



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Clinical Advisory

To: EMTs, Paramedics, Advanced Paramedics, Call Takers, Call Dispatchers, Supervisors, Managers
c.c.: NAS Leadership Team
From: Medical Director
Date: September 19th 2014
Subject: **EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE - UPDATE**

Dear colleagues,

Further to Clinical Advisory on EVD issued on August 20th, please find below an update:

1. The Risk Assessment Tool issued on August 20th (version 1.7 19082014) has been revised by Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC). **Version 1.7 is now withdrawn and should not be used. Effective immediately, version 2.0 08092014 is now authorised for use.**
The phrase "Ambulance Service VHF Procedures Activated" indicates the following should be done:
 - Don PPE as per the risk assessment tool
 - Notify Control of the EVD status of the patient
2. Countries now affected by EVD are as follows:
 - Guinea
 - Liberia
 - Nigeria
 - Senegal
 - Sierra Leone
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo

The countries affected may change – ambulance practitioners should contact Control as required if assessing a patients travel or contact history.

Control staff should, on a daily basis, review the HPSC website www.hpsc.ie for updates on affected countries.

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