







Cross Border Emergency Management Project

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Presentation

- Background
- Overview of Emergency Management in NI and ROI
- Cross Border Emergency Management Working Group
 - Aims, Purpose
 - Terms of Reference
 - Progress achieved
- Overview of ICLRD/AIRO Cross Border Mapping Pilot project
- Summary / Next steps

Background - Existing Cooperation

- Individual services meet their counterparts on a regular basis in their own jurisdictions
- Regular single service cross border meetings
- Existing MoU's / Cross Border Agreements
- Some contact between MEM regional groups in Rol
- Limited inter-agency contact between services North and South
- Participation in Major emergency exercises

Background – Recent Developments in Europe

- Increasing trend towards cross border cooperation in fields of policing and emergency planning in Europe
- Mutual aid agreements in place for emergency management between neighbouring regions / countries
- Civil Protection Mechanism
- Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
- Establishment of formal European Border Regions



Background – Recent Developments

- Good Friday Agreement 1998 6 high level areas of cooperation identified
- CAWT good example of cross border cooperation
- Driving Change Project
- MEM Framework / Civil Contingencies Framework
- Local Government reform (North and South)
- Shared services
- 'Bottom up' cooperation



Driving Change Project



Cross Border Seminar - Nov 2011 (90 delegates)

Over 50 Fire Service Commanders with operational experience at RTC's

- PSNI /Gardai
- NI and ROI Ambulance Services
- Forensic Services
- Police, Fire & Ambulance Control Room staff (NI & ROI)
- Representatives from other stakeholders

OUTCOME: Development of cross border MOU's for RTCs between fire services



Multi Agency Cross Border Liaison

- CAWT Projects
- Magilligan Ferry ~ Lough Foyle
- Search & Rescue ~ Marble Arch Caves
- Major Events G8, Fleadh Cheoil etc.







Brief Overview of Emergency Management in Northern Ireland

Legislative Context

- NI Civil Contingencies Framework 2005
- LG 07/06: Departmental Guidance to District Councils in Relation to Emergencies
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004 Pt 2 only applies in NI. No direction through CCA of local arrangements
- Regional protocols outlining local coordination and escalation to regional coordination





Emergency Response and Recovery

Non-statutory galdence to complement Emergency Reporteries

The Northern Ireland Civil Contingencies Framework

Powers of Local Government

"may make arrangements, or enter into arrangements with others, for-

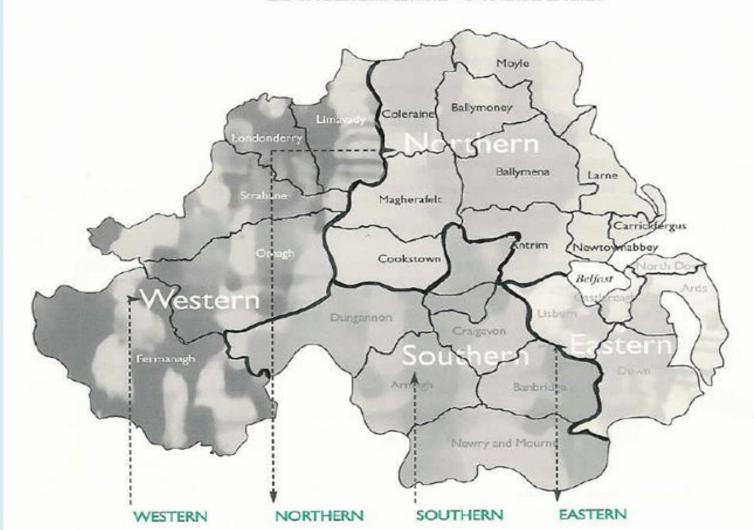
- Preventing the occurrence of an emergency;
- Reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of any emergency which may occur."

When an emergency occurs:

- may give effect to any arrangements made: and
- take any other steps appropriate for reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of the emergency.

26 Council Model

Environmental Health - Northern Ireland



Belfast

Western

- . Derry
- . Fermanagh
- . Limavady
- . Omagh
- . Strabane

Northern

- . Antrim
- . Ballymena
- . Ballymoney
- . Carrickfergus
- . Coleraine
- . Larne
- . Magherafelt
- . Movle
- . Newtownabbey

