

## National Position Statement: SWaH Quadra's

May 2018

### Issue

There are two types of self-capture devices/descenders available nationally within HART. These are found in two different rescue packs (one provided by Heigtec, the other by Lyon).

The 'Heigtec Quadra' has been approved as an acceptable device for life-lining, lowering, hauling and descending. However, the device, through 'user error', has the potential of failure to unsafe leading to a freefall of a load. This may be attributed to a number of complexities throughout its design that are exacerbated by 'skill fade'. To reduce the risk of 'user error', it has been decided that the device should be replaced with the Petzl IDs.

### Outcome

The National Operations Group approved the decision to remove the Quadra from HART operations and replace it with the Petzl ID.

The Training Managers confirmed at the Trainers Forum meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 that it would take until the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018 to deliver all HART staff the necessary training to become competent in its use.

The National Equipment Group agreed the timescale discussed at the Trainers Forum and endorsed the content of this position statement at their meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

### Actions for Trusts

All operational HART Operatives to have undertaken the necessary training to be signed off as competent in the use of the Petzl ID within the limitations of the SOP's by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018.

All Quadra's to be removed from service by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018, or before, if all Operatives have been signed off as competent before then.

### Action for NARU

Remove the Quadra EDS from Proclus by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2018.

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