



## APRIL 2018

### Monthly Stakeholder Update NARU Compliance & Quality Assurance

#### National Standards for Command

NARU have circulated an advanced copy of the new National Standards for Ambulance Service Command and Control.

These standards will be incorporated into the next EPRR Core Standards. Trusts will be given until March 2019 to fully align to them.

The standards will also be published in the CQA section of the NARU website once they gain full NHS Gateway approval.

#### Safe System Components

- Revised HART SOPs are live and can be accessed via the Proclus Dashboard. If any HART staff or Managers require guidance on how to access them or wish to provide further feedback, please contact Jenna Davies [jenna.davies@wmas.nhs.uk].
- We are developing a specific SOP for radiation. This will put the activities and controls for a radiation incident into one place. The release of this SOP will coincide with the publication of the revised Radiation Guidance. Both the guidance and the SOP will be reviewed and approved by our nominated RPA (at Public Health England) in line with the Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017.
- Emergency checklists now added to the GRP's.
- Generic risk assessments have been drafted to cover each TIS. This will be presented for approval at the next National Trainer's Forum.
- A set of draft sub-competencies (sitting under the TIS core competencies) have been completed for review at the next National Trainer's Forum.

*For more information on the components including expanded abbreviations, refer to the CQA section of the NARU website: <https://naru.org.uk/naru-compliance-quality-assurance-cqa/>*

#### Operation Fairline

HART responders from around the country have provided mutual aid support to the Salisbury Incident. The investigation work has been complex and high risk. HART assets have provided medical cover through their CBRN capability using the national safe systems of work. NARU has supported some of the national coordination for this specialist mutual aid. HART personnel have worked exceptionally hard and provided a considerable contribution to the overall effort.

The response to the incident has led to some delays in the NARU Compliance and Quality Assurance work programme. We have put remedial plans in place and all work streams will be back on trajectory within four weeks.

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### MTFA Enhancement

Final revisions have been made to the MTFA enhancement options at the request of DHSC. Qualifying options will now be submitted for consideration at Ministerial level. We are expecting a decision before the summer recess.

An overview of the main enhancement options has been presented verbally to the last meeting of the National Operations Group. The options and the submission are sensitive and cannot be circulated wider at this stage.

### Kerslake Review (Manchester Arena Bomb)

The Kerslake Report was published on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The NARU CQA Team are undertaking a detailed review of the findings and will be working with a range of stakeholders over the coming weeks to identify learning points that may be relevant to the National Standards and safe system of work for interoperable capabilities.

### National Assurance

Follow up visits are being arranged for each English Ambulance Trust after completion of the 2017/18 Review of Interoperable Capabilities (aka audits). NHS England and NARU will be circulating a letter to Chief Executives in the next four weeks explaining the follow up process and arrangements.

### JRCALC Drafting

NARU has been working with the JRCALC editorial team to produce a revised 'special circumstances' chapter for the next iteration of the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Paramedics.

This updated content will include key information for wider Ambulance staff on the following:

- Duty of Care
- CBRN Step 1,2,3 Plus principles
- CBRN IOR and 'Remove, Remove, Remove' principles
- CBRN 'Quick Look' symptomology
- CBRN nerve agent countermeasures
- Individual Chemical Exposure (ICE) / chemical suicide initial response actions
- Basic radiation information and actions for first responding crews
- MTFA initial actions and the run, hide, tell principles (modified for responding professionals)
- Snatch rescues in water and initial water rescue actions for non-specialist responders

## ENDS

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