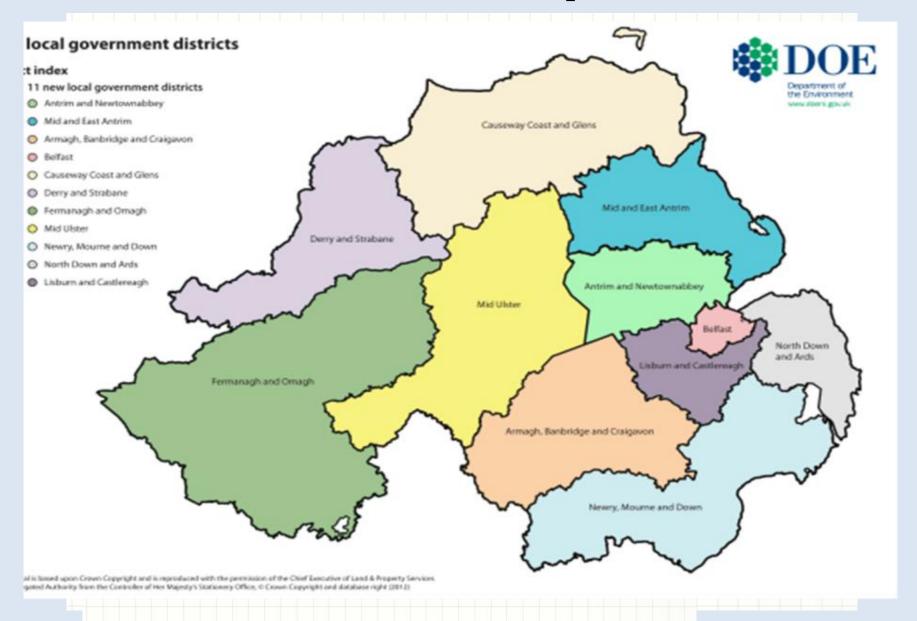
Southern

- . Armagh
- . Banbridge
- . Craigavon
- . Dungannon
- . Newry & Moume

Eastern

- . Ards
- . Castlereagh
- . Down
- . Lisbum
- . North Down

New 11 Council Structures: April 2015



Existing OrganisationalStructures in NI

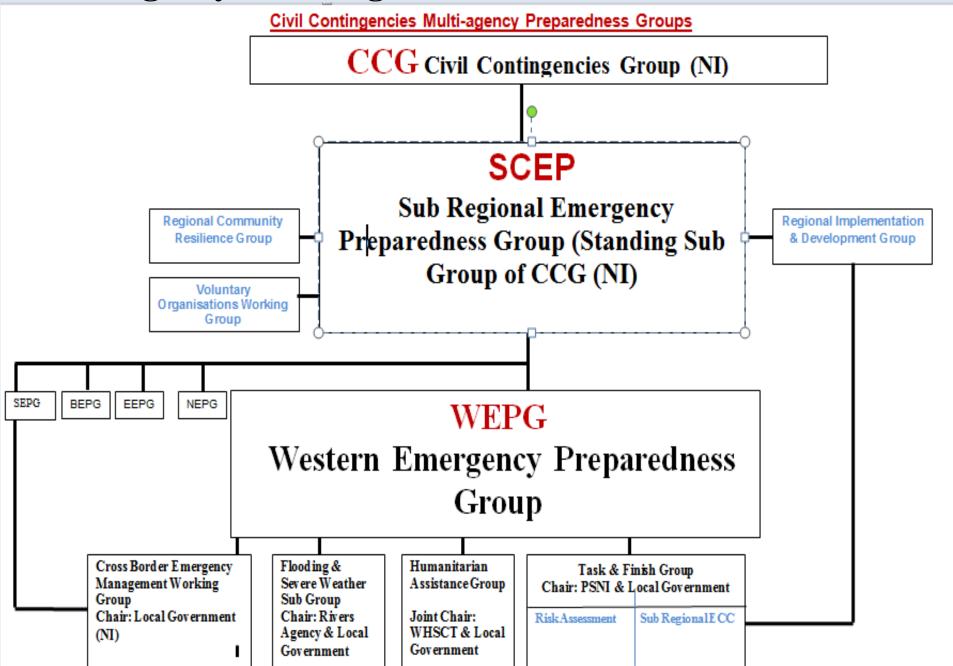
- 26 Councils, 1 Police Force, 1 Fire Service, 1
 Ambulance Service & 5 Health Trusts
- Southern Grouping:
 - Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Dungannon,
 Newry & Mourne Council Areas
- Western Grouping:
 - Limavady, Derry, Strabane, Omagh and Fermanagh Council Areas



Classification of Scale of Emergencies

- Based on Cabinet Office Guidance
- 4 Levels –
- Local Level
- Level 1: Significant
- Level 2: Serious
- Level 3 : Catastrophic

Emergency Planning Structures in Northern Ireland



CIVIL CONTINGENCIES GROUP (NI) (CCG)

Chair: Head of Civil Service

Remit: Principal strategic emergency preparedness body for public sector Provision of advice, information and decisions on wider strategic level issues. Currently has 9 Workstreams Referral of issues for local level action.

Membership: Senior Representatives from all NI Executive Departments

SCEP: SUB REGIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP (STANDING SUB GROUP OF CCG (NI))

Chair: PSNI (ACC) & Local Government (Chair of LGEMG)

Remit:

- Corporate governance of and co-ordination across the 5 EPGs
- Interface between local and strategic level
- Report on progress with workstreams.
- Referral of issues for consideration across the 5 EPGs.
- Referral of issues for strategic consideration.
- Provision of advice/information on local level issues.
- Referral of issues to CCG(NI) for wider strategic determination.
- Commission workstreams/ work programmes for local level action.
- Provision of advice/ information on strategic matters and on CCG(NI) workstreams/ decisions

Membership: Local Government, PSNI, DHSS&PS, (PHA, NIFRS, NIAS) OFMDFM, DOE, Joint Chairs of each Sub Regional EPG

(WEPG) WESTERN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP

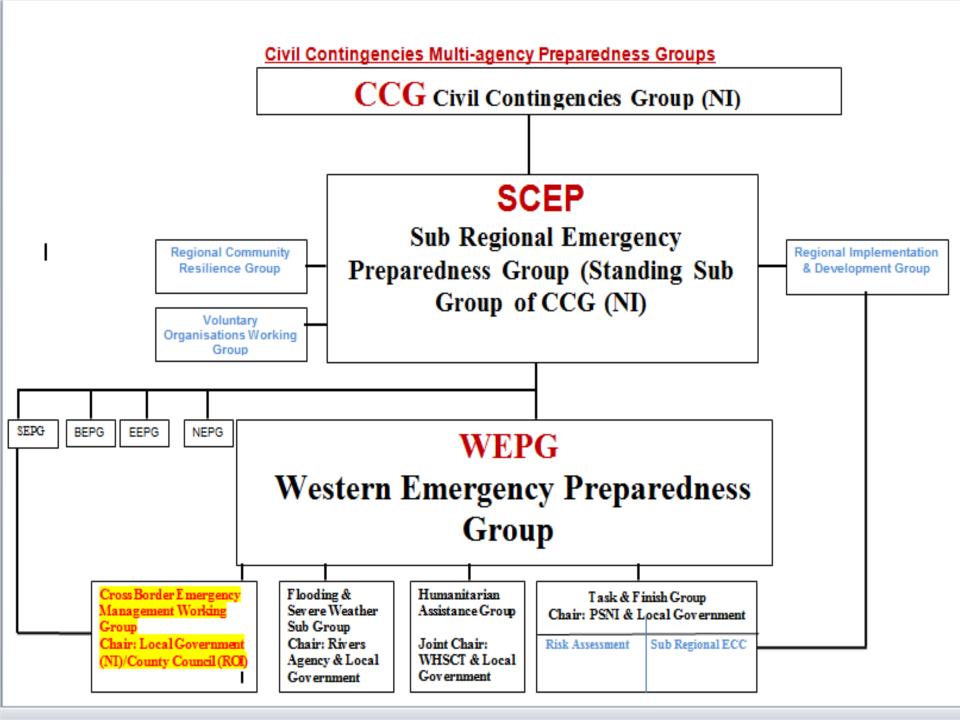
Chair: Local Government CEO & Supt. PSNI

Remit:

- Agree a joint approach to emergency preparedness and response for the local area in line with the strategic direction set by the SCEP
- Liaise and co-ordinate with neighbouring EPGs, and where relevant with emergency planning arrangements and structures in the border counties in Ireland
- Compile and agree a Local Risk Assessment to provide a robust basis for planning
- Ensure that appropriate multi-agency plans, procedures, training and exercises necessary to address identified local and wider area hazards are in place and gaps identified;
- Direct and oversee the activities of working groups and allocate tasks;
- Receive reports from the working groups on gaps in planning and progress with actions
- Ensure that appropriate resources are made available to working groups to fulfil their responsibilities;
- Co-ordinate the individual approaches and responsibilities of each organisation to ensure that they complement each other and dovetail with other stakeholders' arrangements
- Consider the implications of legislation, NI initiatives and decisions of the Civil Contingencies Group (NI) for the local area
- Provide reports on gaps in planning and progress with actions to the CCG(NI) SCEP.

