

# PHE Advisory Board Paper

**Title of meeting** PHE Advisory Board  
**Date** Wednesday 18 September 2019  
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**Presenter** Karen Reddin  
**Title of paper** **How ERD delivers effective Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)**

**1. Purpose of the paper**

- 1.1 The purpose of the paper is to set out the EPRR arrangements for PHE with a focus on the role of the Emergency Response Department (ERD) in delivering effective EPRR.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Advisory Board is asked to **NOTE** the contents of this briefing paper and the presentation.

**3. ERD's contribution to EPRR**

- 3.1 Public Health England's Emergency Response Department works at home and abroad to improve public health resilience by providing world-class, trusted EPRR services backed by evidence based scientific and medical research. ERD's role in EPRR is to ensure plans are in place, and are tested, to prepare for health emergencies and compliance with WHO International Health regulations including:
- Emergency preparedness and response including policy and plans
  - Emergency Operation Centre guidance, plans and exercises
  - Horizon scanning and risk assessment
  - Training and exercises with Skills for Health quality assurance
  - Process for lessons identified and review of actions
  - Evidence based scientific and medical research informing all EPRR services
- 3.2 The presentation will describe ERD's contribution to enhancing PHE's reputation both at home and abroad by providing expertise and delivery of all aspects of the EPRR cycle to augment public health resilience both in the UK and internationally, working with partner organisations. The presentation describes the work ERD is currently involved in and will continue to build upon both nationally and internationally.

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