Appendix 1

Literature Search Strategy

1 st search: 2 nd search		3 rd search		
Limits:	its: Limits: Limits:			
· Title/abstract	· Title/abstract	· Title/abstract		
· 2007+	· 2007+	· 2007+		
combined with OR	combined with OR	combined with OR		
· exercise	· disaster*	· emergency response		
· scenario	· IHR	 public health preparedness and response 		
· simulation	· terrorism	· emergency management		
· simulation training	· bioterrorism	· emergency preparedness		
· drill	· mass casualty	· public health practice		
· command post	· emergency	· capacity building		
	· pandemic	· disaster medicine		
	· epidemic*	· disaster planning		
	· disaster*	· health security		
	· natural disaster*	· health system strengthening		
	· disease outbreak	· health system resilience		
	· influenza	· contingency		
	· ebola	· Disaster management		
		· disaster preparedness		
		· disaster response		

Appendix 2

Institutions Reviewed

Institutions identified by experts:	Institutions identified from Academic literature:		
World Health Organization (WHO)	Institute of medicine forum on medical and public health preparedness for catastrophic events		
Public Health England	National centre for study of preparedness and catastrophic events		
Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Department of homeland security exercise and evaluation programme (HSEEP)		
European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)	Office of assistant secretary for preparedness and response (ASPR)		
Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)	Health Canada		
European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)	European Network for Infectious Diseases		
Sante Publique France	Global Health Security Initiative		
	New York Institute for All Hazard Preparation		
	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives Research and Technology Initiative California Department of Public Health		
	Preparedness and emergency response learning centres: University of Alabam University of South Florida University of Illinois University of Illinois Harvard University Johns Hopkins Bloomberg University of Albany Columbia University University of Oklahoma University of North Carolina Texas A&M University University of Washington		

Appendix 3Materials included in Health System Building Block Analysis

	Document name	Identified organisational links		
1	Hosptial surge capacity exercise	Emergency Preparedness & Response Exercise Programme (Harvard School of Public Health)		
2	Addressing the gaps in preparation for quarantine	New York Institute for All Hazard Preparedness and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Program		
3	Assessing and Improving Hospital Mass-Casualty Preparedness: A No-Notice Exercise	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response		
4	Disaster Olympix: a unique nursing emergency preparedness exercise	US Department of Health and Human Services Healthcare Facilities Emergency Care Partnership Programme		
5	Emergency response: lessons learned during a community hospital's in situ fire simulation	No organisation identified		
6	Personal protective equipment in an influenza pandemic: a UK simulation exercise	No organisation identified		
7	AHEPP Medical Surge TTX Template	Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals		
8	Hazardous material exercise tool	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		
9	Ohio Central Region Hospital Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Tabletop Exercise.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response; TRACIE		
10	Tabletop exercise situation manual for earthquake exercise designed to test surge and communication	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		
11	Tornado tabletop exercise template	Georgia Health Care Association Emergency Preparedness Committee		
12	Simulation of a hospital disaster plan: a virtual, live exercise.	No organisation identified		
13	Waterworks, a full-scale chemical exposure exercise: interrogating pediatric critical caresurge capacity in an inner-city tertiary care medical center	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		
14	Business continuity	NHS England		
15	Midsummers nightmares situation manual	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		

16	Emergency preparedness in the 21st century: training and preparation		
	modules in virtual environments	No organisation identified	
17	GHSI Emergency radionuclide bioassay laboratory network: summary of a		
	recent exercise	No organisation identified	
18	Introduction of the Republic of Korea-the United States of America's Joint		
	Exercise Against Biothreats in 2013: Able Response 13	No organisation identified	
19	page with links to multiple ebola exercises (field and drill)	National Ebola Training and Education Centre	
20	GHSI Emergency radionuclide bioassay laboratory network – Summary of		
	the second exercise	No organisation identified	
21	Radiological/Nuclear Human Monitoring Tabletop Exercise:		
	Recommendations and Lessons Identified		
22	Republic of Senegal Disaster Preparedness and Response Exercise:		
	Lessons Learned and Progress Toward Key Goals		
23	Simulation-assisted burn disaster planning	Centre for Teaching and Research in Disaster Medicine, Sweden	
24	Clade X	Johns Hopkins Centre for Health Security	
25	Dark winter`	Johns Hopkins Centre for Health Security	
26	Polio outbreak simulation exercise	WHO Europe	
27	WHO Core capacity workbook	WHO HQ	
28	Risk communication : Introduction to exercises	WHO HQ	
29	Scripted Surge Pharmacy Pandemic Exercise: Testing Vaccine	Centre for Disease Control and Prevention & National	
	Administration and Antiviral Dispensing	Association of County and City Health Officials	
30		Morehouse School of Medicine Center for Community Health and	
	Emergency preparedness toolkit for primary care providers	Service Learning, Johns Hoskins PACER Programme, US Dept of	
24		Homeland Security and the National Center for Primary Care	
31	Action, not talk: a simulation of risk communication during the first hours	University of Georgia Center for Health and Risk & Centres for	
22	of a pandemic	Disease Control and Prevention	
32	Addressing Children's Needs in Disasters: A Regional Pediatric Tabletop	American Academy of Paediatrics and the Centres for Disease	
22	Exercise	Control & Prevention	
33	Exercise Maritime Response (EXMR): lessons learned for population	No superioritar administration	
24	monitoring and communications.	No organisation acknowledged	
34	Field exercises are useful for improving public health emergency	Denviotion Health Huit NCM	
25	responses.	Population Health Unit, NSW	
35	Hospital emergency preparedness: Push-POD operation and pharmacists	No superiorior oder ordedod	
	as immunizers	No organisation acknowledged	

