



Cabinet Office

Civil Contingencies Secretariat Q4 2018-19 update for Minister for Implementation

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CCS activity prioritisation

- Following Cabinet agreement in December we are prioritising no deal preparations from now on. This may include standing up Command, Control and Coordination arrangements for as long as required.
- CCS will continue a small number of essential activities alongside no deal preparations but have paused all other activity to enable sufficient focus on preparations for leaving the EU without a deal.

Ongoing activity to be prioritised

Yellowhammer preparations including governance, assurance of preparedness and exercising

Statutory obligations including FOI requests and Parliamentary correspondence and obligations

Operational response and recovery capacity concurrent with no-deal preparations (see slide 5)

COBR development including infrastructure and technical upgrades

Emergency Planning College operations

Foreign Direct Investment casework

National Security Risk Assessment (NSRA) completion



Ongoing activity to be prioritised (continued)

18-19 funded programmes to continue including Capability Mapping software and **Irrelevant & Sensitive**

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Resilience Satellite Network including infrastructure uplift and site by site transfer of existing High Integrity System sites and rollout of deployable RSN variants to OGDs as per Ministerial agreement

Mobile alerting need to be established with Home Office and follow through of 999/112 activities previously agreed by Ministers

NSCR commitments finalise those close to completion, including on support to victims, mutual aid, Community Resilience guidance, and assurance and standards

Pandemic Flu commitments close to completion finalised, including Pandemic Flu Bill and Excess Deaths Guidance

New activity to be prioritised

Yellowhammer training for C3 preparations to be rolled out across HMG

Yellowhammer exercising programme oversight

Yellowhammer operations: delivery of cross HMG response system from late Feb to Summer

ResilienceDirect Upgrade to make improvements to enable increase usage for no deal reporting

Civil Protection Mechanism planning for successor programme or mandate for negotiated re-entry



Near-term risk update

Risk	Impact	Preparedness/Response	Next steps
<p>Ebola Outbreak – Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Number of cases: 627 total (579 confirmed & 48 probable) on 09/01/2019. However, this number reflects only cases detected and reported by the response, which has been seriously compromised in recent days due to unrest related to the election. This is now the second largest Ebola outbreak in history.</p>	<p>WHO's risk assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional – very high; National – very high; Global – low. <p>Public Health England assess the risk for the UK population as <i>negligible-very low</i>.</p>	<p>DFID are leading the HMG response. They judge that the response in DRC is doing all the right things in very challenging circumstances, though it is not yet ahead of the transmission chain. The UK is contributing £43.6 million, in addition to sending experts from Public Health England and armoured cars from the CHASE stockpile.</p> <p>There is a good level of domestic preparedness.</p>	<p>DfID continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>CCS are working with MOD, FCO and DHSC to update the existing MEDEVAC protocol to be suitable for Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan.</p>
<p>Weather Benign and settled conditions are generally expected this week across the majority of the UK.</p> <p>There are no severe weather warnings in place.</p>	<p>No significant impacts expected for the next reporting period.</p>	<p>The Winter Resilience Network (WRN) is chaired by CCS and brings together resilience teams from across HMG and the DAs to discuss emerging issues, events and general preparedness activity.</p>	<p>CCS chaired the first WRN call this year on 9th January to assess preparedness activity being undertaken across the UK.</p>



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<p>Industrial Relations A number of strikes may still go ahead during the coming week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Underground – Bakerloo and District & Hammersmith and City Lines on Monday 14th and Thursday 10th, respectively; and Arriva Buses Durham Ltd from 6th – 12th January. 	<p>The Bakerloo Line will be closed for the duration of the strike action.</p> <p>In event of strike action, some services will continue to run on the Hammersmith & City Line and District Lines.</p> <p>The action affecting Arriva Buses Durham will disrupt the vast majority of bus services across the North East.</p>	<p>London Underground has a coordinated communications campaign already in force and has designated more buses to travel along the routes affected. Replacement bus services will be in place for the Bakerloo Line.</p> <p>Arriva Buses have implemented an emergency timetable and a communications strategy to advise passengers.</p>	<p>None at this stage.</p>
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<p>Clinical waste collections from NHS Trusts HES have ceased collections of clinical waste from NHS Trusts. All trusts affected have successfully instigated contingency measures to ensure no disruption to NHS Services.</p>	<p>No disruption to NHS services.</p>	<p>Comprehensive contingency arrangements were put in place and are working effectively whilst contracts are novated/transferred to alternative suppliers.</p>	<p>DHSC continue to chair weekly cross-government meetings to monitor progress. CCS continue to support.</p>



Ministerial involvement forward look

There are a number of areas where your involvement, Minister for Implementation, would be particularly beneficial. This includes:

- Clearance to publish guidance to help Local Resilience Forums develop community resilience and work effectively with the voluntary sector (January)
- Clearance to publish guidance for emergency responders on the coordination of spontaneous volunteers in emergencies (January)
- Clearance of National Security Risk Assessment (expected February)
- Agreement to a closed consultation on ResilienceDirect (contingency planning IT platform for local responders and OGDs) on draft guidance for information sharing following an emergency (expected February)
- Note the Home Office and DCMS's positions on mobile alerting and agree next steps (expected February)