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# Lancashire Resilience Forum

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**ERAL** - Community Based Communication HUBS

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## What is ERAL?

The Lancashire Emergency Radio Area Link (ERAL) is an interoperability radio platform designed on resilience principles. It enables all Lancashire Category 1 and 2 responders (and their authorised partners) to communicate with each other during an emergency, on a common VHF radio network. Agencies can access this facility from their own radio equipment on common frequencies.

ERAL also has capability in digital mode to provide encrypted secure communication over voice and text. It has full coverage/capability across Lancashire and partial cross-border coverage into Cumbria, Yorkshire, and Merseyside.



## What does the future hold?

This project has the potential to be scaled up to other local, regional, and even national levels and to support this we will capture and share our learning while enhancing our alignment with the good and leading practice outlined in the National Resilience Standards:

- Resilience Standard 3: Communicating Risks to the Public.
- Resilience Standard 5: Community Resilience Development.
- Resilience Standard 6: Interoperability.



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