Membership

- PSNI EPCO NIFRS NIAS WHSCT PHA MCA, MOD
- Rivers Agency Transport NI NI Water
- Utilities : NIE BT Gas
- Voluntaries
- NIHE



Brief Overview of Emergency Management in Republic of Ireland

The Framework for Major Emergency Management 2006



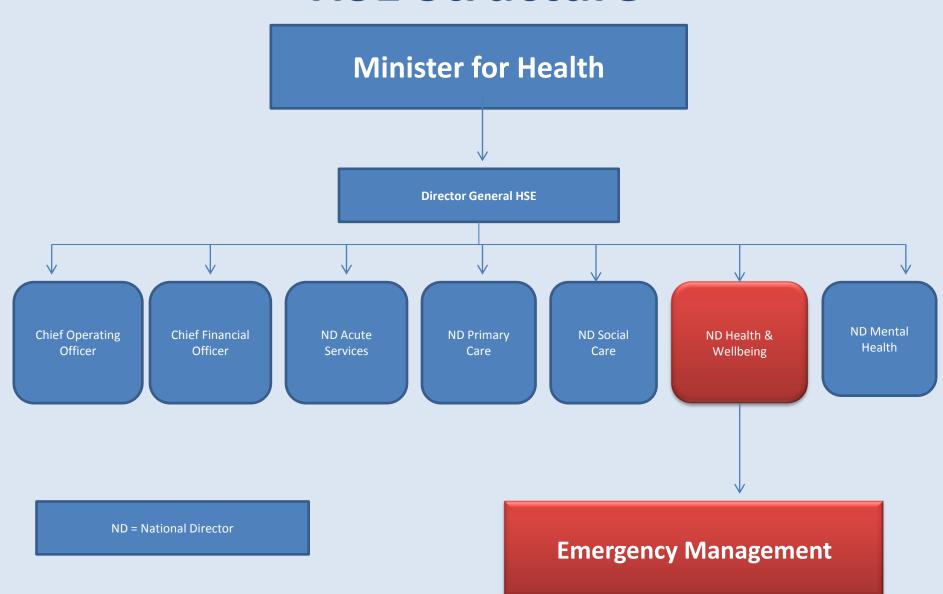






A Framework enabling An Garda Síochána, the Health Services Executive and Local Authorities to prepare for and make a co-ordinated response to major emergencies resulting from local and regional events, such as fires, transport accidents, hazardous substances incidents and severe weather.

HSE Structure



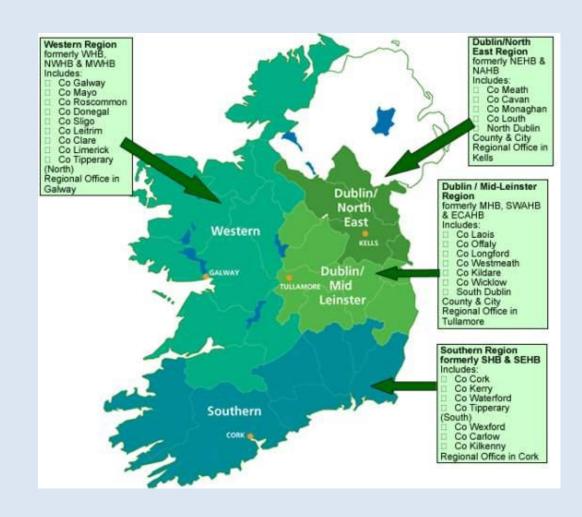


HSE Emergency Management Regions

HSE has Four MEM regions

- -Western
- -Southern
- -Dublin North East
- -Dublin Mid Leinster

Three of these regions border with Northern Ireland

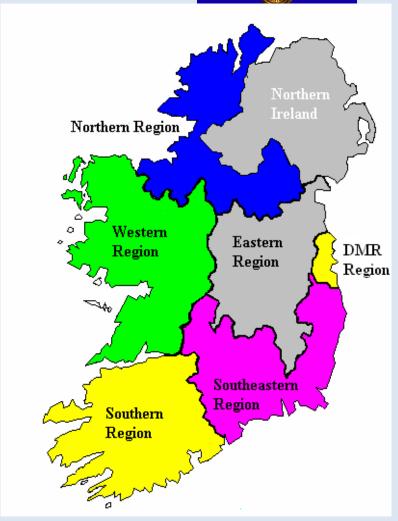


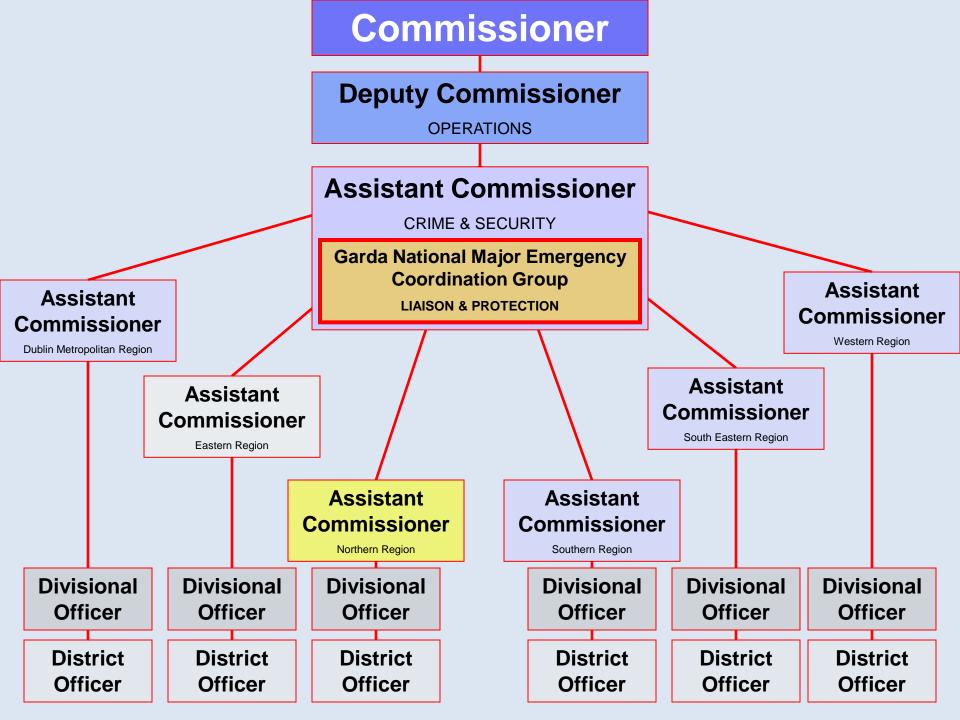




Regional, Divisional,
District and Sub-District
Command Structure

- 6 Regions –
 Assistant Commissioner
- 25 Divisions –
 Chief Superintendent
- 109 Districts –
 Superintendent
- 703 Stations
- Two of the 6 regions border with Northern Ireland





