

Terms of Reference Civil Contingencies Group (NI)

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The CCG (NI) will:

- undertake periodic review of civil protection policy in government departments and public bodies in Northern Ireland as appropriate and will seek and gain agreement on policy principles and standards;
- maintain liaison among government departments, the emergency services, other key public service bodies and District Councils;
- disseminate information to and within member organisations on civil protection policy, current issues and risks and the response to emergencies; and will provide briefing on particular issues or emergencies;
- collect and collate the information necessary to inform policy development or the response to emergencies and provide briefing on particular issues or emergencies;
- establish standing or ad hoc sub-groups or working groups to develop policy for, or report on, particular issues or functions; and
- discuss and co-ordinate the non-emergency service responses to emergencies which require a multi-agency strategic approach but which do not require the attention of Permanent Secretaries or Ministers.