



National Standards

NHS England and NARU will now hold monthly meetings to coordinate the publication of revised standards for interoperable capabilities.

HART, MTFA, CBRN, Command and Mass Casualties will each have a National Standards document containing their contract standards for delivery by the end of this month. These standards will reflect the current capabilities rather than any enhancements which may be currently the subject of national business cases.

The national standards for interoperable capabilities will then be incorporated into the update of the NHS England EPRR Core Standards for 2018/19.

National Review of Interoperable Capabilities (the Audits)

The national review of interoperable capabilities is now complete. All Ambulance Trusts in England have received their individual reports. A national collated report, including national recommendations, has also been accepted by NHS England.

NHS England have now tasked NARU with coordinating a number of follow up activities. These will include:

- Follow up visits to all Trusts over the next 6 months to confirm and challenge action plans.
- Work with commissioners and NHS England Regional Teams to take steps to address outstanding areas of non-compliance.
- The development of a national action plan to implement or address the recommendations contained in the National Report.

National Safety Alert System

The new national safety alert system went live in February and was formally endorsed by the National Operations Group (NOG).

All safety issues relating to the interoperable capabilities must now be raised to NARU via this system. Some Trusts are still raising safety issues via emails to individual NARU Officers, a practice which must now be replaced with utilisation of the new system.

Drone Position Statement

The NOG has made a number of recommendations to the NARU Central Management Team (CMT) regarding drone operations which have been accepted. As a result, NARU has issued a revised National Position Statement. Download the statement from:

<https://naru.org.uk/naru-compliance-quality-assurance-cqa/>

Safe System Components

SOPs now available to all operational HART staff via the Proclus Dashboard. NOG approved their operational use for final testing. They will go live at the end of the month.

All operational HART staff are encouraged to provide final feedback to Jenna Davies or Nicholas Spence.

Some significant revisions are being made to the Generic Rescue Plans (GRPs). These are being turned into emergency checklists.

You can now search for any Equipment Data Sheet (EDS) via the Proclus Dashboard landing page.

HART Matrices

The consultation period for HART Matrices has been extended to the end of March. Drafts can be viewed at:

<https://naru.org.uk/naru-compliance-quality-assurance-cqa/cqa-interoperable-capabilities/>

The NOG reviewed these Matrices at their February meeting and endorsed their publication subject to some minor clarifications relating to the minimum team composition numbers included within them.