of the paper. A discussion followed. Amendments to the draft document were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include summary of recommendations early in the document • Refer to requirement for terminal cleaning of bed space after each patient • Highlight that screening for CPE is part of a comprehensive screening process • Rephrase the statement re travel to and from dialysis in a shared vehicle to remove the statement about hand hygiene <p>HH stated the changes would be made and the document would then be discussed further with the National Clinical Lead Renal/Haemodialysis and then be considered further at the next meeting</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC to revise document and recirculate. HH and MC to engage with National Clinical Lead Renal/Dialysis</p>

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	KK asked that all private renal dialysis services are included in the documents distribution.	
5	<p>Updates</p> <p>MC:</p> <p>NPHE update: MC advised that it is anticipated that the Minister will make a decision to declare the public health emergency over. However, there is no confirmation of this and no clear indication of the time frame. The HSE and DOH have discussed alternative processes to maintain a close working relationship on this issue if the public health emergency is declared over. The DOH have committed €5 M new funding to antimicrobial resistance and infection prevention and control initiatives in 2019.</p> <p>Communication Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The AMRIC Division of HPSC are working to develop a report on the CPE Contact Communication Project. All hospital groups have now sent correspondence to all patients. - If the PH Emergency process is completed, it is understood that the Faculty of Pathology of the RCPI will become the umbrella for the CPE Expert Group. MC is to follow up seeking confirmation of this from the Dean of Faculty. - 	MC
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Agreed that it would be useful to develop guidance for palliative care. A draft document will be developed in advance of next meeting. Guidance for the Ambulance Service was also identified as an unmet need.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday July 10th 2019.</p>	MC
7	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed to get seek a nomination to replace Colette Cowan. 2. CE to check on conflict of interest documents for all members. 3. Laboratory guidance to have final edits and re-circulation for final review and changes. 4. Minor changes to be made to the haemodialysis document and then engagement with Clinical Lead for Renal Medicine/Haemodialysis. 5. Draft document on palliative care to be prepared. 6. Draft document for the Ambulance Service to be prepared. 7. Follow up with Dean of Faculty regarding reporting relationship of this Group. 	<p>MC CE MC</p> <p>MC/HH</p> <p>MC MC</p>