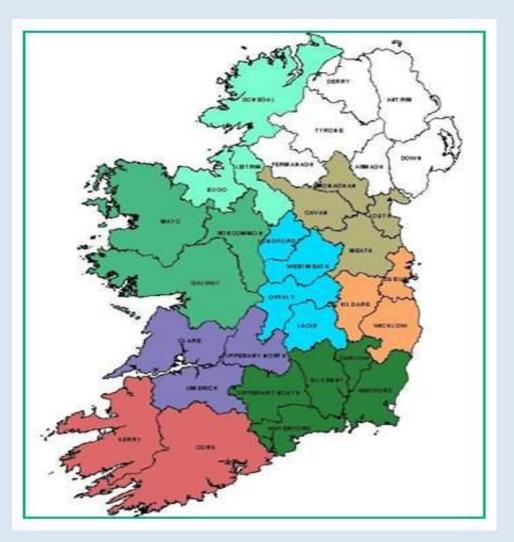


Local Authority Emergency Management Regions

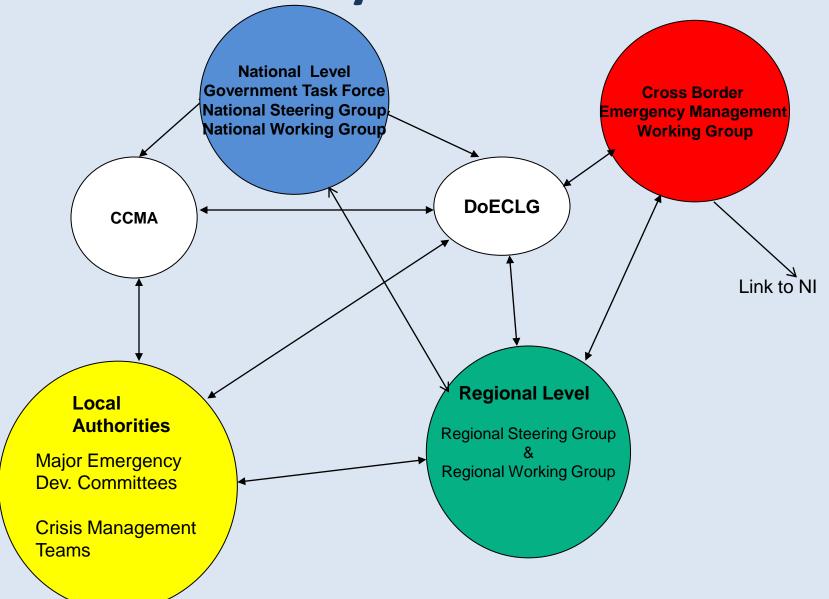
8 Local Authority MEM Regions

2 regions border with Northern Ireland

- North West
- North East



Local Authority MEM Structure



The Framework for Major Emergency Management 2006

- 'Lead agency' concept
- Coordination arrangements (Onsite and offsite)
- Organisational structures (local, regional, national)
- Planning and Preparedness Risk Assessments, Plans,
 Contact lists
- Exercising / training local, regional, national
- Appraisal

Cross Border Emergency Management Working Group (CBEMWG)

Purpose of CBEMWG

"act as a multi-agency group for agencies involved in emergency management on a cross border basis."

Aims of Cross Border Emergency Management Working Group (CBEMWG)

- Build on existing good working relationships at individual service level
- Build stronger working partnerships (inter agency)
- Build on existing good practice
- Provide a forum for inter-agency discussion (NI & ROI)
- Develop consistent and compatible working protocols between the agencies
- Develop inter-agency training and exercises on a cross border basis

Membership of CBEMWG

ROI

- Local Authorities
- Garda Siochana
- HSE
- Irish Coastguard
- Nominated by Regional Working Groups
- Five per RWG total of 10
- 1 DoECLG and 1 Garda HQ
- Total of 12

NI

- NIFRS
- PSNI
- NIAS
- Local Councils
- PHA and HSCT's
- Maritime Coastguard Agency
- Nominated by Western & Southern EPG Groups
 Five per Sub Regional Group (Western and Southern)
- 1 from OFMDFM and 1 PSNI HQ
- Total of 12

Current Provisions for Dealing with a Cross Border Major Emergency

- NI Civil Contingencies Framework states:
 - "NI departments and other public sector bodieswill have formal and informal civil contingencies liaison arrangements in place as necessary with counterpart department and agencies in Rol"
 - "CCPB and OEP are prepared to act as facilitators in the development of such relationships on a cross border basis where they may have proven difficult to establish"
- Northern Ireland Standards in Civil Protection states:
 - Organisations 'should ensure that their liaison activities cover all relevant parties' including on a cross border basis 'where incidents are likely to have widespread effects'
- A Guide to Emergency Planning Arrangements in Northern Ireland
 - indicates that the existing arrangements for sharing information on emergency planning and response on a cross border basis are 'outside the scope' of the protocol

Current Provisions for Dealing with a Cross Border Major Emergency

- MEM Framework Rol (p78 / 79)
 - Where Regional Coordination Groups identify the need for assistance from neighbouring regions, including from Northern Ireland, requests should be made directly on a 'mutual aid basis'.
 - Individual emergency services can unilaterally activate their pre-existing arrangements initially with their counterparts in Northern Ireland while informing their Local / Regional Coordination Centre.
 - Where a Local / Regional Coordination Group determines that a higher level of assistance is required from NI, the request should be made through An Garda Siochana to the PSNI.
 - Where appropriate, representatives of the principal response agencies in NI should be invited to participate in the Local / Regional Coordination Groups.

Progress achieved by CBEMWG to date

- Agreed Terms of Reference for the Group
- Reviewed each agency's capability in emergency management
- Developing a Business Plan to identify, manage and prioritise interagency issues by:
 - Developing an annual work programme
 - Developing working protocols
 - Developing and delivering cross border inter agency training / exercises
- Developed Information Sharing Extranet Platform www.westerngroupofcouncils.org
- Keeping parent organisations, regional groups, Government Departments informed
- Seeking opportunities to attract funding for Cross Border projects in emergency management
- Participated in the Cross Border Mapping Pilot Project

Cross Border Mapping Pilot

- Collaboration between ICLRD, AIRO and CBEMWG
- CBEMWG agreed to participate no cost
- Development of a proof of concept mapping tool displaying datasets of the location of key facilities and personnel for emergency management along both sides of the border.
- Pilot project limited to local authority and fire services data (North and South)
- Mapping Pilot completed January 2015
- Aim is to establish a more extensive and professionally hosted system in the future

