

OPERATIONALISING LOCAL RESILIENCE CAPABILITIES

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Abstract – Practitioner talk.

“We’re here to support you” – words which, over the last year and across every nation, have offered assurance, built confidence, responded to concerns, brought us together, and made us realise that we are not alone. These words have united national and local government colleagues, shielded persons, friends and family, volunteers, businesses, associations and networks, supply chains, neighbours, Facebook groups, and so many others as they experience the pandemic. This has formed the backbone of community resilience. In some places, local and national community resilience has been nurtured for years at a strategic level which has built deep and far-reaching partnerships to enhance community resilience within, and across, individuals, groups, organisations, and networks. This speech considers if community resilience has been enhanced during COVID-19 more widely across the UK to the extent whereby it has emerged as a local and national resilience capability. We ask – is community resilience a new local and national resilience capability?

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