

CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ACT 2004: LIST OF RESPONDERS

The Act splits local responders into two categories and imposes a different set of requirements on each category. Category 1 and 2 responders in England and Wales are listed below.

Section 13 of the Act enables Ministers to amend the list of responders with the agreement of Parliament.

Category 1 responders (“core responders”)

Emergencies services

- Police forces
- British Transport Police
- Fire authorities
- Ambulance services
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Local authorities

- All principal local authorities (i.e. metropolitan districts, shire counties, shire districts, shire unitaries)
- Port Health Authorities

Health bodies

- Primary Care Trusts
- Acute Trusts
- Foundation Trusts
- Local Health Boards (in Wales)
- Any Welsh NHS Trust which provides public health services
- Health Protection Agency

Government agencies

- Environment Agency
- Scottish Environment Agency

Category 2 responders (“co-operating responders”)

Utilities

- Electricity distributors and transmitters
- Gas distributors

- Water and sewerage undertakers
- Telephone service providers (fixed and mobile)

Transport

- Network Rail
- Train Operating Companies (passenger and freight)
- London Underground
- Transport for London
- Airport operators
- Harbour authorities
- Highways Agency

Health bodies

- Strategic Health Authorities

Government agencies

- Health and Safety Executive

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