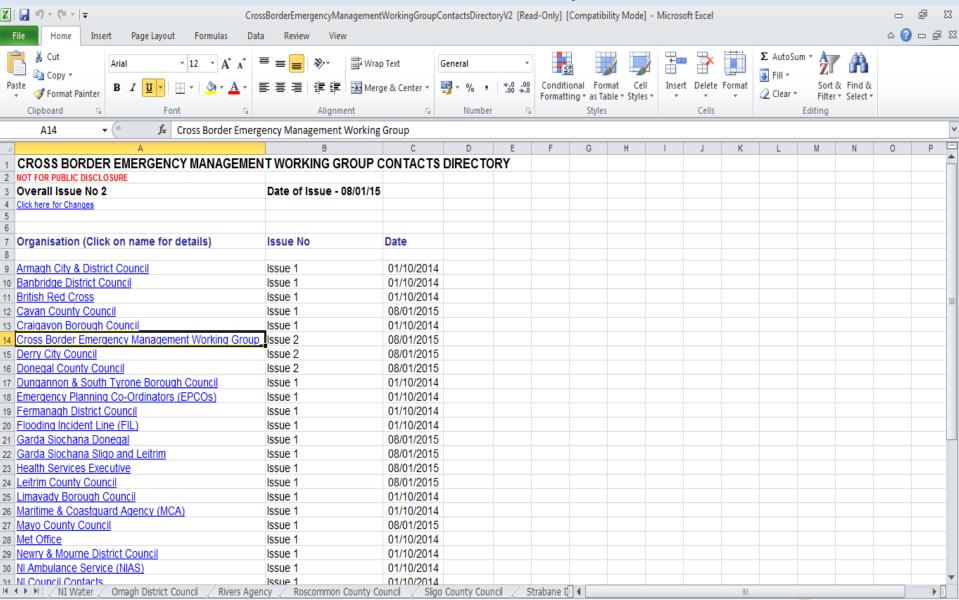
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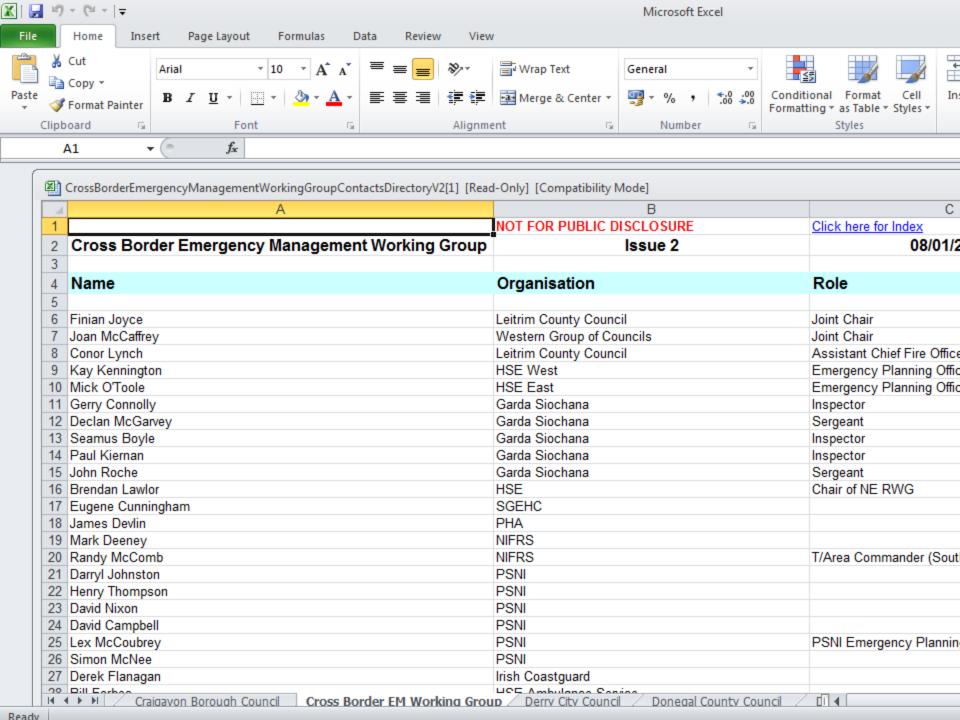
- Cross Border Contacts directory
- Locations of Fire Stations
- Fire Assets 17 sub categories in total
- Council Buildings
- Evacuation Centres
- Sand bag locations
- COMAH & SEVESO Sites (Higher and Lower Tier)
- Multi Agency Co-ordination Centres

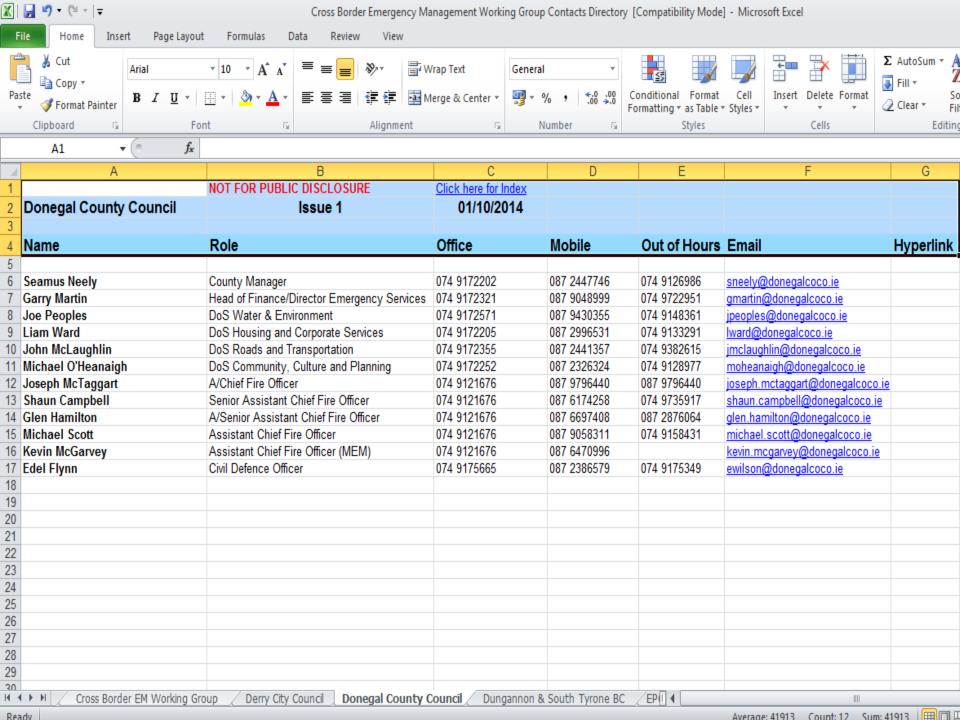
Cross Border Mapping Pilot - demo

- Link to Cross Border Mapping Pilot
- http://airo.maynoothuniversity.ie/mappingresources/airo-research-themes/communitysocial/emergency-response-mapping-0

