

Freedom of Information request 016307 - Emergency preparedness (EPRR)

8/8/22

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and section 10, "Cycle of preparedness", subsection 2, "Planning", and subsection 4, "Exercising", and section 12, Incident Response", in particular.

Please note that the much of the information requested is only records of the existence of current plans, reviews, updates, training and tests and not the contents of the plans, reviews, updates, training and tests themselves.

For clarity, to minimise the cost of my request and to prevent the disclosure of any sensitive information, I have enumerated the information I am requesting and specified how it could be provided.

If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.

Given the potentially sensitive nature of this information, I ask you to redact any exempt information instead of refusing disclosure. This would be in accordance with guidance on best practice from the Information Commissioner's Office.

Hospital emergency and disaster response and recovery planning

Hospital emergency or disaster response plan

1. Any record of how the plan(s) is to be accessed in an emergency. - Physical Copies available in battle boxes, non paper copies held on internal site.
2. The date(s) of the most recent review(s) or update(s) of the plan(s). (Can be answered with a date or dates.) - 28/01/2020

Hospital hazard-specific subplans (for example CBRN)

3. Any record of the existence of current documented hazard-specific response subplans for the most likely external and internal emergency scenarios. (Can be answered yes / no.) - Yes
4. Any record of how the plans are to be accessed. - Physical Copies available in battle boxes, non paper copies held on internal site.
5. The date(s) of the most recent review(s) or update(s) of the plan(s). (Can be answered with a date or dates.) - 22/08/2021

Procedures to activate and deactivate plans

6. Any record of the existence of current procedures for when, how and by whom emergency response plan(s) are activated and de-activated. (Can be answered yes / no.) - Yes
7. Any record that staff who can activate or de-activate the emergency response plan(s) have been trained in this. (Can be answered yes / no.) - Yes

8. The date(s) of the most recent test(s) of the above procedures. (Can be answered with a date or dates.) - 17/05/2021

Hospital emergency and disaster response plan exercises, evaluation and corrective actions

9. The date(s) of the most recent test(s) of the emergency response plan(s), including date(s) of test(s). (Can be answered with a date or dates.) - 23/12/2021

10. Any record that the emergency response plan(s) have been updated because of the results of tests. (Can be answered yes / no.) - Yes

Hospital recovery plan

11. Any record of the existence of a current documented all-hazards hospital recovery plan or plans that define(s) actions to be taken to recover normal functions of the hospital after an emergency or disaster. (Can be answered yes / no.) - Yes

12. Any record of how the plan(s) is to be accessed. - Physical Copies available in battle boxes, non paper copies held on internal site.

13. The date of the most recent review(s) or update(s) of the plan(s). (Can be answered with a date or dates.) - 28/08/2020