36	Just send them all to a burn centre': managing burn resources in a mass			
	casualty incident.	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		
37	Just-in-time training of dental responders in a simulated pandemic			
	immunization response exercise.	DuPage County Health Department, Illinois		
38	Medical Surge Capacity in Atlanta-Area Hospitals in Response to Tanker			
	Truck Chemical Releases	Wheaton, Illinois.		
39	Preparing for a Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak Using a Novel Tabletop	Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development,		
		USDA APHIS, Forsman Farms, Inc. and the University of		
Exercise.		Minnesota		
40	Promoting community preparedness: lessons learned from the			
	implementation of a chemical disaster tabletop exercise	Agriculture and Rural Development		
41	Promoting regional disaster preparedness among rural hospitals	Rural and Community Health Institute, Texas A&M University		
	Promoting regional disaster preparedness among rural hospitals	Health Science Centre		
42	Ready or not: analysis of a no-notice mass vaccination field response in	the Public Health Preparedness Program, Philadelphia Dept of		
	Philadelphia.	Health		
43	Sarin exposure: a simulation case scenario.	No organisation acknowledged		
44	Southeastern Center for Emerging Biologic Threats tabletop exercise:			
	foodborne toxoplasmosis outbreak on college campuses	the Southeastern Center for Emerging Biologic Threats		
45	The planning, execution, and evaluation of a mass prophylaxis full-scale			
	exercise in cook county, IL	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Programme		
46	California dept of public health-scenarios	California Department of Public Health		
47	D2.2 Reference set of scenarios	EUs 7th Framework Programme & Norwegian Defence Research		
		Establishment		
48	Situation Manual (SitMan): Long Term Care Facility Shelter-In-Place/	Office of the Assistance Secretary for Preparedness and		
	Evacuation Tabletop Exercise.	Response		
49	A test of syndromic surveillance using a severe acute respiratory			
	syndrome model	No organisation acknowledged		
50	Exercise Paton: A simulation exercise to test New South Wales emergency			
	departments' response to pandemic influenza	New South Wales Department of Health		
51		Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Canada, US Department of		
	One Health:Operationalizing One Health in the Arctic	State, US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Aleutian-		
		Pribilof Islands Association		

Appendix 4 Breakdown of materials included in functional review (n=8)

Title	Source	Exercise	Level
		type	
Eastwood K et al. Field exercises are useful for	Journal	Field	Regional
improving public health emergency responses.	Article	exercise	
Westerm Pacific Surveillance and Response Journal.			
2010			
Kilianski A. et al. The planning, execution, and	Journal	Field	Regional
evaluation of a mass prophylaxis full-scale exercise in	Article	exercise	
cook county, IL. Biosecur Bioterror. 2014			
Shah, VS, et al. Waterworks, a full-scale chemical	Journal	Field	Facility
exposure exercise: interrogating pediatric critical care	Article	exercise	
surge capacity in an inner-city tertiary care medical			
center. Prehosp Disaster Med. 2014			
Polio outbreak simulation exercise. How to test	Guidance	Tabletop	National
national preparedness plans using the POSE model.	Materials		
World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe.			
2015			
Kim, SS et al. Introduction of the Republic of Korea-	Journal	Field	Internation
the United States of America's Joint Exercise Against	Article	exercise	al
Biothreats in 2013: Able Response 13. Osong Public			
Health and Research Perspectives. 2013			
Eason, MP. Sarin exposure: a simulation case scenario.	Journal	Field	Regional
South Med J. 2013	Article	exercise	
Moorehouse School of Medicine. Emergency	Guidance	Tabletop	Primary
preparedness toolkit for primary care providers:	Materials		Care
hurricane disaster scenario TTX.			
National Ebola Training and Education Centre. Ebola	Guidance	Field	Facility
drill, functional and full scale exercise template. 2018	Materials	exercise	