



South West Emergency Services

Collaboration Update

Issue 1 December 2018

What is SWESC!

The South West Emergency Services Collaboration brings together the region's emergency services and directs and coordinates a diverse range of regional collaboration projects. SWESC is recognised as one of the leads nationally and is the largest both geographically and in partner numbers.

The Policing & Crime Act received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017 and became law on 3 April 2017. Part 1 of the Act places Police, Ambulance and Fire & Rescue services under a statutory duty to keep collaboration opportunities under review and to collaborate where this would improve efficiency or effectiveness.

By bringing these and other organisations together in service planning and delivery, SWESC aims to ensure the approach is as cost effective as possible and anchored in benefits for and service to the public. In support of the emergency services, the programme also has Public Health England SW as a key partner. The other partners signed up to the collaboration are;

- Avon Fire & Rescue Service
- Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
- Isles of Scilly Fire & Rescue Service
- South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust
- Avon & Somerset Constabulary
- Devon & Cornwall Police
- Dorset Police
- Gloucestershire Police
- Wiltshire Police
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency
- Public Health England SW

*The vision for the South West
Emergency Services
Collaboration Programme*



*'Working together to meet
local needs'*



25 November 2018 marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and also the start of '16 Days of Action to end violence against women and girls,' an international movement supported by international, national and local organisations fighting to end violence against women and girls.

SWESC has been actively supporting the 16 days of action with daily tweets and the hashtag **#SW16Days**.

Follow @WhiteRibbon_UK for more information or visit <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/pledge/>



SWESC Regional Collaboration Agreements



The collaboration has introduced a number of Regional Collaboration Agreements. These have been introduced to provide the best possible response and care to members of the public and also ensure that the services who are signed up to the RCAs work smarter and more effectively together.

The current RCAs in place are:

Requests for Assistance
Collapsed Behind Closed Doors
Body Recovery
High Risk Missing Persons
Health Assessment of Adults under the Influence of Alcohol
Deployment of Motorcycle Paramedics

All Regional Collaboration Agreements can be viewed on the South West Emergency Services Collaboration [Resilience Direct Webpage](#)



STATE OF THE SOUTH WEST

On Monday 29 October a regional event was held where organisations were invited to attend the 'State of the South West' event at Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Headquarters. The aim of the event was to identify prevention opportunities across the South West where emergency service providers could make a contribution to either specific local areas or across the South West.

This event was jointly organised by Public Health England and the South West Emergency Services Collaboration, and included a keynote speech from Prof. Deb Laphorne introducing the "State of the South West" analysis that has not been undertaken in over a decade. The focus was on aiming to identify and better understand where the risks are in our population and how we can collectively direct resources into prevention as a region.

The event was well attended with 51 representatives from a number of organisations both from SWESC partners as well as HM Prisons & Probation Service, Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital and Somerset Council. Feedback on the day was positive with contact being made with all the attendees to ascertain where they think we could collaborate further.

Policing & Crime Act 2017

The ESCWG recently published a new document about the [Duty to Collaborate](#), giving information and support to the emergency services involved.

The information in the document is intended to assist and support the emergency services sector to better understand the benefits of collaboration and the legislative framework that now exists to support it.

Did you know?

The South West Fire & Rescue Services attended approximately **4000 'Collapse behind Closed Doors' incidents in the last 12 months**. An average of **11 patients per day** who received quicker clinical care and support thanks to the regional collaboration agreement

SWESC Regional Contacts

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service

Ian Tonner

Devon & Cornwall Police

Tom Holmes

South Western Ambulance Service

Pete Brown

Dorset Police

Alan Setchell

Avon Fire & Rescue

Neil Liddington

RNLI

Steve Instance

Public Health England

Doug Haines

Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service

Kathryn Billing

Gloucestershire Police

Carl Bourne

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue

Linda Schrimpf

Maritime & Coastguard Agency

James Instance

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Damien Bence

Avon & Somerset Constabulary

Tina Robinson

Wiltshire Police

Tina Osbourne

SWESC

Adrian Healey

Contact us via our [SWESC](#) email address or follow us on Twitter @ [SWESC](#)