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# Where next for Business Continuity in the public sector

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# Summary

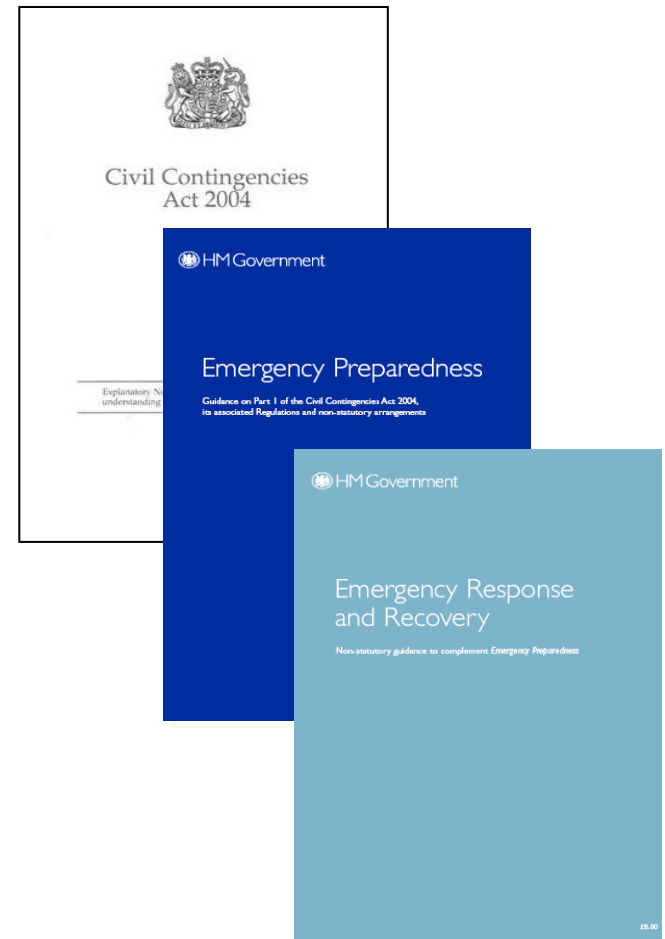
- **Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement programme:** BCM duties and the role of BS 25999
- The resilience of **Critical Infrastructure**
- **Community Resilience** is there a role for businesses



# Current legislative framework: Civil Contingencies Act 2004

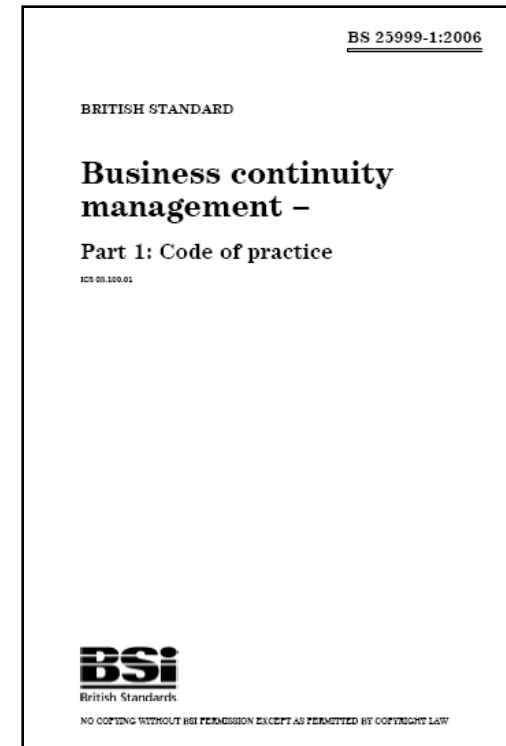
- Duty placed on **Category 1** organisations to develop business continuity plans
- Additional Duty on **Local Authorities** to provide advice and assistance to businesses in their area

## Legislation under review



# BS 25999: Implications for public sector

- improved organisational resilience
- resilient emergency response
- structured governance
- benchmark
- community leadership

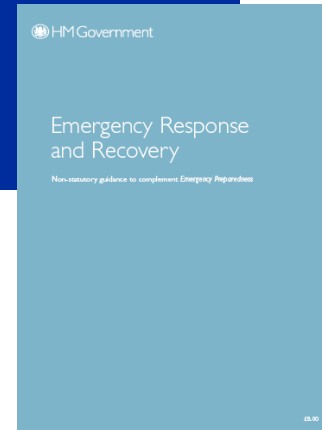
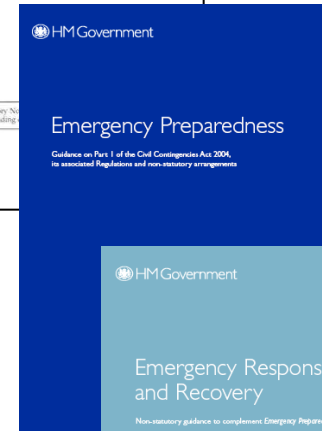
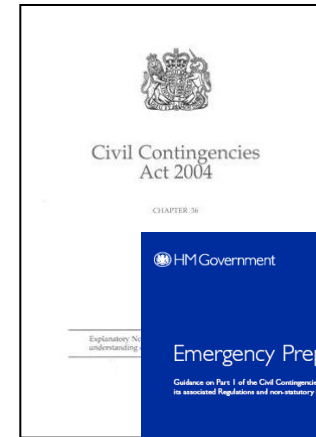


