

Flu Pandemic Preparedness Planning

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Our Goal

Through the collective action of all involved, at central, regional and local levels, to enable as far as practicable the nation to absorb, and then to respond to and recover from, potential disruptive challenges of all types.



That requires:

- The **identification** of potential disruptive challenges.
- The assessment of their probability and impact.
- The preparation of **response plans**.
- The identification, development and deployment of the **capabilities** needed in the response.
- The **testing** of policy, plans and capabilities.
- Provision of the necessary **training and development** for those involved.



The Analytical Cascade

- **Risk** Explosion at chemical plant causing a toxic plume.
- **Planning Assumption** *Up to 150 potentially contaminated fatalities and 500 contaminated casualties in a local area, with contamination occurring up to 4km from the site.*
- Capability Requirement The ability to decontaminate up to 500 contaminated casualties in a major conurbation, as far as possible within 72 hours, following a no-notice incident.
 - The capacity to mount within 30 minutes and maintain thereafter a 25km cordon around the site.

etc



Capability Programmes

Central Regional Local response response response Bringing each level together coherently utilities transport food and water financial health services **Maintaining essential services** infectious mass inform, mass disease evacuation casualties warn, alert animal flooding site mass **CBRN** & plant fatalities clearance disease **Functional capabilities**



Flu Pandemic Planning – Context

- Openness and engagement
- Planning Assumptions
- Priority



Non-medical workstreams

- Gathering information and getting it to those who need it.
- Public health and social interventions.
- Business Continuity.
- Mass fatalities.
- Overseas.
- Communications.
- Crisis management.
- Exercises and other testing and assurance.



Governance

- Nominated lead for each workstream.
- Workstreams brought together and progress chased by special Inter-Departmental Group.
- Overseen by Ministerial Committee