

## **JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

### **REPORT OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT (JRU)**

#### **1. Pandemic Influenza**

The position in Wales regarding swine flu is improving with reduced reported cases which in turn, have reduced the pressure on the primary care services.

Over 250,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered by GPs and other health professionals across Wales and 38,000 health and social care staff have had the vaccination through occupational health services

Phase 2 is now underway inviting healthy children between the age of 6 months and 5 years to attend their GP clinics.

The NPT/Swansea/Bridgend Multi Agency Silver Group have met and discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the response to the pandemic. The outcome of this debriefing is now being written up and will be considered in detail when available and used to inform future planning arrangements.

Good progress has been made in relation to the arrangements for distributing anti viral medication, planning for excess deaths, identifying vulnerable people within our communities, provision of vaccinations and business continuity planning.

At the Civil Contingencies Group meeting held on Monday, 11th January it was agreed to seek the agreement of the First Minister to proposed arrangements for scaling down the response to swine flu. The proposal, which will be put to the First Minister, is to scale down the response during January with the aim of full closure of the Emergency Co-ordination Centre (Wales) by the end of the month; continuing the response primarily through the Health and Social Services Department and the Communications team.

#### **2. Afan Lido Fire**

There will be a structured debrief on 24<sup>th</sup> February, facilitated by members of the JRU to identify the positive and negative lessons that emerged from the response to the fire. Colleagues from both the Fire and Police service will be in attendance. A report and action plan will be developed from the debrief.

#### **3. Business Continuity Plans**

Work has progressed well on completing plans for the identified corporate critical services. **Annex A** provides details on that progress.

#### **4. Resilience Policy**

This policy has been reviewed and amended. Subject to Members agreement, this policy will go to the Finance, Audit and Business Improvement Overview Board in Swansea on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board Scrutiny Committee in Neath Port Talbot at a date to be finalised. **Annex B** has copies of the respective policy for each local authority.

**5. NPT/CCoS Resilience Partnership**

The NPT/CCoS Flood Risk Group will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> February. A verbal update will be provided at the JRC meeting.

The NPT/CCoS Risk Group will meet on 25<sup>th</sup> February. A report will be provided at the next JRC meeting.

**6. Exercise ROMEO – BOC Gases Europe, Margam**

This will take the form of a 'live' exercise on 9<sup>th</sup> March and 'table top' exercise on 29<sup>th</sup> March. The JRU has a key leadership, planning and co-ordination role in the preparation of these exercises. It forms part of the COMAH Regulations.

**7. City Centre Evacuation Plan for Swansea**

This work has been led by the JRU in partnership with the Police, The City Centre Partnership, the Bid Team, First Cymru and other stakeholders. A presentation will be prepared for the next JRC meeting, scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 prior to a number of road shows to launch the plan.

**8. Resilience Website**

This has been completely overhauled and the end product is very good. There is now also a protected shared area where contact details and plans are stored which can be accessed out side of office hours by key officers.

**9. Members Seminar**

Unfortunately this has had to be postponed and we are seeking alternative dates. It is proposed that we try and invite the same keynote speakers and keep the same theme for the event.

**10. Incident Log**

**Annex C** provides a list of the incidents since July 2009 where the JRU Duty Officer has been contacted by Fire Control.

<b>Members are asked to note the content of this report</b>
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