

“A plan is not a plan until it’s tested (?)”

BCI Pandemic Planning Workshop

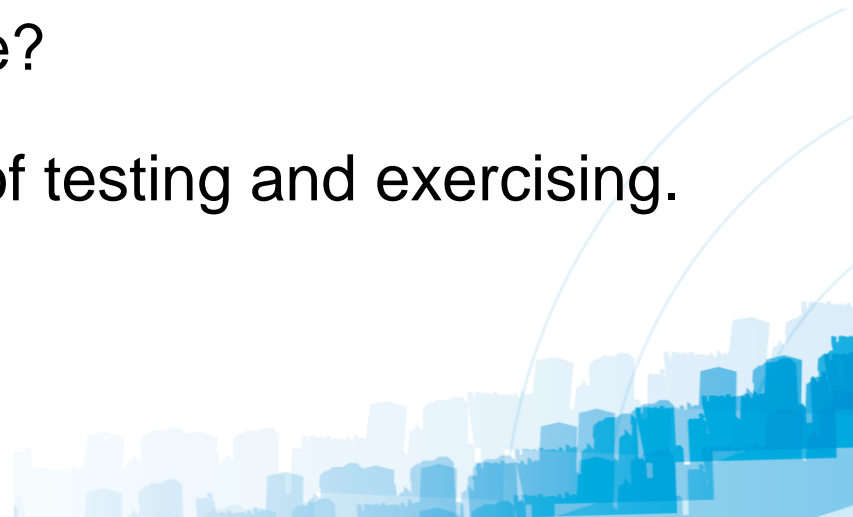
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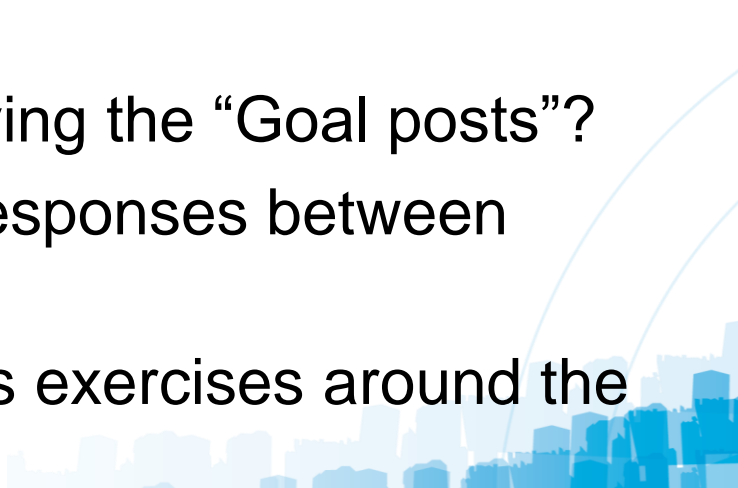


Overview

- Introduction
- Why is exercising still needed now that we are activating our plans?
- What needs to be validated? What lessons could we identify from an exercise?
- Case study: a programme of testing and exercising.
- Questions.



Why is exercising still needed now that we are activating our plans?

- Two methods of objective validation for an organization's continuity plans and programme – Invocation or Exercising
 - Exercising is an education tool that should support the organization's continuity programme
 - Lessons identified from the responses to date for the current pandemic
 - World Health Organization moving the "Goal posts"?
 - Inconsistency in international responses between nations
 - Questions of validity of previous exercises around the area of pandemics
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What needs to be validated? What lessons could we identify from an exercise?

- Are our planning assumptions still valid?
- What have we learnt from our engagement processes with suppliers and stakeholders?
- Have we done everything that could be reasonably expected of our organization to face this challenge?
- Have we got the evidence to prove that, if necessary?



Case study: a programme of testing and exercising.

Lessons identified from an organization



Questions?

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