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# 2015 Maritime Health Seminar

## **Emergency Medicine and Evacuation**

**Between the devil  
and the deep blue sea**



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# Housekeeping

- Fire alarms, exits, muster point
- Mobile phones to silent/vibrate



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# Why this theme? And why now?

- Variations in restrictions are appearing causing confusion for employers and seafarers
- UK Near Coastal Waters Only or **defined** coastal waters
- What do we want to achieve with this restriction, and what sort of people need it?
- Legal definition: within 150 miles from a safe haven in the UK and 30 miles from a safe haven in Eire.



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Needed an extension to include SW coast of Ireland





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# What's new?

- Electronic record system...
  - MAT working night and day!
  - Tender process under way
  - Going to EB in December for approval
  - Charlotte and Craig from IT projects will tell us more later, and are here at lunchtime to answer any queries



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# Programme for Today

Three speakers - helicopter operations

Two speakers - specific medical conditions where restricted certificates may be necessary

Table discussions

- Morning - cases over the year, specifically relating to topics covered by our speakers (plus others of interest).
- Afternoon – summary of morning discussions
  - Referee cases and discussion



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# Audit of Approved Doctors 2015



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# Overview

- 230 Approved Doctors
- Plan to visit (or Skype) all at some point depending on when Tim last audited
- So far I have audited 76 doctors three via Skype (VOIP)





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# Purpose of audit

- Review premises and records
- Discuss decisions and difficult cases
- Get your feedback and opinions
- Primarily to ensure that the quality of our medical examination process remains high, and procedures consistent
- Aim to be/remain the best in the world



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# How do we choose who to visit?

- Top priority – new ADs
- Any who have an unusual pattern of work
  - High or low case numbers
  - Unusual population
- Any who have received complaints or concerns have been raised
- If I'm in the area or haven't visited you before!



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# AUDIT VISIT RESULTS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
No follow-up required	10	6	1	4	11	3	2
Minor non-conformities	8	2	16	9	17	14	13
Major / multiple non-conformities	7	7	7	2	4	9	32
Change in approval status	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>



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# Audit findings – very similar to last year!

- Ensure full information given prior to appointment
- Seafarer should not complete history on ENG 2
- Calibration, particularly scales
- VA - notation used in standards
- Clearly mark measured distance to Snellen chart
- Use 24 Ishihara plates randomly, AD check new to sea
- Undress candidate (herniae), ensure privacy, chaperone
- Destroy ALL hard and digital copies of AD 2010 Manual
- Fully complete ENG 2 including rationale for decision
- Wording of Near Coastal restrictions
- Records – allow accessibility and continuity



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# Have we achieved our aim for today?

- UK Near Coastal Waters Only, or other **defined** coastal areas
- Implies that the seafarer needs to be in a position to reach safe haven, in more urgent cases involving helicopter
- Hopefully everyone has a clearer idea of what this might imply, and what constraints exist



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Thank you for your input -  
Your opinions at the case discussions  
are the most important part of the  
meeting!

See you next year – if not before