

Freedom of Information Request FOI 25 64

Multi-Agency Emergency Preparedness

Query:

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). 97 Multi agency exercises have been recorded by DWFRS. Additional local exercises may have been undertaken but not recorded.
- 2. What proportion of these multi-agency exercises were:
- i. Tabletop / Scenario Based 5
- ii. Live Exercises 92
- iii. Other (please state).
- 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.

Small scale exercises have a 'hot debrief' undertaken, with learning recorded on our internal learning system as required. Large scale exercises have a 'structured debrief' undertaken, which feeds any learning and recommendations into our internal learning system. All notifications added to this system are allocated to a responsible person or subject matter lead/expert who actions the learning accordingly. Any significant changes are communicated to the whole Service via a weekly update or monthly operational learning publication.

- 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) 45 have been recorded as involving more than one CCA 2004 cat one responder

Please see spreadsheet for list of organisations involved.

- ii. Involved CCA 2004 category two responders (please detail) 7 have been recorded as involving cat two responders Please see spreadsheet for list of organisations involved.
- iii. Involved organisations from the voluntary and faith based sectors (please detail).
- 18 have been recorded as involving voluntary organisations Please see spreadsheet for list of organisations involved.
- 5. Please detail how the aims and objectives of the exercise are determined and communicated to the parties involved.

Aims and objectives are determined by stations/crews for small scale exercises. For larger scale exercises these are determined through the 'Service Exercising Coordination Group'. In both cases these are either aligned to local, Service or national risks; are determined following previous





learning and assurance activities; or, are agreed through local training activities.

Aims and objectives are recorded via an 'Exercise Submission Form' and 'Exercise Planning Guide'. These are agreed with all agencies throughout the planning phase and communicated to all participants at the commencement of the exercise.

Response:

Please see the answers to your questions in bold and attached spreadsheet with list of organisations involved.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 10, June 2025

