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Dear Colleague,

## **CABINET OFFICE GUIDANCE ON IDENTIFYING PEOPLE WHO ARE VULNERABLE IN A CRISIS**

**I am writing to announce the launch of Cabinet Office guidance on Identifying People Who Are Vulnerable in a Crisis. This guidance can be downloaded from the UK Resilience website, find it at [www.ukresilience.info/news/vulnerable.aspx](http://www.ukresilience.info/news/vulnerable.aspx).**

This guidance, produced by the Civil Contingencies Secretariat in the Cabinet Office, is intended for the development of local action plans for identifying groups of people who may be vulnerable in an emergency. It is primarily intended for those who are involved in local emergency planning for vulnerable groups, particularly those within a Local Resilience Forum who have key leadership roles in the care of vulnerable people in an emergency.

It is based on current good practice from a number of organisations, and our thanks goes to the Local Resilience Forums, Regional Resilience Forums and other organisations who have contributed to this work.

Issue of this guidance will answer Urgent Recommendation Eight of Sir Michael Pitt's Review on learning lessons from the 2007 floods - interim report:  
*The Review recommends that the guidance currently under preparation by Cabinet Office to provide local responders with advice on the definition and identification of vulnerable people and on planning to support them in an emergency should be issued urgently.*

Although the guidance is fit for purpose now, we will be reviewing it in the summer to take account of any comments received from practitioners by then, and of Sir Michael Pitt's final report.

Regards,

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