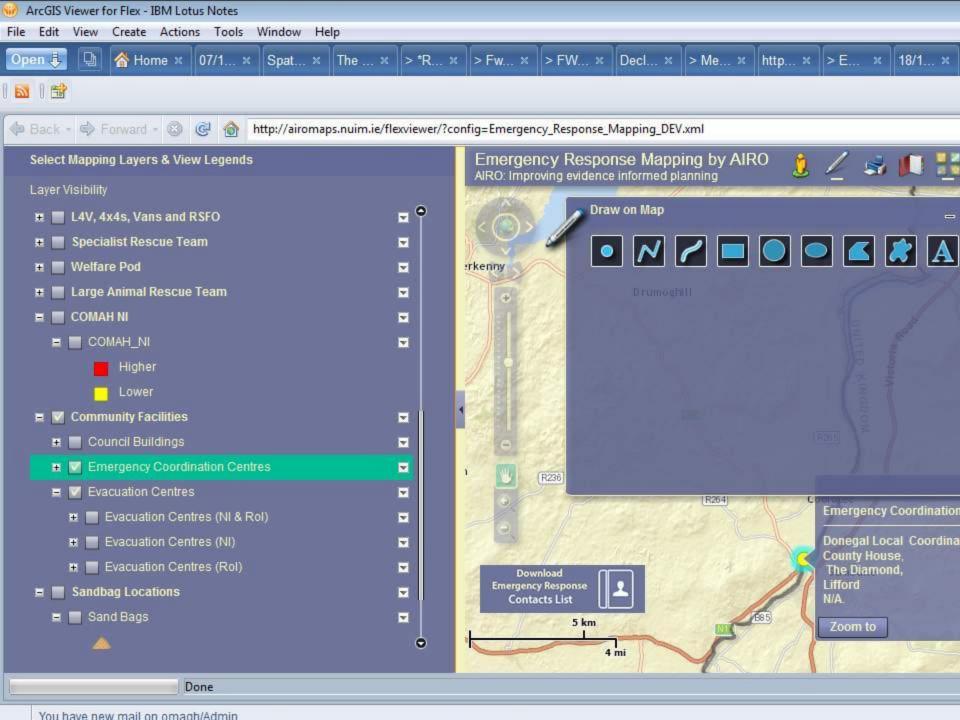
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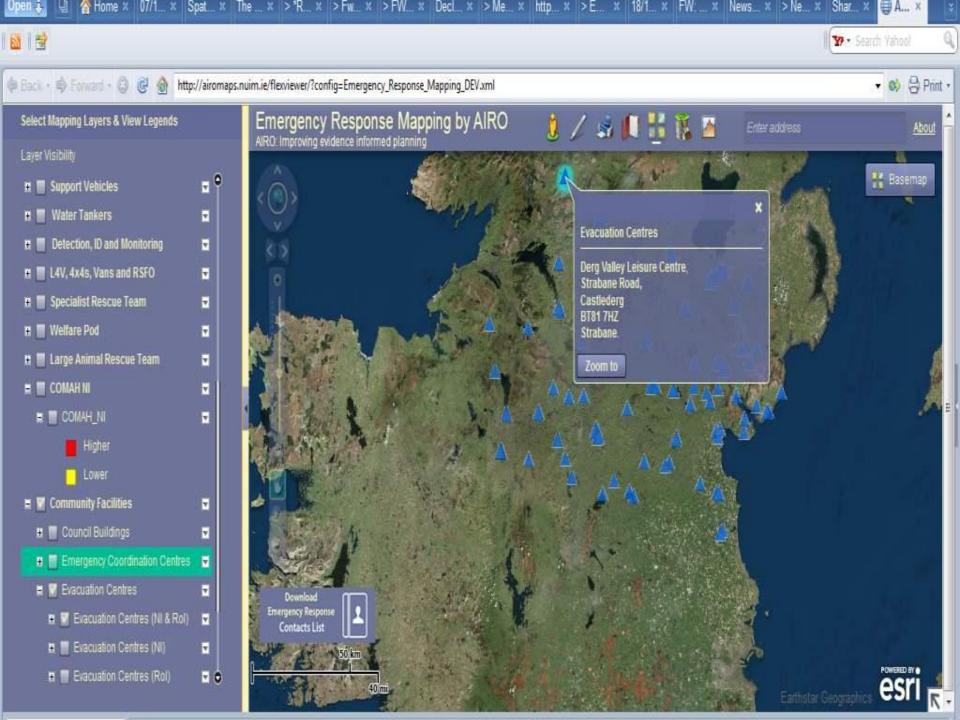


