



Local Resilience Forum Chairs

By e-mail

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Dear Chair

CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: DEALING WITH CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

We are in the advanced stages of a public health crisis. The spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is having a significant impact on every aspect of life. Consequently, the Welsh Government has decided to move to the full activation of the ECC(W) to enable us to react to the escalating situation and provide an appropriate level of support in the Wales Civil Contingencies response.

From tomorrow, Friday 20 March, ECC(W) will operate from 08.00 – 22.00, seven days per week. This arrangement will be kept under constant review and any change in arrangements – including a move to 24/7 operation should that prove necessary - will be communicated to you.

I am aware that Strategic Co-ordination Groups (SCG) have been established in some areas and ask that this arrangement is replicated from today please across Wales. ECC(W) will be issuing a CONOPS paper and a Daily Battle Rhythm shortly. My officials will continue to work with you in the Wales-wide response.

Thank you for your continued support and effort on a crisis likely to be with us for many months to come.

Yours sincerely

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