

# Memorandum

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To: **Emergency Preparedness Division** Department of Health

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From: **John H Large**

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Cc: David Hoadley – SCANS  
South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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 ([dhoodley@phonecoop.coop](mailto:dhoodley@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* (REPPPIR). In this respect I ask:

- 1) For those Ambulance Trust employees engaged in the radiation emergency (ie *Reg 14* of REPPPIR), that is those who have been instructed to attend the incident to attend to and/or ferry casualties 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) a NHS or similar national guidance recommending the maximum dose exposure for individuals (based on gender, age, reproductive capacity, pregnancy, etc);
  - ii) national or local agreement(s) setting out the limits of exposure per incident and/or over a set period; and/or
  - iii) are ambulance trust employees subject to *Regulation 14*, particularly *Reg 14(1)(a), (b) and (c)*, and *(5)(b)(i)* when participating in REPPPIR activities and at risk of exposure to ionising radiations.
- 2) Has the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust (which, I understand, provides services to Southampton) received any specific advice from the DH Emergency Preparedness Division relating to its possible involvement in a berthed nuclear powered submarine incident from?

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*'.