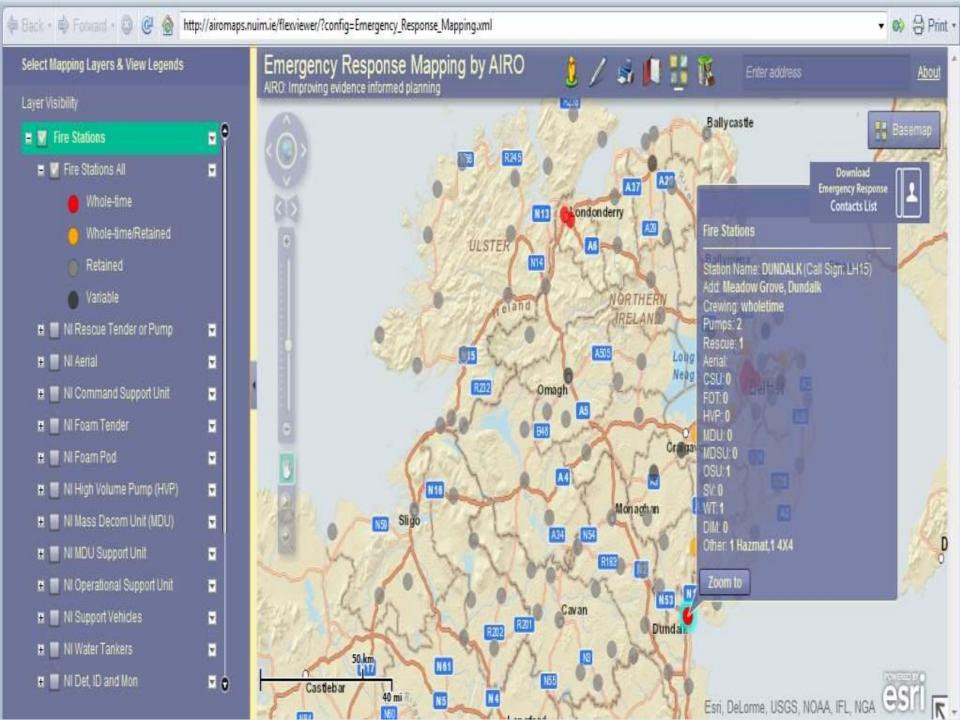


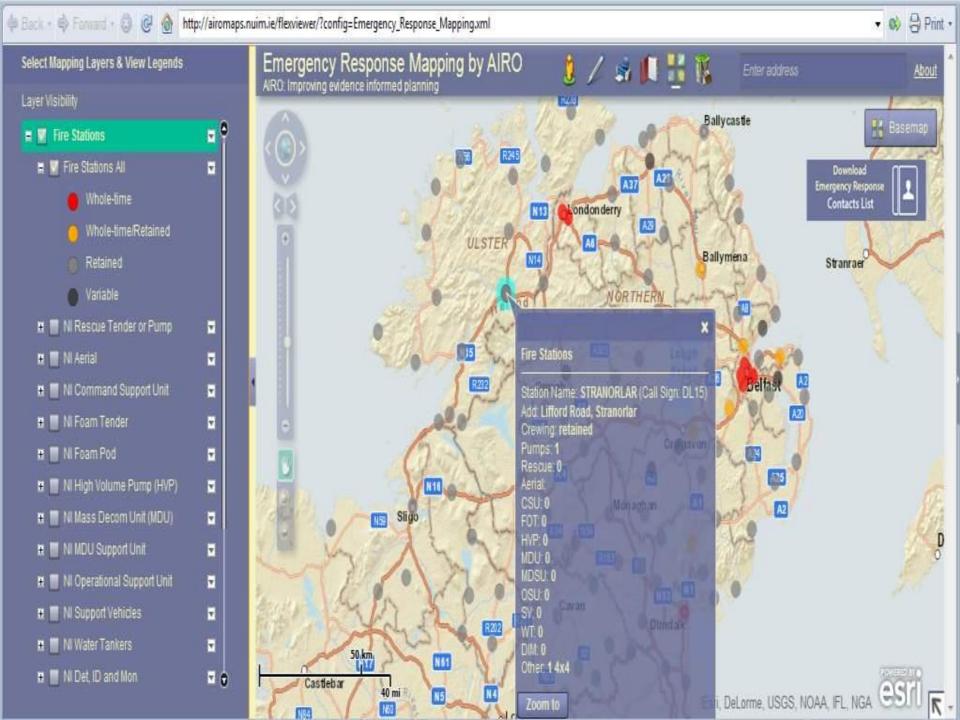


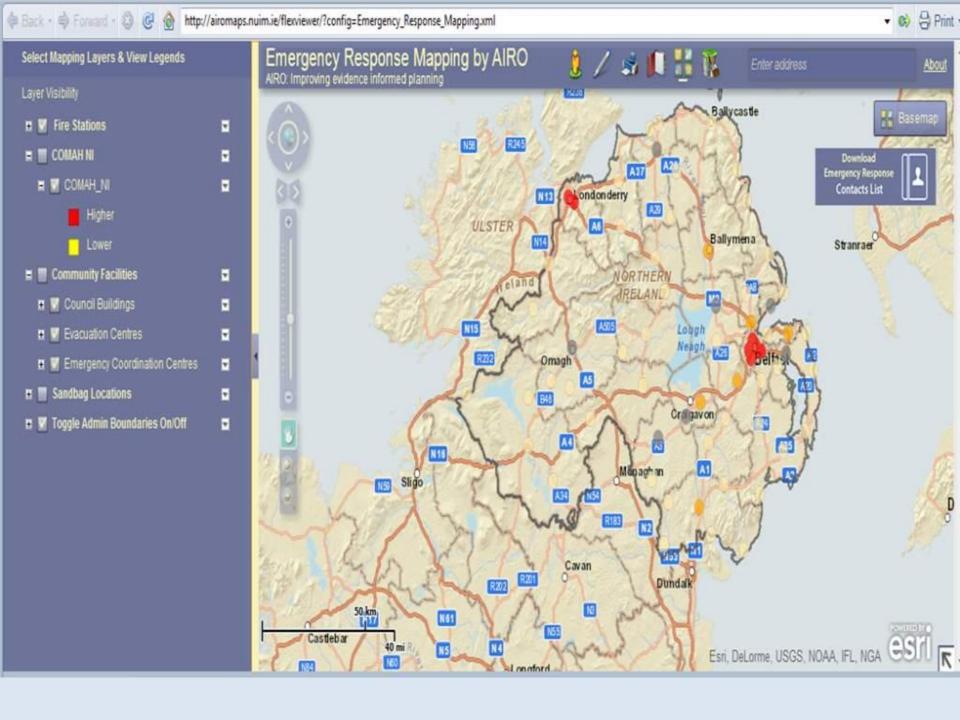
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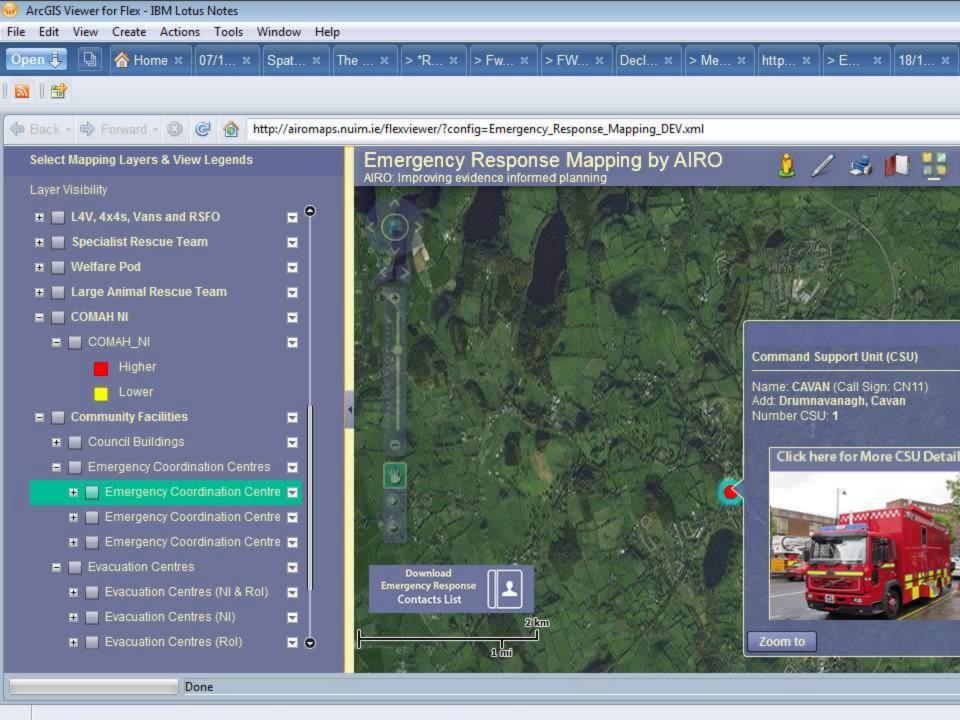