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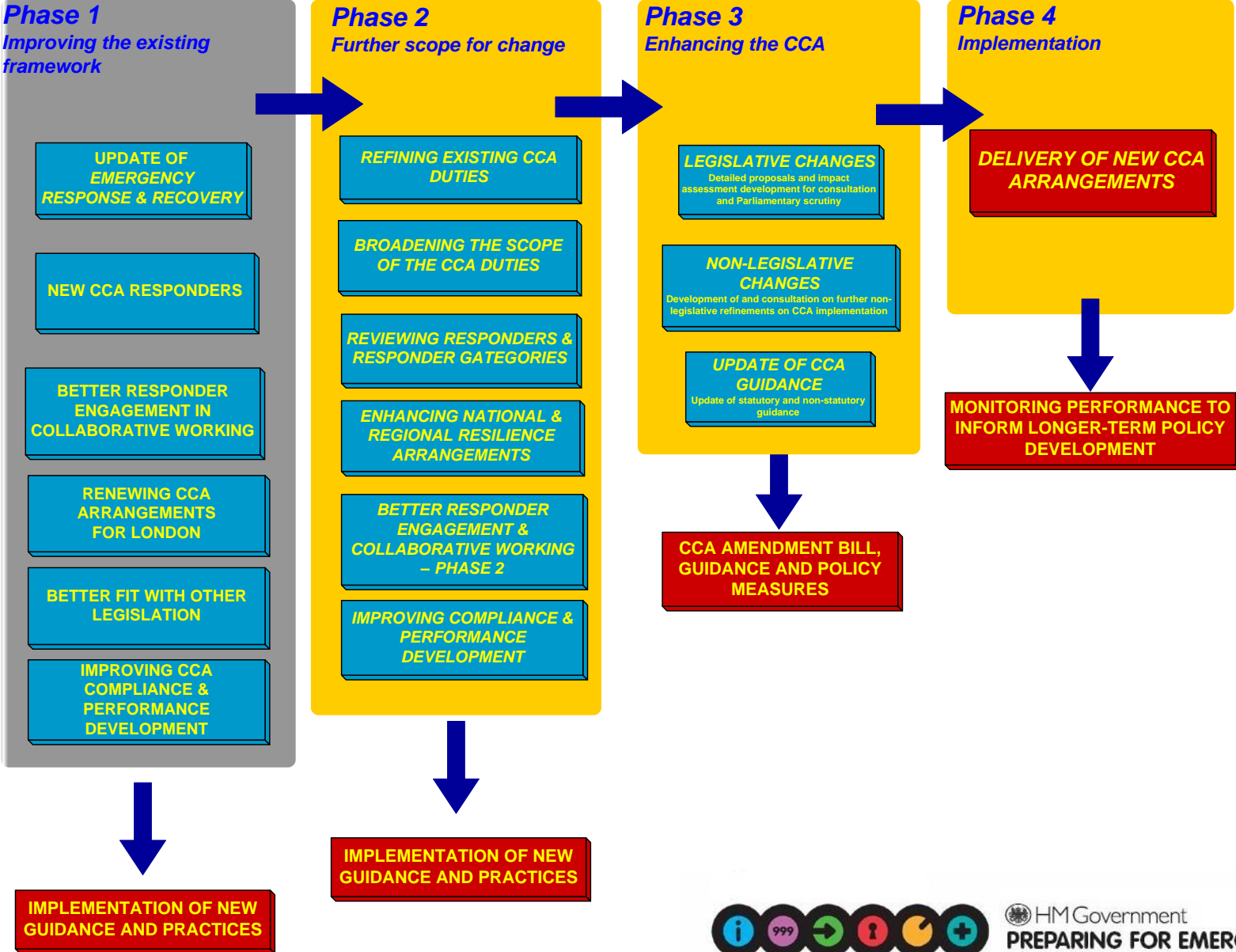


# CCAEP objectives

- ❑ Does CCA meet its original intentions?
- ❑ Is the CCA regime up-to-date?
  - Reflect relevant experience?
  - Reflect changes in relevant structures?
- ❑ Is best practice embedded in the CCA regime?
- ❑ Should CCA cover other aspects of IEM?
- ❑ Does the CCA framework effectively align and integrate with wider legislation and policy?

