

DEVONPORT LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 2024



Devonport Off-Site Emergency Plan (DOSEP)

DOSEP is currently under review, with the version 8.0 update due to be published later this year. The new version of DOSEP will focus on elements of the emergency arrangements which relate directly to radiological hazards rather than repeating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) of multi-agency partners.

Stable Iodine Pre-distribution

The annual check of sites holding pre-distributed stable iodine tablets (SITs) was completed in October 2023. This annual evaluation ensured the quantities of tablets held reflect the numbers likely to be at the sites. In addition, the opportunity was taken to publicise the online SITs administration training available and also to confirm the point of contact at each site.

Public Information

Plymouth City Council has a duty to let members of the public and businesses in the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone around the Devonport Site know in advance, what they should do in the unlikely event of a radiation emergency. This information is re-issued every three years to households and businesses as a booklet, delivered by post to addresses. In addition, an “Easy Read” edition of the booklet, has been developed and is available on request or to download through Plymouth City Council’s website (<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/devonport-offsite-emergency-plan>).

The Civil Protection Service continues to review plans for any new housing or business developments within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone and when new postal addresses are registered they will be included in the three yearly distribution plans to receive a copy of the public information booklet.

Emergency Notification System Test

The Council recognises the importance of regular testing of the emergency notification system (ENS) which is one way to alert the population around the Devonport site. The ENS will be tested during the summer of 2024, and this will be accompanied by a media campaign to ensure those residents and businesses signed up to the system have prior warning of the test.

Details on how to sign up to receive the free emergency alerts can be found on the Plymouth City Council website (www.plymouth.gov.uk/emergencies).