



Sixth Inter-Island Public Health Forum

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The Public Health Role in Emergency Preparedness

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I propose to identify and examine all the evident elements of emergency preparedness which should be embraced by those working within the Public Health domain, in the context of Major Incidents.

I will cover mass casualty situations arising from terrorist, transport, leisure, industrial, natural disasters and also epidemics.

My purpose will be to highlight the importance of Public Health practitioners having a sound grasp of Health Service responses to incidents or untoward emergencies and the requirement for very close working between Public Health and emergency planners from within, and external to, the Health Service.

In looking at these linkages I will particularly focus upon the logistical challenges which face remote and island communities in dealing with such circumstances. My presentation will be designed to provoke thought and generate discussion, especially around the subjects of integrated control and the provision of resources.