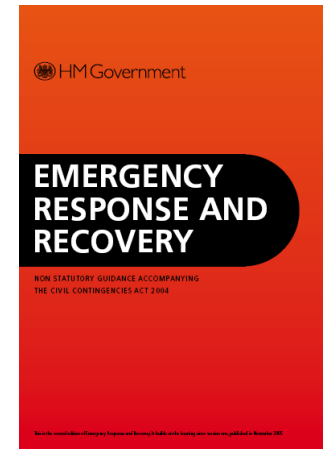


# CCA Enhancement Programme (CCAEP)



# CCAEP – Phase 1: *Improving standards and consistency in the way the CCA is implemented*

- Policy development work completed – Phase 1 now closing.
- Notable products are:
  - Expectation & Indicators of Good Practice Set
  - Mutual Aid Guide
  - Updated Emergency Response & Recovery Guidance
- Consultations planned for Autumn:
  - Renewing CCA Arrangements for London
  - Revised Chapter 2 (Co-operation) and Chapter 3 (Information Sharing) of Emergency Preparedness
  - Guidance on CCA fit with other legislation



## CCAEP – Phase 2: *Explore recommendations for improvement which may require changes to the CCA, associated Regulations or the statutory guidance.*

### Key areas of enquiry:

- **Local Focus:** Would the resilience chain be improved by establishing statutory responsibilities and a role for the regional tier, Devolved and UK Government?
- **Duties:** Do existing duties need to be enhanced and should the scope of the duties extend to emergency response and recovery?
- **Responders:** Does the schedule of responders, responder categories and the statutory requirements falling on each need adjusting?



# CCAEP – Phase 2 Projects & relevance to BCM

## Refining Existing Duties:

Within this project we will consider whether:

- responders should be required to meet BS25999 or equivalent
- BCM requirements should be extended to Category 2 responder
- the duty on LAs to provide business continuity advice to businesses and voluntary sector organisations should be extended to all Category 1 responders.



# CCAEP – Phase 2 Projects of particular relevance to BCM

## Broadening Scope of CCA Duties

- Will consider whether existing or new duties are needed for response and recovery phases (includes consideration of BCM).

## Reviewing Responders and Responder Categories

- Will link with ‘Refining Existing Duties’ project to see whether BCM duty should fall on a different category of responder.

## Enhancing National and Regional Resilience Arrangements

- Will consider whether existing or new duties are needed at this level (includes consideration of BCM).



# Business Continuity in the CCA: options for discussion

**Align** guidance with industry good practice (inc. BS 25999)

**Do nothing**

**Legislate** industry good practice (pos. BS 25999)

**Business continuity duties on category 2 responders**

***Covered by phase 2 of CCAEP: comments?***

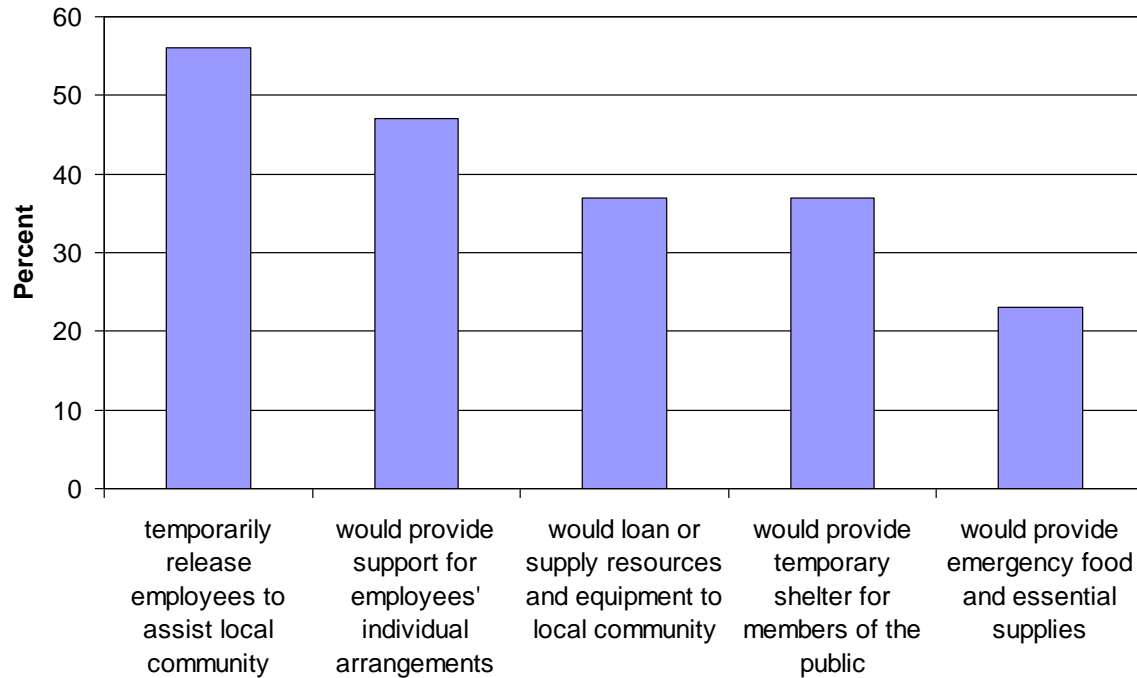


# Reducing the vulnerability of critical infrastructure – the role for BCM

- Two key work strands:
  - In the **short term** – make early assessment of the most vulnerable / most critical sites and take action to protect from flooding
  - In the **long term** – building resilience into the system on an all hazards basis



# Community resilience – a role for businesses?



*Involvement of businesses in community resilience activities (CMI 2009)*

- An untapped resource?





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