

the development of a battle rhythm that allows representatives of STAC and SAGE to dial into each other's meeting

- A STAC remains accountable to SCGs and SAGE remains accountable to COBR

## Wales STAC

Where scientific and technical advice is required for more than 1 SCG in Wales, a Wales STAC will be established and will act as a single body covering all affected SCG areas, providing consistent advice. The Wales STAC may be a 'virtual' group using a dedicated conference call account held by the Welsh Government.

The Wales STAC will bring together technical experts operating under the strategic direction of the SCG or SCGs. The SCG will agree the high-level objectives guiding the multi-agency response, including the immediate priorities. The STAC will respond to questions raised by the SCG.

The Wales STAC will provide advice to the SCG which will take account of this advice in making collective operational decisions to manage the response to the emergency. The STAC will conduct a risk assessment of the incident from a scientific and technical perspective using available data to quantify the risk where possible in order to determine those affected and the likely impact. The STAC will provide advice on the options available to manage the risks, utilising professional networks to develop advice as necessary.

**Figure 1: Default STAC/Wales STAC, SAGE interaction model (information flows)**

