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Summary of expertise and key achievements:

- A highly skilled and experienced business continuity professional with an Honours Degree in Business and Law and post graduate diploma in Business Continuity Management.
- BS25999 (The British Standard for Business Continuity Management) BSI Lead Auditor qualified
- Extensive experience across a range of sectors including health, education, local government and national charities. This has included developing and providing training, running exercises, producing and testing plans and reporting.
- Recognised as an exemplar of best practice for Business Continuity and Pandemic Flu Planning within the National Health Service (NHS).
- NHS Hounslow Business Continuity Planning – Recognised as an example of best practice by NHS London with a green indicator following an NHS London audit.
- Initiated, and led a project with the Department for Innovation Universities and Skills (DIUS) to review and reissue national flu pandemic planning guidance for the Higher Education sector with Government backing and funding.
- Set up and chaired a national Business Continuity Network for the University Sector across the United Kingdom (involving over 100 Universities).
- Led the Pandemic Flu Planning for a Local Government Organisation in close liaison with NHS Partners.
- Set up a project to recruit and train volunteers to assist in a major disaster, recognised as an exemplar of best practice by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).
- Chaired a multi agency group including Police, Fire, National Health Service, the Health Protection Agency, the Environment Agency and Trading Standards (Animal Health) to produce and publish a Regional Risk Register.
- Experienced public speaker having spoken at a number of major events including the Business Continuity EXPO, HEBCoN (Higher Education Business Continuity Network) National Conference, the ASRA (Association for Students Residential Accommodation) National Conference and the International Swine Flu Conference.
- Published a number of articles for business continuity/emergency management journals including the peer reviewed Business Continuity and Emergency Management Journal.
- Developed a Business Continuity 'Supply Chain' model, which has been recognised as best practice.
- Member of the Business Continuity Institute (MBCI), the BCI London and Eastern Region Forums and the Emergency Planning Society. (*Membership of the BCI at*

MBCI level is granted only to individuals who have evidenced that they have significant knowledge and experience in business continuity discipline and make a significant contribution to the sector. For example, I am currently working with them and a London University to develop a new Business Continuity Diploma course.)

2008 to Present: Company Director - Safer Business Associates Ltd.

Company Director of Safer Business Associates Ltd providing consultancy and training in Business Continuity Management, Emergency Planning and Flu Pandemic Planning. Clients include:

- Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust – Flu Pandemic Planning
- Hillingdon Primary Care Trust – Flu Pandemic Planning, Supporting the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team in the response to the Swine Flu Outbreak, Anti Viral Collection Point Planning and Training, Business Continuity Planning
- Islington Primary Care Trust – Flu Pandemic Lessons Learned Workshop and Report
- NHS Hounslow Business Continuity Planning – Recognised as an example of best practice by NHS London with a green indicator following an NHS London audit.
- European School of Management – Business continuity Planning
- Aston University – Emergency and Business Continuity Planning
- London University – Flu Pandemic Exercise
- City University – Regional Risk Assessment Lecture
- The Children’s Society (National Charity) – Pandemic Flu Planning and Training and Business Continuity Planning
- The Norfolk Hospice (Local Charity) – Business Continuity Planning
- Bedford Borough Council – Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Training

2007 to 2008: City University London - Business Continuity Manager

- Developed, and introduced an integrated Business Continuity and Recovery Strategy in line with BS25999 to ensure the resilience of a large and diverse organisation spread across London.
- Set up and Chaired the Higher Education Business Continuity Network (HEBCoN), a national initiative involving over 100 universities.
- Led, developed and implemented flu pandemic planning.
- Initiated, and led a project with the Department of Innovation Universities and Skills (DIUS) to review and reissue national flu pandemic planning guidance for the Higher Education sector with ministerial backing and DIUS funding.
- Wrote many articles on emergency and business continuity including the Journal of Emergency Planning and Business Continuity, Blueprint and the Times Educational Supplement.
- Was a regular speaker at major events including the Business Continuity Expo

Formulated and led business continuity training and exercises for a range of partner organisations such as Kings College London. I also led the development of a five year strategy for the Business Continuity Institute London Forum.

2002 to 2007: Cambridgeshire County Council - *Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager*

- Led a number of multi agency initiatives and chaired the following groups - The Local Resilience Forum County Risk Management Group, the Economic Resilience & Business Continuity Group, the CIPST project management working group (an initiative to recruit and train volunteers to support those affected by a major incident – this gained national Police recognition through the Association of Chief Police Officers - ACPO) the Corporate Business Continuity Group and the District Emergency Planning Officers Group. The majority of these groups were made up of Category 1 Responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, as well as local businesses and voluntary agencies.
- Led the Animal Diseases Planning for the County in close liaison with the Department of Food and Rural Affairs (including Foot and Mouth, Avian Flu and Blue Tongue etc).
- Provided management and strategic direction on the local authority's response to critical incidents and emergencies.
- Responsible for and led the organisation's media response to the 2005 fuel protests which included giving both Radio and TV interviews.
- Led the multiple evacuations of a Cambridgeshire village following the discovery of WWII bombs.
- Provided business continuity planning support and advice to Cambridgeshire County Council and District Councils, taking all of these through the business continuity lifecycle in line with PAS56 (Publicly Available Specification for Business Continuity) and BS25999.
- Developed and delivered related training programmes and exercises which included planning and participating in exercise 'Cumberland', a large scale multi-agency live CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear) decontamination exercise.

Education and Qualifications

2009 British Standards Institute Lead Auditor for BS25999

2004-2005 Coventry University: Post Graduate Diploma in Business Continuity Management

1994-1997 Anglia University Cambridge: B.A. Honours Degree: Business and Law. (2.1)

1993–1994 Fircroft College Birmingham: A Level Economics, Politics and History. GCSE Maths and English

Other Relevant Courses or Qualifications

Emergency Planning College: Impact of Animal Diseases, Media Relations & Public Information in a Crisis, Survive/BCI 3 Day Business Continuity Course, BCI 1 Day Business Continuity Course, Certificate in Event Safety Management and Site Design

Other information

I have high level Police security clearance. I am an experienced public speaker having spoken at a number of major events including the HEBCoN National Conference, the ASRA National Conference and the International Swine Flu Conference. I have written a number of articles for business continuity/emergency management journals including the peer reviewed Business Continuity and Emergency Management Journal.

Institutional Membership

I am a member of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce, the Business Continuity Institute (MBCI) the BCI London Forum and the Emergency Planning Society.