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# New Dimension Enhanced Command Support Capability Interim Operating Procedure

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## Summary

This circular contains the national guidance on the operating procedures for the interim enhanced command support capability.

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## 1.0 Background

**1.1** The New Dimension Programme, as a collaboration between Communities and Local Government (CLG) and the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS), has invested over £300m in enhancing the ability of the FRS to respond to major disruptive events, whatever their cause, involving chemicals, biological radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials, collapsed or unstable structures, and to displace large volumes of water.

**1.2** The final operational capability to be put in place is the enhanced command support (ECS) capability, which will be able to provide support to an incident commander during a serious emergency. National guidance has been drawn up outlining the operating procedures for the interim ECS capability. This will remain in place until the ECS capability is fully operational, expected by the end of this year.

## 2.0 ECS Interim Operating Procedure

**2.1** The national guidance for the ECS interim operating procedure is published at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/commandsupportcapability>

**2.2** As with all other New Dimension mobilisations, requests for assistance should be made to the Fire and Rescue Service National Co-ordination Centre (FRSNCC), which can be contacted as follows:

FRSNCC Primary Contact number	01274 684 914
FRSNCC Secondary Contact number	01274 713 310
FRSNCC fax number	01274 680 119
FRSNCC email address	<a href="mailto:frsncc@westyorkfire.gov.uk">frsncc@westyorkfire.gov.uk</a>

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