

Foreword

by Director Mary Jones, Resilience Directorate

I am delighted to introduce this first edition of the UK Resilience Lessons Digest. This is the debut of what will be a regular publication, which, importantly, is easily accessible through the Cabinet Office Emergency Planning College (EPC) website.

Learning is integral to managing risks. Embedding the learning from lessons is necessary to drive continual improvements in the competencies of individuals, capable teams, organisations and partnerships that make-up the UK resilience community.

As a community, you have always recognised and prioritised this through existing lessons platforms and channels. However, with such a large number of lessons and recommendations, produced from a diverse array of exercises, incidents and inquiry reports, across all sectors and services - both nationally and globally - there are challenges in absorbing, synthesising and sharing these effectively and quickly. These precise challenges were identified in recent House of Lords select committee and Committee of Public Accounts reports.^{1,2}

We have committed to do better, starting with this UK Resilience Lessons Digest.

It has been commissioned by the government, and researched and designed by the Cabinet Office EPC, in collaboration with the Cabinet Office Resilience Directorate, JESIP's Joint Organisational Learning Team, other Lead Government Departments and existing lesson platforms.

The Lessons Digest will draw on a wide range of relevant resources to provide timely analysis of lessons and recommendations of relevance to local challenges. It will support local stakeholder organisations and wider communities in lesson implementation. It will also inform the development of resilience doctrine, standards, good practice, training and exercising, as one of a suite of tools to demonstrably build national resilience capability.

To energise the 'learning from lessons' conversation across our broadest resilience community, the Digest is a balance of easily readable, conversational style articles, featuring personal reflections, professional expertise, academic insights and practical tools on varied topics. Being rooted in established learning theories, it will also raise awareness of applied principles for embedding lessons in practice.

I hope you find the UK Resilience Lessons Digest a valuable resource and, to ensure the Digest is a learning endeavour in and of itself, please do share your comments and thoughts for future editions.



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 - 2 HM Treasury, 2022. Treasury Minutes: Government Response to the Committee of Public Accounts on the Forty-Third to the Forty-Eighth report from Session 2021-22, pp.22-23. Available from: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1075264/E02750583_CP_678_Treasury_Minute_PRINT.pdf