

Delivery of CCG(NI) Resilience Programme

Progress Report Template

ACTION Number: 45
and TEO)

Lead: DOH (supported by DOJ

Detail: *To review and update guidance and to prepare plans and arrangements covering the health, excess deaths and wider impacts of an influenza pandemic.*

Resilience Programme Target Date: June 2019

PROGRESS TO DATE: NOVEMBER 2018

Good progress has been made to meet the objectives of the cross government Pandemic Flu Preparedness Board and there continues to be positive engagement in the UK-wide programme to deliver plans and capabilities to manage the wider consequences of pandemic influenza.

- **Resilience in Health and Social Care:** DoH has completed preparatory work to establish a group to draw up service-facing Surge and Triage guidance for NI incorporating Primary, Secondary and Social Care.
- **Excess Deaths:** The Excess Death Working Group led by DoJ has investigated current capacity for dealing with excess deaths, at each point in the death – burial / cremation process, and has begun to identify the gaps, and what will be needed to augment current processes during a flu pandemic.
- **Sector Resilience:** TEO is in the process of collating information for issue to Departments to commission resilience assessments for their respective sectors.
- **Legislation:** Good progress has been made on developing a UK-wide draft Bill and draft policy instructions have been prepared by DoH, DoJ and DE. Further engagement is taking place with other relevant Departments (including DoF and DfE). The next step in developing the Bill will require engagement with OLC on the drafting of clauses.
- **Communications:** NI has contributed to a UK-wide communications Strategy and await further instruction from UK colleagues.

ISSUES REQUIRING RESOLUTION:

Excess deaths

DOJ is currently awaiting sight of the Cabinet Office guidance on excess deaths in order to ensure consistency across the United Kingdom. Once this has been considered, the Department intends to provide advice on the range of available options to senior officials in the coming weeks. Once the policy direction has been established work on the detail of a plan will commence.

ACTION STATUS: *indicate the status of the action by marking the appropriate descriptor box with an X.*

Completed	On track	Likely to be achieved with some slippage	No progress / unlikely to be achieved
	X		

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