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## **Novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) – Updated SCG Strategy for West Yorkshire 020420**

**In accordance with JESIP principles, its overall aim of the SCG is to:**

1. Act collaboratively (with all category 1 and 2 responders) and as individual organisations to preserve life and relieve suffering, in line with the national government's approach and guidance, and especially to help those most vulnerable and support the health and social care system.
2. Mitigate the negative health, economic, social and environmental effects of the pandemic as far as possible, maintaining a sustained and coordinated response to lead into recovery with what is expected to be a long-lasting incident.
3. Engage with the public, and key stakeholders about their role in both response and recovery, for example in following advice, being neighbourly or volunteering to support the most vulnerable.

**These aims will be delivered through these more specific objectives:**

4. The objectives of the group are:
  - a. To ensure establishment of effective command, control and coordination functions as per the relevant West Yorkshire Prepared and plans and any other relevant organisational plans.
  - b. Uphold the safety of responders (especially in use of PPE) and those affected by the incident, being able to rapidly and effectively support partners as required as reasonably practicable.
  - c. To communicate with all key stakeholders internal to the SCG and to the wider public, through its warning and informing, and CCA duties.
  - d. To maintain, as far as possible, a coordinated source of information to help SCG and individual organisation decision making, with LRHP being the assurance route for health related information.
  - e. To carry out dynamic risk assessments, identifying as per JESIP principles, key elements such as (but not limited to) intelligence, risk, options, powers, policies and procedures, setting objective measures of success and monitoring progress.
  - f. To ensure effective tactical and operational management of the ongoing incident
  - g. Ensure humanitarian and welfare and support where required, address the needs of those involved in or affected by the incident, and play a key role in the shielding of the most medically vulnerable and those more generally vulnerable.
5. Pandemic specific objectives (advised by LRHP):
  - a. Protect West Yorkshire's communities and visitors against the health and wider consequences of Novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) as far as this is possible.
  - b. Support national efforts, e.g. field hospitals, testing, mortality planning to prevent and detect its emergence and prevent, slow, or limit its spread, and work with the Local Health Resilience Partnership (LRHP) to mitigate health and social, care impacts
  - c. Ensure that all Business Continuity Plans are operational and ready to support the wider SCG response and recovery plans, with flexible use of resource where required.
  - d. LRHP to organise and adapt the health and social care systems to treat and support the large numbers likely to have coronavirus or its complications whilst maintaining other essential care.
  - e. Support the continuity of essential services and protect critical national infrastructure, as far as possible, supporting continuation of everyday activities as far as practical, following national advice, and leading into recovery.
  - f. Uphold the rule of law and the democratic process.
  - g. Instil and maintain trust and confidence by ensuring that the public and the media are engaged and well informed in advance of and throughout the pandemic period.
  - h. Promote a return to normality and the restoration of disrupted services at the earliest opportunity.