



SUSSEX POLICE

FOIs re Sussex Resilience Forum

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Disclaimer

Several FOIs have been received regarding the Sussex Resilience Forum and local emergency preparedness, with particular focus on community resilience and the infrastructure available to support the public in the event of a major emergency.

Those FOIs have been collated into a single response below.

I understand that your authority serves as the lead body for the Local Resilience Forum for this area and accordingly holds, or has access to, relevant emergency preparedness information.

Sussex Police is the hosting agency for the SRF Business Management Team which supports the Sussex Resilience Forum Partnership. It is not a lead body and forms part of the Partnership which is composed of Category 1 and 2 responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Please provide the following information regarding how your authority communicates emergency preparedness responsibilities to the public:

Whether your authority has a programme to inform constituents of their own responsibility to prepare for emergencies (e.g. maintaining supplies of food, water, medicine, and communications equipment)

Each Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act has a separate legal duty to warn and inform the public and will determine this approach. As a Partnership, we operate the Sussex Warning & Informing Group function which is represented by all partner agencies.

Sussex Police hosts the following SRF website [Preparing for an emergency - Sussex Resilience Forum | Sussex Police](#) which is amplified by partner agencies and hosts the Community Risk Register and pan-Sussex Emergency Preparedness Booklet. These are available for use across all Sussex communities and are distributed locally by partners.

The SRF also undertook an Emergency Preparedness Campaign last year aimed at the digitally disadvantaged and facilitated an SRF Risk Perception Survey the year before.

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The methods used to communicate this (e.g. leaflets, dedicated website, information campaigns)

Whether your authority has a dedicated app, alert system, or other digital tool for communicating with the public during a crisis

The Partnership has the ability to commission use of the National Emergency Alert system via HMG based on the required criteria.

Please provide the following information regarding emergency power supply arrangements within your Local Resilience Forum area:

Responsibility for emergency power supply is a responsibility of individual partner agencies which also includes UKPN as the provider/supplier. The questions below can only be supplied by UKPN and relevant partner agencies which may be subject to Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) restrictions.

Whether mobile or stationary emergency power supply is available, and if so, the approximate power output in kilowatts

This would be held by UKPN and separate partner agencies depending on whether for organisational business continuity or for the wider community.

The categories of location or facility that would be prioritised for emergency power in the event of a prolonged outage (e.g. hospitals, care centres, schools)

This info would be held by UKPN and separate partner agencies e.g. UKPN, NHS ICB and Local Authorities.

Whether there are plans to increase emergency power capacity in the next two years

This info would be held by UKPN and separate partner agencies e.g. UKPN, NHS ICB and Local Authorities.

I request the following information about emergency shelters

- 1. The total number of official emergency shelters currently designated for public use*
- 2. The total number of members of the public those shelters can accommodate*
- 3. The types of emergency for which those shelters are designated (e.g. flooding, heat, power outage, other)*
- 4. The types of buildings used (e.g. public buildings like libraries or schools, sports centres, or dedicated shelters).*
- 5. Whether these buildings are publicly or privately owned and if the latter, then by whom.*

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6. How members of the public are informed of the location of emergency shelters (e.g. website, app, signage, media)

7. If any further shelters are planned and the timeline for opening

These capabilities are managed/provided by Sussex Local Authorities (B&HCC, West Sussex CC, West Sussex Districts and Boroughs, East Sussex Districts and Boroughs). We can provide the necessary emergency planning points of contact.