

'Crack on' - The Doncaster approach to Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response

The introduction of the Health and Social Care Act (2012) changed the EPRR roles and responsibilities across the sector, leaving gaps in planning, arrangements and guidance.

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Challenges

A number of challenges faced the local EPRR function following the HSC Act (2012) including:

- Lack of national guidance on the roles and responsibilities of new organisations such as CCGs as Category 2 responders and new duties placed on Local Authorities under the DPH
- Significant changes in staff and local specialist knowledge
- Assumptions on partner roles and responsibilities based on historic systems and context
- Lack of national steer on funding roles and responsibilities in the EPRR work streams locally
- Distinction of roles and responsibilities between Local Authority emergency planning teams and Directors of Public Health.



Milestones

Through a pro-active and partnership driven approach to EPRR locally, we have been able to:

- Develop, sign-off and test multi-agency mass treatment and outbreak plans
- Develop, sign-off and test a range of corporate plans including for pandemic flu and severe weather
- Achieve a successful multi-agency and partnership response to incidents including outbreaks
- Locally define and embed the public health EPRR function within the Local Authority and with partners
- Agree local funding arrangements for incidents in the absence of national guidance
- Share learning, experiences and arrangements with partners and colleagues.

The road to success

We have progressed and embedded the local public health EPRR arrangements through:

- Continuation of the Doncaster Joint Health Emergency Planning group into the new system
- Establishing close working relationships between public health and the Council's emergency planning team using a matrix management style working arrangement
- Embedding the public health EPRR function into corporate emergency planning arrangements and structures, and the DPH in the on-call arrangements
- Identifying an advocate for driving forward the local health EPRR function and agenda
- Ensuring participation in and delivery of multi-agency exercises and training as a priority.

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Carys Williams
November 2016
Exercise Seven Hills - 11 October 2017

South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Local
Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP)

Exercise Seven Hills

Exercise Cygnus Report
Tier One Command Post Exercise
Pandemic Influenza
18 to 20 October 2016



Exercise Larissa



Doncaster Joint Health Emergency Planning Group
15th November 2017

What's next?

- Embedding and progressing the Local Health Resilience Partnership audit of local health protection arrangements action plan
- Ongoing training and exercise programme with partners and senior Public Health staff to increase awareness and strengthen arrangements
- Review multi-agency approach to psychological support in incidents

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