



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Health Service Executive

National Ambulance Service

&

Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Glossary of Terms

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Standard Operations Procedure (SOP)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs)
- National Ambulance Service (NAS)
- Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA)
- Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC)

Introduction

The professional relationships gained throughout this MoU will benefit from mutual understandings and formalise practices between NAS and Georgian counterparts. The Parties will establish an operational working group to address key operational issues, including area of operations, communications, in education and competency assurance, control and operational training, and if necessary exchange of expertise.

At any time during the term of this MoU, either Party may propose a change or changes to any part or parts of the MoU. A Written request for change will provide an outline description of the change requested, the rationale for the change and the effect on services (where known). Both Parties must indicate in written their acceptance or rejection of the change requested, within the period agreed between the Parties. Acceptance from both Parties will be required in order to make any changes.

1. Purpose

The purpose and objectives of this MOU are to:

- 1) Identify areas of common professional procedures of both Parties in the management for the provision of pre hospital care.
- 2) Provide guidance and assistance to management and staff regarding major incidents.
- 3) Improve communications between the both Parties.
- 4) Utilise all resources efficiently and appropriately to improve service and outcomes for patients.
- 5) Promote and sustain the potential synergies of inter-agency working for the benefit of patients.
- 6) This can be achieved by both Parties sharing in communication, quality and service provision.
- 7) Identify areas of educational programme exchange modules to be scoped and developed.

2. Scope

This MoU applies to all staff of the Parties. It should be noted that the scope of this MoU does not affect the responsibility of the staff of either of Parties. Staff will continue to operate in accordance with National Regulators of respective Parties, in Ireland these are Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) and Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA).

3. Review and application

The respective authorities of the Parties will meet as required, to review the working of this Memorandum. Special meetings may be called by either of the Parties to resolve any immediate operational difficulties.

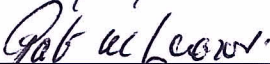
IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Memorandum of Understanding is agreed by the Parties as follows:

Signed by:

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Martin Dunne
Director of the National Ambulance Service

Date: 10/10/2015

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Pat McCreanor
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Date: 10/09/15

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Avtandil Talakvadze
Head of Emergency Situations Coordination and Regime Department
Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Date: 10.09.2015
