

Hazard category	Sub-category
International Event	International security incident resulting in influx of British Nationals
Hazard and threat description, plus scale	Risk reference number
Within the figures of H37, up to 10,000 British Nationals deciding to return to the UK within a 4-6 week period following serious regional conflict, a sustained terrorist campaign against UK and other western nationals, or an uncontrolled outbreak of pandemic flu.	HL43
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1. Overview of hazard or threat

Guidance definition:

“Within the figures of H37, up to 10,000 British Nationals deciding to return to the UK within a 4-6 week period following serious regional conflict, a sustained terrorist campaign against UK and other western nationals, or an uncontrolled outbreak of pandemic flu.

“The majority of the incoming British Nationals would have no UK Base and limited means to provide for themselves. May require accommodation, medical or other services. These are not non-British Nationals under EC Temporary Protection Directive arrangements”.

Key Factors:

There are no civilian airports within the Thames Valley area that would receive incoming British Nationals. Likely destinations would be London Gatwick, Luton, Stanstead and London Heathrow. Other destinations in the UK may also receive evacuees.

Two of these airports are in neighbouring Authority areas and therefore, although the TV C1Rs will not be expected to immediately receive evacuees, they may be expected to deal with the evacuees once they have arrived.

Although 50,000 is the target number of evacuees, they will be distributed between the major receiving airports. Those arriving at either Luton or Heathrow would be expected to be distributed evenly between the receiving Authority and all neighbouring Authorities, thereby lowering the number of evacuees again.

A given working figure for evacuees in the Thames Valley area would be 10,000 (refer to HL43).

2. Key historical evidence

Date	Event
2006	Evacuation from Lebanon
2005	Return of Tsunami victims

3. Likelihood

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4. Impact

Summary

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		Health	Social	Econ	Env	Overall
International security incident resulting in influx of British Nationals	Up to 50,000 British Nationals returning to UK within a 4-6 week period	Significant (4)	Significant (4)	Significant (4)	Insignificant (1)	3

Details

Impacts
Primary
Provision of immediate “emergency” shelter to large numbers of evacuees.
Provision of initial transportation.
Provision of temporary accommodation.
Public order issues.
Provision of emergency / first aid care.
Provision of Crisis Support Teams.
Provision of information centres.
Provision of interpreters (dependants).
Secondary
Provision of education.
Provision of health care.
Provision of social care.
Provision of long-term accommodation.
Provision of jobs.
Provision of welfare support / benefits.
Perceived or actual reduction in effectiveness of public services due to redirected funds and public services, possibly resulting in public order issues and / or demonstrations.

5. Vulnerability and resilience

The Thames Valley area is vulnerable to such an event as it is close to the main London airports that are likely to be the initial arrival points. Much would depend upon the manner in which the arrival of the evacuees is managed by central government. It would be a requirement to ensure that evacuees are distributed fairly throughout the country, thereby not overwhelming local resources unfairly.

The increasing population of the south east combined with the perceived lack of enhancement to the infrastructure means that the area becomes less resilient to the impacts of such an event.

6. Overall assessment

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Outcome description	Impact	Likelihood	Risk
Up to 50,000 British Nationals returning to UK within a 4-6 week period	3	4	High
Controls in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority Emergency Plans. • Berkshire Healthcare Trust Major Incident Plan • Berkshire Primary Care Organisations Major Incident Plan and Operational Response Manuals • Buckinghamshire Primary Care Organisations Major Incident Plan • Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust Major Incident Plan • Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Trust Major Incident Plan • Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust Major Incident Plan • Nuffield Orthopaedic Clinic Major Incident Plan • Oxfordshire Primary Care Organisations Major Incident Plan • Oxford Mental Health Trust Major Incident Plan • South Central Strategic Health Authority Major Incident Plan • Thames Valley Police Emergency Procedures Manual • ACPO Emergency Procedures Manual 			
Additional risk treatment required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced warning. • Coordination at highest level. 			