

# Memorandum

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To: **Alison Brumfitt** South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust M3185-A6  
From: **John H Large** 25 October 2009  
Cc: David Hoadley – SCANS  
Subject: **SOTONSAFE – WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER PRESENTATION**

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Large & Associates has been instructed by the Solent Coalition Against Nuclear Ships (SCANS) to present its interests at a forthcoming public meeting to be convened by Southampton City Council (SCC) on 4 November 2009. Confirmation of this instruction may be obtained from David Hoadley, Chair of the Coalition ([dhoadley@phonecoop.coop](mailto:dhoadley@phonecoop.coop)).

I refer generally to the *NHS Emergency Planning Guidance 2005* and, specifically, *Underpinning Material: Ambulance Services* and *NHS Guidance – Incidents Involving Radioactivity 2008* and I am seeking information regarding ambulance personnel attending an incident involving radioactivity under the *Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001* (REPPiR). In this respect I ask:

- 1) For those South Central Ambulance Service Trust employees engaged in the radiation emergency (ie *Reg 14* of REPPiR), that is those who have been instructed to attend the incident to attend to and/or ferry casualties as distinct from those who may be subject to radiation exposure when going about their normal duties not connected with the radiation incident is there:
  - i) an agreement between the Trust and its employees specifying a radiation dose limitation system and, if so, please provide a copy of this agreement; and
  - ii) are Trust employees subject to *Regulation 14*, particularly *Reg 14(1)(a), (b) and (c)*, and *(5)(b)(i)* when participating in REPPiR activities and at risk of exposure to ionising radiations.
- 2) In respect of its possible involvement berthed nuclear powered submarine incident at Southampton, has the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust received any specific advice from the
  - i) Department of Health Emergency Preparedness Division;
  - ii) been advised by either SCC and/or the Ministry of Defence, or any agency acting on behalf thereof, on the nature of its required involvement and, if it has, then please provide a copy of this advice;
  - iii) have individual employees of the Trust been nominated for working in a potential radiological environment and, if so, please provide the training and resourcing levels of these individuals; and

- iv) has the Trust made appropriate arrangements and established the correct protocols for the temporary isolation and decontamination of vehicles, equipment and personnel upon return from any radiological contaminated area and, if it has, please provide a copy of these arrangements and protocols?

As previously noted, this information requested is in support the presentation to be given the SCC on 4<sup>th</sup> November and, accordingly, it would assist if you are able to respond to this request and provide the information in good time before the presentation date. In your response, please refer to my order of itemisation above.

If you consider this to be a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* then it is appropriate that I note to you that S10 of the Act requires you to respond '*promptly and in any event not later than the twentieth working day*' from the date of receipt of the request.