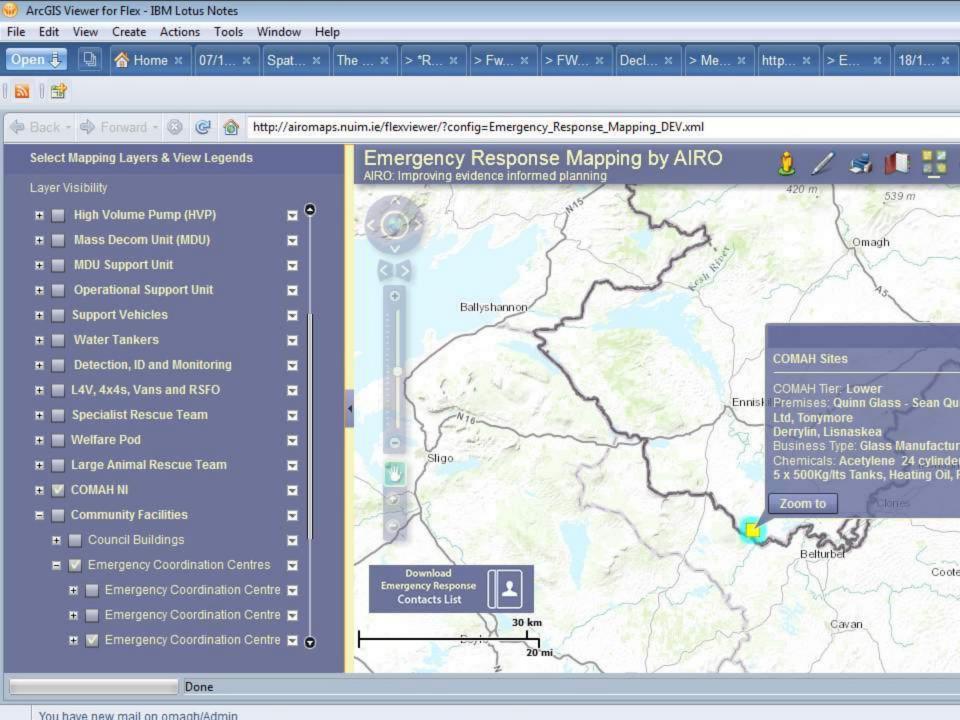


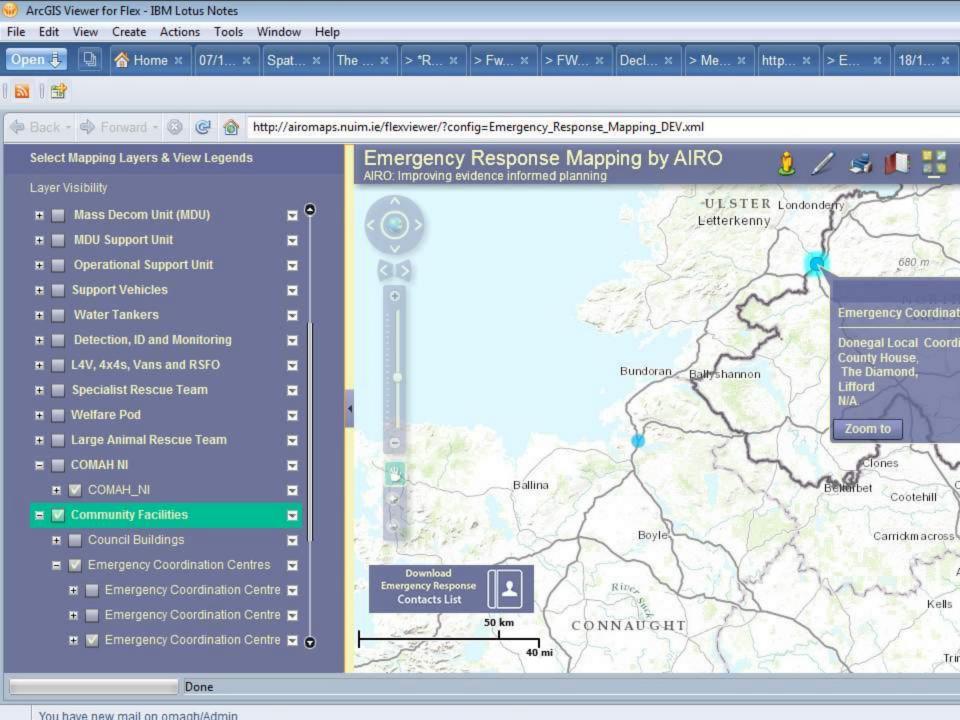
HVP (High Volume Pump)

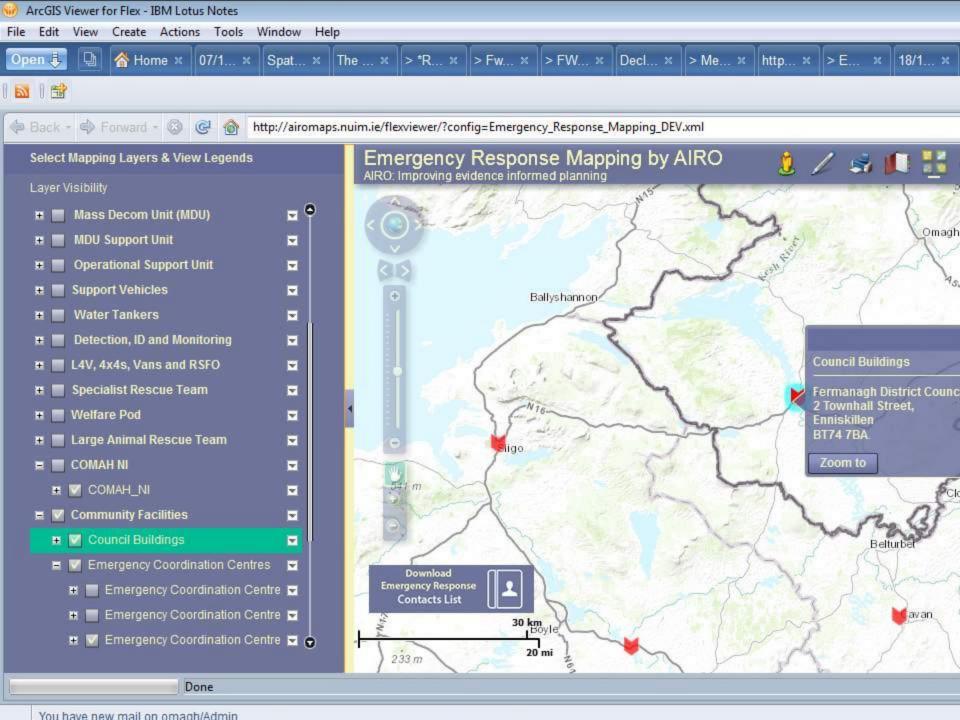
• The High Volume Pumping Units (HVPU's), can provide water for firefighting and remove flood water, with three times the capacity of conventional Fire Service pumps.

- Each HVP is capable of moving huge volumes of water up to 7,000 litres of water per minute. An Olympic size swimming pool could be emptied by a pair of HVPs in three hours compared to just over nine hours with standard fire and rescue service pumps.
- A road tanker containing 28,000 litres (roughly 6,200 gallons) could be emptied by a single HVPU in four minutes. Each HVPU comes in two parts, each of which weighs 10 tonnes or the same as eight family cars.
- The HVP unit consists of two demountable modules transported on standard New Dimension Prime Movers. Each module consists of two further sub-units, a hose retrieval system and all the associated ancillary equipment. The sub-units carry either 1km of hose of which there are three or the Hydrosub.
- A hook arm attached to the prime mover is used to dismount the modules for use. The sub-units are also removable from the main module for placing as required at an incident. Hose can be deployed utilising the 1Km hose boxes at a maximum speed of 40km/hr (25mph).
- Vehicle Equipment Hydrosub-The Hydrosub is one of the four sub-units transported on the main modules, it weighs three tonnes
 and is placed in position using the prime mover. It consists of the submersible pump unit, 60m Hydraulic Hose Lines, 60m winch
 cable for pump deployment and recovery, control panel and the Turbo Diesel Engine that drives both the hydraulic and electrical
 systems.









CBEMWG - Next Steps

- Finalise Business Plan
- Develop Work Programme based on agreed priorities
- Enhance cross border emergency planning arrangements
- Develop working protocols
- Keep all stakeholders informed

QUESTIONS?