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The Health Challenges for a Secure Olympics

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Introduction

- The Department of Health is responsible for delivering the bid commitments relating to health services at the the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

- Health is broader than just health services and the health promoting opportunities associated with the games are also important.

Bid commitments - **cover a wide range of issues including use of NHS hospitals, medical volunteers, and sport and exercise medicine**

- To make sure that **the Olympic family receives the best primary, secondary and tertiary care**
- Sports venues outside London will each have a **dedicated hospital and associated emergency services**
- Commitment to **paid leave for NHS volunteers**
- 24-hour **ambulance cover** for the Games
- Expand recruitment, training and services in **sports and exercise medicine**
- Create a **National Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Centre**
- In event of a global public health threat, **organise screening and tackle infections**
- DH is contributing to the cross-Government Legacy Action Plan target of getting two million more adults active by 2012

Olympic and Paralympic Health Programme vision

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- Contribute to the cross government delivery of a safe and secure Olympic and Paralympics
- Ensure the programme supports delivery of health related bid commitments on time, on budget and with the appropriate resources
- Ensure the NHS can continue business as usual before, during and after the Games
- Ensure there is a lasting legacy for the well-being of the nation

Olympic Safety & Security Programme

- Health involvement in
  - Prepare Programme
  - Olympic Resilience Project
  - CBRNE Project
  - National Coordination Project
- OSSSRA
- ORPAs

Department of Health approach

- Leading work across three workstreams:
  - Health services
  - Health resilience
  - Physical activity legacy

(Health services and resilience overlap in many areas)

Resilience

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- Contribute to the cross government CONTEST strategy
- Identify the Olympic “add-ons”
- Plan for potential mismatches of healthcare facilities and size of population during the games
- Command and control
- Mutual aid
- Specialist capability

Ambulance HART

- Part of cross government response
- Designed to bring healthcare to those in contaminated or high risk environments
- Has developed beyond that

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INCIDENT RESPONSE VEHICLE
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HART Capability

- Scene assessment
- Triage and Rescue
- Immediate life saving interventions
- USAR
  - **Confined Space**
  - **Working at Height**
  - **Water Awareness**
  - **Difficult access / extrication**
  - **Support / advice at major incidents**
- Decontamination
- Marine Rescue

Infectious Diseases/Outbreaks

- Enhanced surveillance through HPA mechanisms
  - Laboratory
  - Calls to NHS Direct
  - RCGP/ RCPCH surveillance
  - Food and water testing

Out of London

- Change of scale and pace
- Mismatch of health facilities and Olympic populations

Summary

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We are working with the current threat environment

- Building on existing planning and response plans
- Identifying the differences/gaps
- Working, with partners to close those gaps
- Increasing our specialist capability

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