

December 5, 2022
FROM - Richard Griffiths, Senior Advisor to the Cabinet

TO NOTE

Assessment of Government Response to Large-Scale Emergencies

SUMMARY

1. Given the recent sequence of large-scale emergencies in our nation, there is a need to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the government's response mechanisms. This assessment aims to review our capacity, readiness, and effectiveness in managing these situations. While this examination applies broadly, it indirectly includes responses to recent health emergencies.

RECOMMENDATION

2. This is for information purposes only, and no immediate action is required. However, the Minister may want to consider the potential findings of this assessment for shaping future policy decisions.

TIMING

3. The assessment is scheduled to commence in January 2023, with interim findings anticipated in mid-2023.

BACKGROUND

4. In light of the recent large-scale emergencies, a comprehensive review of the government's response is crucial:
5. **SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT:** The assessment will review our preparedness, response, and recovery mechanisms in dealing with large-scale emergencies.
6. **POTENTIAL AREAS OF REVIEW:** These include the mobilisation of resources, coordination among different government departments, communication strategy, and support measures for affected individuals and communities.
7. **FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS:** The findings of this assessment could inform our policy decisions in managing future emergencies and aid in improving our preparedness and response mechanisms.
8. Staying informed about the progress and findings of this assessment will be crucial for shaping our future policies and decisions.

CLEARANCE LIST

Team	Clearance necessary?	Named lead who has cleared
SCS	Yes	Sir Winston Radcliffe

Perm Sec	No	
Second Perm Sec	No	
Communications (inc named Press Officer)	No	
Finance/Fiscal Events	No	
HR	No	
Legal	No	
Parliamentary Unit	No	
Devolution	No	
Analysis	No	
HMTC	Yes	Isabella Sinclair
Other	Yes	Home Office, Department for Health and Social Care,