

The general terms of reference of the Barnet Resilience Forum (BRF) in relation to ordinary business and the role of the Influenza Pandemic Committee, which includes the BRF, in the pandemic response plan are as follows:

BRF (Ordinary) Terms of Reference:

1. To develop and enhance integrated, multi-agency emergency management and resilience arrangements within the London Borough of Barnet
2. To share information between local Category 1 and 2 responders, voluntary agencies and faith representatives
3. To promote joint training and exercising for resilience and responding organisations in the London Borough of Barnet.
4. To develop innovative ways to communicate with Barnet residents and businesses to warn and inform of assessed risks and threats and build Community Resilience.
5. To provide a forum where the professional and voluntary organisations can develop working protocols for planning, response and recovery.
6. To take an active role in the North Central Sub Regional Resilience Forum (SRRF) as appropriate to refer issues and take part in workshops and exercises.

Multi-Agency Pandemic Plan (Annex 5)

Influenza Pandemic Committee – Response (IPC-R)

The main purpose of the IPC-R is to support the local strategic response to pandemic influenza. Each individual organisation is responsible for managing its own day-to-day operational response and to ensure the escalation of appropriate information internally and to IPC-R members. The IPC-R does not replace the individual organisational response it provides a forum to assess the impact and consequences of the pandemic in the local community and to inform the collective response, based on the central strategic steer and local expertise. It will also provide support where required, particularly in the aspects which involve many different local responders, such as dealing with excess deaths.

The primary aim of the IPC-R is to co-ordinate and support a local strategic response to an influenza pandemic through;

- Access the impacts and consequences of the pandemic in the community to guide and inform the response based on strategic advice and local experience;
- Provide support to others where required;
- Share information on the impact of the pandemic in the community;
- Facilitate mutual aid;
- Monitor capacity against projected impact and assess the need for mutual support;
- Adjust plans according to emerging epidemiological data;
- Invoke recovery plans.