

## **CHCP Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Public Statement of Readiness**

The NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) Framework, identifies that NHS funded organisations must show they can effectively respond to major, critical, and business continuity incidents whilst maintaining services to patients. It also provides a set of standards (core competencies) for all NHS funded organisations in England to help with meeting the legislative requirements.

CHCP is identified as a Category 2 responder, as per the Civil Contingencies Act of 2004, meaning it is likely to be heavily involved in some emergencies. The duties placed on Category 2 responders relate primarily to cooperating and sharing information with other responders such as the emergency services and acute trusts.

CHCP's Chief Operating Officer is the designated Accountable Emergency Officer (AEO) and is supported by the Emergency Planning Lead in the execution of EPRR duties. In addition, there is an EPRR Working Group and an EPRR Steering Group whose members include CHCP's Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in relation to EPRR, and the CHCP on-call teams (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>), support EPRR out of hours.

As an organisation we have seen significant improvement against the standards. We have moved to a position of being fully compliant against 50 of the core standards and partially compliant against 8 of the Standards. As an organisation we have a full work plan for 2026-2027 to ensure, once completed, we will be substantially/fully compliant with all of the Core Standards.

Whilst we move to this position, it is important to highlight that this is a process of continual improvement with CHCP having improved substantially over the past year demonstrating good progress.