BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/4455
Your Ref:
Date: 27/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. How many multi-agency exercises have been conducted by your organisation within the last 3 years (1st May 2022 to 30th April 2025 inclusive).

'Conducted' is taken to mean the Council as the planning lead for the exercise. Multi-agency exercising is undertaken via and through South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum.

2. What proportion of these multi-agency exercises were:
i. Tabletop / Scenario Based
ii. Live Exercises
iii. Other (please state).

Not applicable, see response to Question 1

3. Please detail how post-exercise findings are fed back into the organisation and how any changes to policies and procedures are implemented as a result of this feedback.

Post exercise reports are produced which highlight areas for development. Actions are approved by the appropriate senior manager(s), logged in a central action log/tracker and tasked to lead officers. Changes to policy and procedure are implemented following standard approval and implementation processes including necessary training.

4. What proportion of multi-agency exercises in the last 3 years:
i. Involved more than two CCA 2004 category one responder organisations (please detail) ii. Involved CCA 2004 category two responders (please detail) iii. Involved organisations from the voluntary and faith based sectors (please detail).

It is assumed that as in Question 1 this refers to Council led exercises and as stated in response to Question 1 multi-agency exercises are developed via and through South Yorkshire LRF.

5. Please detail how the aims and objectives of the exercise are determined and communicated to the parties involved.

Through the exercise planning process which follows standard national guidance (Exercising Best Practice Guidance - GOV.UK) – aims and objectives are based on the plan/scenario to be exercised and the outcome to be achieved and are communicated through joining instructions and exercise introduction.

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Email: http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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