

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations, I am writing to request the following information:

1. How many multi-agency exercises have been conducted by your organisation within the last 3 years (1st May 2022 to 30th April 2025 inclusive).

The Trust holds no records of multi-agency exercises conducted between 1st May 2022 and 31st March 2025.

Between 1st April 2025 and 30th April 2025, the Trust participated in three multi-agency exercises in its capacity as a Category 1 Responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

2. What proportion of these multi-agency exercises were:

- i. Tabletop / Scenario Based
- ii. Live Exercises
- iii. Other (please state).

Of the three multi-agency exercises conducted in April 2025:

- i. Tabletop / Scenario-Based Exercises: 3
- ii. Live Exercises: 0
- iii. Other (please state): 0

3. Please detail how post-exercise findings are fed back into the organisation and how any changes to policies and procedures are implemented as a result of this feedback.

Post-exercise findings are reviewed and integrated into organisational learning in accordance with the Trust's Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Policy and associated Standard Operating Procedures. Lessons identified are formally captured through the Trust's EPRR Group and recorded in the Trust's Lessons Identified Register, which supports the implementation and monitoring of any resulting changes to policies or procedures.

4. What proportion of multi-agency exercises in the last 3 years:

- i. Involved more than two CCA 2004 category one responder organisations (please detail)
- ii. Involved CCA 2004 category two responders (please detail)
- iii. Involved organisations from the voluntary and faith based sectors (please detail).

Of the three exercises conducted in April 2025:

- i. All involved more than two Category 1 Responder organisations as defined under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
- ii. All involved Category 2 Responder organisations.

iii. None involved organisations from the voluntary or faith-based sectors.

5. Please detail how the aims and objectives of the exercise are determined and communicated to the parties involved.

The aims and objectives of each exercise are defined by the lead organisation in collaboration with participating agencies, in line with local policies and the relevant Local Resilience Forum (LRF). These are communicated clearly in advance to all participants to ensure shared understanding and alignment with the exercise objectives.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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