

Resilience

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) places a duty on trusts to have business continuity plans in place to ensure that they can continue to exercise their functions in the event of an emergency so far as is reasonably practicable. The duty relates to all functions, not just their emergency response functions.

The CCA Definition of an emergency is as follows:

An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the UK, the environment of a place in the UK, or war or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK.

The organisation should be able to continue essential routine work during an incident or emergency situation and to provide essential supplies, with documented procedures for procuring additional or alternative supplies.

Trusts should have been compliant with the CCA by the end of 2005. However with many competing claims on limited resources, organizational reconfiguration and financial pressures, many are not.

How could the NPAG help you?

- Audit of current arrangements
- Benchmarking
- Identify opportunities for change
- Plan writing
- Training and awareness raising for staff
- Designing and delivering the exercising of plans
- Facilitating workshop