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**ACCESS TO PRISONS FOR THE LAS**

**Our principle concerns are as follows:**

* The need for effective collaboration between the secure estate and ambulance services, to ensure the fastest possible access for paramedics providing care in medical emergencies.
* The need for effective protocols that quickly release prison staff to escort paramedics to direct patient contact.
* Responding more quickly to prisoners who have attempted suicide.
* The need for a data sharing agreement, so that ambulance services and the secure estate can produce accurate data sets, showing where delays are occurring and what can be learnt between different secure institutions.
* Greater independence for the Safeguarding process in the secure estate and better co-working with local authority Safeguarding teams.
* Assurance regarding equality of access to healthcare for people who are detained in the secure estate.
* Prisons, YOI and IRC

**Key documents:**

1. **Minister of Justice – 17-2-2011**

* Facilitating immediate access to both prison and individual prisoner
* Terms of immediate access protocol agreed with each Ambulance Trust
* Mechanism for avoiding delay in escorting ambulance to patient
* Regular reviews of protocol
* Agreed means of monitoring and reviewing operation of protocol
* Prison escort staff and paramedics – space in ambulance – need for local agreement.

1. **FOI requests – one positive response – YOI Isis, SE28 – Very positive**
2. **MOU – HMP Greater London and LAS – 2016 – October 1**

* Appropriate response in quickest possible time.
* Clear protocol identifying the required information to be obtained to ensure an appropriate response to patients
* Minimizing avoidable delay
* Day to day implementation of MoU – Safer Custody lead for London
* Will be monitored closely by both organisations using staff feedback as appropriate.
* Six months review of guidance after go live date – no evidence
* Agreed to review effectiveness – minimum annually
* Issue of IPADS and CmC etc
* Emergency response – 30 minutes – ARP – see attached – why is prison not consistent with ARP
* Role of Ambulance Request Call Log – is data used?

1. **NOMS and AACE**

* Prison establishment and ASs working to agreed standards to ensure that any prisoner receives high quality emergency care.
* Prison establishment can facilitate the immediate access and egress to emergency vehicles wherever possible without compromising security.
* Preservation of life is paramount.
* Respect the rights of patient as an individual who has health care needs.
* Once entry to the establishment has been granted, the ambulance crew will be escorted immediately to the incident.
* In the majority of cases emergency vehicles will be given immediate access into the Prison establishment.
* On arrival at the establishment an escort will be provided for the emergency vehicle which will then be taken directly to the scene.

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**AACE is the overarching national agreement,**

**The second is one agreed with the Safer Custody Lead for London with the MoJ and is more detailed. Covering the London Prisons.**

**The second (local) is in progress for updating: there will not significant changes to it.**

**Regards**

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