Predict and Prevent: Emergency Preparedness and Civil Contingencies in a New Age of Uncertainty

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 13th March 2012
10:15am – 4:30pm
Central London

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.

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Overview

Geographically Britain is an island, but economically and politically it is a vital link in the global network, and this openness brings vulnerabilities. Since 2001, the Government has sought to adapt to new risks whilst addressing weaknesses in the disaster response and recovery effort at both the local and national level through new legislation and designing more resilient civil protection structures.

The National Security Strategy (October 2010) outlined three of the highest priority risks that we face as a nation in this "new age of uncertainty": international terrorism (including the threat from Northern Ireland), major accidents or natural hazards (including flooding) and pandemics. Whilst international terrorism has remained high on the political radar, it was the 2007 floods which provoked the largest ever civil emergency response since the Second World War – the devastating effects of the floods highlighted the impact that natural disasters can have on local communities. More recently, the prolonged cold weather in the winter of 2010 had a crippling effect on the transport system, schools and businesses, costing the UK economy over £600 million a day.

We must be prepared to deal with the possibility of major natural hazards and be resilient in handling and recovering from their effects as outlined in Keeping the Country Running: Natural Hazards and Infrastructure (October 2011). Pandemic influenza is also one of the most severe natural challenges likely to affect the UK and therefore remains the highest risk on the National Risk Register of Civil Emergencies. The UK Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Strategy (November 2011) reflects on the lessons learned following the H1N1 influenza pandemic including the recommendations of the National Independent Review.

The strategic response to these threats must ensure a secure and resilient UK and as such, when risks turn into actual damage to our interests, resilience needs to be promoted both locally and nationally. The Strategic National Framework on Community Resilience (March 2011) focuses on the need for communities to take a strong and active role to improve their resilience to disasters and emergency situations.

This timely symposium provides an invaluable platform for local authorities, emergency planning stakeholders and infrastructure providers to distil the various strands of national security and civil contingency policy. The symposium offers an essential opportunity to share best practice and discuss how the latest measures can be implemented effectively to improve not only local resilience but also to develop a more robust general civil contingency framework that will enable local authorities and communities to respond swiftly to major emergencies with strong leadership, communication and collaboration.

"Today, Britain faces a different and more complex range of threats from a myriad of sources. Terrorism, unconventional attacks, as well as large scale accidents or natural hazards – anyone could do grave damage to our country… The task of protecting our security is never complete and in an age of uncertainty we must remain vigilant, regularly taking stock of the changing threats we face.”

- The National Security Strategy, October 2010

Why Attend?

✓ Assess the current threats and analyse government priorities for improving UK resilience
✓ Discuss the key strategies in delivering excellence in emergency situations
✓ Assess the Civil Contingencies Enhancement Programme and Strategic Defence and Security Review
✓ Share best practice and gain valuable insights into emergency preparedness at the local level

Who Should Attend?

• Emergency Planning Officers
• Resilience and Disaster Recovery Officers
• Emergency Responders
• Ambulance Services
• NHS Trusts and Hospitals
• Fire Service
• Police Service and Police Authorities
• Civil Defence and Emergency Planning Consultants
• Community Safety Teams and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
• Transport Operators
• Regulatory Bodies
• Think Tanks
• Disaster Recovery Charities and NGOs
• Environmental Services and Sanitary Services
• Environmental and Utilities Service Providers
• Planning Officers
• Sustainability Advisers
• Climate Change Officers
• Technology Providers
• Local Authority Officers and Councillors
• Central and Regional Government Agencies
• Housing Officers and Managers
• Community Cohesion Officers
• Prevent Delivery Teams
• Education Authorities, Headteachers and Citizenship Teachers
• Schools, Colleges and Universities
• Faith Organisations
• Equal Opportunities Officers
• Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
• Race Relations Practitioners and Race Equality Councils
• Community Engagement Officers
• Community Relations Advisers
• Refugee and Asylum Support Officers
• Social Inclusion Officers
• Neighbourhood Renewal Officers
• Telecommunications Organisations
• Youth Offending Teams & Youth Engagement Teams
• Hate Crime Units
• Student Welfare Advisers
• Third Sector Practitioners
• Trade Union Representatives
• Academics, Analysts and Researchers

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Programme

09:30  Registration and Morning Refreshments

10:15  Chair’s Welcome and Introduction

      • Beyond the National Security Strategy – The Government’s Approach to Domestic Resilience
      • Civil Contingencies – Dealing with the High Priority Threats in Tier One and Coordinating the National Response to Threats to Security
      • Preparedness and Responsiveness – The Risks from Floods, Pandemics and Terrorist Attacks and Developing Plans for an Effective Recovery Phase
      • Preparing for High Impact, Low Probability Disasters and Identifying the Most Likely Sources of UK Terrorist Activity
      • Increasing Public and Personal Safety Through Improved Multi-Agency Coordination

11:30  Morning Refreshments

11:45  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One

12:30  Networking Lunch

13:30  Improving Multi-Agency Working to Prepare and Protect
      • Role of Emergency Services in Addressing Civil Disturbances and Ensuring Community Resilience
      • NHS Direct – First Point of Contact during a Crisis? Cross-Communication Between Emergency Services
      • Working with the Utilities Sector to Plan and Prepare Effectively for Disasters
      • Protecting Essential Transport Infrastructure From Attacks and Extreme Weather
      • Using Latest Technologies to Retain Communication During a Crisis and the Potential of Social Media for Disaster Management and Emergency Planning

14:30  Afternoon Refreshments

14:45  Community Resilience – Sharing Best Practice and Lessons Learned
      • Educating Communities to Ensure Public Awareness and Wider Understanding of the Risks
      • Building Resilient Communities – Community Resilience Action Plan
      • Supporting the Community – From Evacuation to Community Assistance Centres
      • Exercise Watermark – Testing the Nation’s Flood Resilience and August 2011 Riots: Lessons Learned From an Unexpected Emergency
      • Providing Case Studies of Good Practice to Enable Communities to Implement Successful Resilience Strategies

15:45  Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments

16:00  Networking Reception

16:30  Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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The Future of the NHS: Raising Care Quality Standards for Every Patient
1st March 2012

Recruiting Non-UK Nationals: Understanding and Working with the Points Based Immigration System
6th March 2012

New Health and Safety Regulations in the Workplace: Adopting a Common Sense Approach
14th March 2012

International Student Recruitment: Understanding and Working with the Points Based Immigration System
15th March 2012

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls: Reducing Risk through Prevention, Provision and Partnership
20th March 2012

Child and Adolescent Health and Well-being: Revitalising the Child Poverty Strategy
21st March 2012

Detection and Prevention: Working in Partnership to Tackle Metal Theft and Other Environmental Crime
22nd March 2012

New School Admissions and Appeals Codes: Creating a Simpler, Fairer and Transparent System
27th March 2012

The UK Cyber Security Strategy: Reducing Risk, Maximising Opportunities in the Digital Age
27th March 2012

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