



**CabinetOffice**

**Government Response to the Public  
Consultation on the Revised Guidance on**

**Further Reading under the Civil  
Contingencies Act 2004**

## Introduction

1. As part of the Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme (CCAEP), a number of projects aimed at better supporting responders to fulfil their duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) have been undertaken. These projects were taken forward as part of Phase 2 of the CCAEP.
2. Modifications were made to the former Bibliography chapter as there was no longer a need for a comprehensive list of documents covered in *Emergency Preparedness*, because references to documents were now hyperlinked in the relevant areas of the text. For this reason, the section was re-named 'Further Reading' and was re-focused on broad planning guidance for practitioners and incident reports of interest.
3. The consultation was announced on the CCS Gateway and made available on the CCS website. The question on Further Reading drew responses from 19 stakeholders, details as below. A further 38 organisations that responded to the broader consultation exercise expressed no opinion on this chapter.
4. It should be noted that following the consultation and views expressed by respondents, it has been decided that the Further Reading section of *Emergency Preparedness* will, in future, be superseded by an online information resource. Further information will be provided to emergency responders as this proposal develops.

**Table 1: Responses to the consultation by CCA category**

CCA Category	Class	Number
Category 1 responders	Environment Agency	1
	Fire and Rescue Services	3
	Local Authority	8
	NHS	1
	Police Forces	5
Category 2 responders	Transport organisations	1

CCA Category	Class	Number
Other	Associations	3
	Voluntary Organisations	4
	Regulators	1
	Local Resilience Forums	6

The detailed list of respondents is shown in Annex A.

**Table 2: Responses to the Consultation**

No.	Question	Content %	Not content %	No opinion/Don't Know %
1	Is the range of source material set out for further reading adequate?	33	18	49
2	Are there any more sources which could usefully be included?	26	18	56

### Summary

- 30 per cent of all those that responded were positive about all questions and 48 per cent had *'no opinion'*.
- Many of the respondents highlighted other documents that could be included, however, they also realised that the list would never be exhaustive and therefore priority should be given to the most essential documents.
- There was a general consensus amongst the respondents that there should be more reference to documents outside of the UK

### Detailed Responses

#### Question 1

- One respondent felt that a wider list of emergency planning topics and sub-topics is needed - a list capable of being added to regularly, and one which recognises practices, especially good practice, in other parts of the world.
- It was suggested that the *Data Protection and Sharing Guidance for Emergency Responders 2007*, and other HM Documents written in support of *Emergency Preparedness* and *Emergency Response and Recovery* should be added to the Chapter.

## Question 2

- Many respondents suggested other sources that could be added to the Chapter.

The Further Reading section has been completely revised, refreshed and re-formatted following this consultation and will be succeeded by an online resource.

**List of Respondents**

**Cumbria Constabulary**  
**NHS Coventry**  
**London Borough of Bexley**  
**Stockport Council**  
**NHS Nottinghamshire County**  
**Telford and Wrekin Council**  
**Civil Nuclear Constabulary**  
**South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service**  
**Rotherham MBC**  
**Emergency Management Portal**  
**West Midlands Police**  
**Civil Aviation Authority**  
**Northants LRF**  
**IAEM Europe**  
**Cleveland LRF**  
**Cleveland Emergency Planning Joint Committee**  
**Bedfordshire and Luton LRF**  
**St John Ambulance National HQ**  
**British Red Cross**  
**Essex Fire and Rescue Service**  
**West Yorkshire Resilience Forum**  
**Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service**  
**Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management**  
**Worcestershire County Council**  
**The Radio Amateur's Emergency Network**  
**Northumbria Police**  
**Environment Agency**  
**Transport for London**  
**Community Resilience UK**  
**London Borough of Newham**  
**Strathclyde Police**  
**Hertfordshire Resilience**  
**London Borough of Hillingdon**  
**Cheshire LRF**