

Meeting

Southampton Joint Health Protection Forum

Document

Terms of Reference

Purpose	<p>To provide a forum to discuss emerging threats to the public, encompassing current planning for the prevention and response to health protection incidents and outbreaks.</p> <p>This forum will focus on the Local Authorities new duty to protect the health of Southampton City.</p> <p>This forum will be a local voice for Southampton, linking to the core health protection and emergency preparedness responsibilities of the Local Health Resilience Partnership [LHRP] and the Southampton Health and Well Being Board.</p> <p>Health protection includes (but is not defined to) infectious disease, environmental health hazards/contamination and extreme weather conditions</p>	
Membership	<p>Chair – Public Health Consultant Lead for Emergency Planning Southampton City Council [SCC]</p>	
	Wessex Local Area Team (NHS England)	Public Health SCC
	Public Health England	Southampton University
	Care UK	University Hospital Southampton FT
	Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group	Southern Health FT
	Spire	Solent NHS FT
	Southampton Voluntary Service	Solent University
	*other organisations by appointment	Regulatory Services, SCC

Objectives

- To provide a local forum within which all health partners are able to discharge their statutory duties under health protection *[as per Section 6C of the NHS Act 2006 and Civil Contingencies Act 2004-revised 2012]*;
- To provide assurance to the Director of Public Health for Southampton that appropriate health protection planning and Emergency Preparedness Resilience & Response (EPRR) mechanisms are in place for Southampton City residents and visitors.
- To ensure that plans of local organisations (both public and independent) support the need of the local community, taking into consideration relevant aspects of the Health & Well Being agenda;
- To act as an information exchange for Southampton partners following Local Health Resilience Partnership meetings:
- To ensure the local implementation of national and regional guidance requirements in relation to health protection;

- To identify key issues within the Local Health Resilience Partnership, with specific relevance to Southampton City, in order that these may be raised at a suitable multi-agency level;
- To agree locally clear escalation routes in the event of a **health protection incident**, including any service level agreements between provider organisations;
- To provide a planning forum for multi-agency training and exercise programmes in relation to local health protection.

Frequency of Meetings

Following the inaugural meeting to agree Terms and Conditions members have agreed to a frequency of 3 times per calendar year. The group may also be convened, if deemed valuable, due to extraordinary events for example viral outbreaks or environmental hazards.

A quorum for meetings will be a minimum of 5 people.

Example of types of issues this sub-committee will deal with will be:

- Infectious disease
 - Tuberculosis (TB)
 - Pandemic Flu
- Health Care Acquired Infections (HCAI)
- Environmental health hazards
- Adverse Weather
- Air Quality
- Surge Capacity (as a consequence to health incidents)

July 2013