



EAST AREA (North East)
STAFF SIDE REPRESENTATIVES AND MANAGEMENT MEETING
Tuesday 17 October 2006 at 1000 -1300hours
Conference Room, East Area HQ Ilford

Present:

Richard Webber (Chair), Mark Sommerville, Steve Colhoun (AOM), Paul Young (AOM), Trevor Hubbard (AOM), Cathy Rideout (AOM), Eddie Brand (Staffside Romford), Dave Smith (Staffside – Romford), Jeff Endean, Gary Hayden & David Barnes (Staffside – Whipps Cross), Hazel Smith (HR), Christine Hayley (Resources)

ITEMS FROM THE MEETING FOR REFERRAL TO A&E SUB COMMITTEE

Item for Referral	Relevant Minute Entry	Action
1. Police Central control call on an ambulance resource when their own resources are depleted	Item 3f: AOMs are in contact with local police and have raised the issue of inappropriate calls diverted from the police to EOC. The group agreed that the problem is not a local issue. Crews appear to be called to police 999 calls when police central control is overloaded, not as a backup to a police vehicle already responding. Agreed to refer this to the A&E sub committee (see item 8 below). Noted that LAS only calls on police as a backup/support when an ambulance is already responding not instead of an ambulance	
2. Complexes and reps are not receiving the dangerous address list every 6 months for them to review.	Item 3f: The group discussed the LAS list of dangerous addresses and confirmed that lists are not being received by complexes for a 6 monthly review. Agreed to refer this request to the A&E sub committee.	
3. With the abolition of ARDs, staffside feel that annual leave entitlement should be reviewed	Item 7c: EB referred to staffside's concern that as Alternative Rest Days are lost under Agenda for Change should annual leave entitlement be higher. This is not something the area can address and will be referred to the A&E sub committee.	
4. EMT4 staff are concerned that lone responder duties will become compulsory	Item 7c: Staffside raised that as lone worker policy is covered by the EMT4 course, staff are concerned that it will become compulsory to do FRU work. RW advised that lone worker has a broader remit than FRUs and that single responders could be for cat B calls not just cat A as with FRUs. Concerns are to be referred to A&E sub committee for clarification of LAS's direction on lone workers.	

5.	Clarification is required as to what calls EMT2s can respond to. Protection is needed for the type of call EMT1s crewing together and EMT2s crewing together are given	Item 9: Agreed that 2 EMT2s crewing together should be able to perform the same work as 2 EMT1s crewing together. Guidelines are currently for EMT1s but not EMT2s. Both should be able to respond to urgents and green calls. Equally both need to be protected from being sent on emergency calls. Group agreed that allocating any such crews a 75 call sign would address the problem. Agreed to refer this to the A&E sub committee.	
6.	Provision is needed for the cleaning of impounded vehicles that are not released until the crew is off duty	Item 10a: Who cleans a vehicle impounded by the police for forensic clearance which is not released until the crew is off duty? Agreed to refer this to A&E sub committee (or H&S central committee) with the recommendation that the cleaning in such circumstances is added to the LAS contract with its cleaners. The problem also needs to be drawn to the attention of the police as vehicles appear to often be impounded for clearance by a senior police manager rather than for actual forensic evidence. Agreed that maybe such occurrences need to be monitored over a 3 month period.	
7.	A review of the Single Staffing Policy is needed to ensure that the same criteria are being used service wide.	Item 10d: Discussion on who has to be stood down or transferred when overstaffed resulted in a need to review the Single Staffing Policy. Agreed that staff appear to agree that OT staff transfer to another station but in practice it is often the single. To be referred to A&E sub committee for clarification.	