

CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL & NUCLEAR (CBRN) PLAN

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) plan is designed to deal with the deliberate release of CBRN materials which have the potential to harm the community, property or the environment.

The Staffordshire Resilience Forum (SRF), the policy making group for resilience and civil contingencies within Staffordshire, determined that a document should be produced to detail the management structures that would be used in any joint agency response to an incident involving CBRN materials. In addition to the ever-present risk of an accidental release of such materials, there now exists the possibility of a deliberate release of these toxic or hazardous materials.

To achieve this aim the document meets the following objectives:

- Establish an integrated framework for the management of a CBRN emergency situation anywhere in Staffordshire.
- Set out the arrangements applicable to each agency to deal with the situation.
- Provide a set of procedures, which will ensure the effective control of emergencies occurring within Staffordshire.
- Facilitate investigation of such emergencies.
- Establish roles and responsibilities of all the responding agencies.
- Identify communication channels between the NHS Health Economies and the Emergency Services.
- Agree multi agency protocols to deal with the emergency.
- Produce a glossary of terminology and abbreviations that is easily understood by all multi agency partners.
- Provide arrangements to mitigate contamination of Staffordshire's atmosphere, water, soil, food, land, buildings/property wildlife and human population.