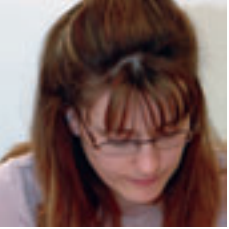




Health Protection Agency Training Courses

Emergo - Application





Outline of the event

- Portable magnetic boards are used to build and display each hospital department to reflect their current activities.
- Presentations before the exercise simulation provide the attendees with a detailed explanation of how the system works, and how to coordinate each departments response in real-time.
- After the simulation each team will perform hot departmental debriefs to identify the lessons learnt from the activity.
- A plenary debrief, facilitated by the hospital coordinator, captures the key lessons identified by each department.

Attendees

The participants should be those who would fulfil a particular role during a major incident. Representation is required as follows:

- A team representing the Accident & Emergency department.
- A team representing the medical/clinical, administrative and ancillary roles for the rest of the hospital. Its role will be to undertake the complete running of the rest of the hospital, including, clinical areas, theatres, wards, facilities and other specialised departments.
- The Hospital Control Team, who are involved in the strategic management of the hospital. The Ambulance Liaison Officer should be invited to join this team, as well as representatives from other emergency services if so required.



Assessment

There will be a debriefing session at the end of the course to help you to identify key issues relating to the hospital's major incident plan. The training is not designed to test an individual's abilities within their own profession; it is designed to help the hospital to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the emergency plan and to enable a positive but critical review of the plan.

The Health Protection Agency Emergency Response Training Team will issue a report to the hospital's Emergo coordinator and retain a copy.

Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance after the event, issued by the Health Protection Agency Emergency Response Training Team.

Who should attend?

Representation is required from the Hospital Control Team and representatives from all departments involved in the hospital's response to a major incident; for example, clinical staff, medical imaging, porters, catering, security, hotel services, pharmacy, pathology, haematology and administration.



Information required to plan the Emergo-Application exercise

To ensure the exercise scenario is developed to be specific to each hospital's capabilities, background information is required about the hospital and its emergency plan. This includes information about specialities available within the hospital, including specialist diagnostic capability, such as CT scanners, and any details about supporting hospitals and mutual aid.

Contact for event details and booking

This event is funded by the Department of Health and is free to NHS hospitals and Trusts within England.

For further information and how to book please contact your HPA Regional Health Emergency Planning Advisor, or email emergencyresponse.training@hpa.org.uk

For current dates please visit www.hpa.org.uk/emergency/training.htm



The Emergo-Application training event is a one-day training and exercise tool for Accident & Emergency and other hospital staff, and is designed to run in real-time. This training is modelled against the specific hospital's services profile. The event tests operational response, casualty management, hospital management and includes aspects such as staff welfare and short and long-term hospital needs.

This training event is based on the latest version of the Emergo-Train System, a major incident simulation tool which allows hospitals to carry out a real-time training exercise without impacting on the hospital's daily business.

The aim of the training event is to test emergency plans and capabilities in dealing with major incidents. It has been designed to aid decision making in complex emergencies, and to plan and manage the response to incidents. The exercise enables assessment of how different outcomes could be achieved if different decisions had been made, for example, quality of treatment and lives saved.

Learning objectives

The aim of this event is to enable you to:

- Understand the need for clear communication.
- Appreciate the need for cooperation between all responding agencies and hospital departments.
- Understand the constraints imposed by limited resources in the immediate aftermath of an incident.
- Be aware of the consequences of decisions made in stressful situations.
- Recognise and understand the logistical difficulties of major incident management.

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