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Dear Tony

**National Public Health Emergency Team – Corona Virus  
Covid-19 NPHET Subgroup- Vulnerable People**

Thank you for your letter and attachments dated 4 March 2020.

Sean Egan, HIQA's representative on the National Public Health Emergency Team had indicated that you would be writing to seek a nomination onto the NPHET Subgroup – Vulnerable People. In this regard, I am nominating **Mary Dunnion, Director of Regulation and Chief Inspector of Social Services** onto the subgroup. I have passed details of the first meeting onto Mary and will communicate directly with David O'Connor, as directed.

In communicating the emerging subgroup structure Sean Egan had indicated that there was an intention to form a further subgroup on Acute Hospital Preparedness. Given HIQA's healthcare team's knowledge on the acute sector, particularly on infection prevention and control, I would like to offer a nomination onto that group, if you feel it would be helpful. If you are agreeable, Sean Egan would be willing to be HIQA's nomination into that group.

Taking account of the above proposals, I would be happy to replace Sean Egan on the National Public Health Emergency team and want to reassure you that as an organization, we will make ourselves available to provide whatever assistance we can to you and your teams in managing this significant health emergency.

I appreciate that you are significantly occupied at present and will await your direction in respect of the above.

Yours sincerely



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