

RNLI LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURE

LOP – Potential Migrant Service Considerations

Objective

To ensure that the correct procedures are carried out when engaged in services where potential migrants may be involved.

Validation

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Reference Documentation

Horizon Notice GU1044 Migrant Crisis

Hazards

Health risks	Weather and sea conditions
Physical conflict	

Safety, Health and Environment



Caution



Protective clothing must be worn



Lifejackets to be worn



Safety gloves must be worn

IN addition to the detail listed in Horizon Notice GU1044, the following points should be considered in the event of a service where a potential migrant situation presents itself:

- We should not be launched in a policing on enforcement capacity unless lives of casualties are at risk.
- Ensure suitable assets are tasked with sufficient casualty capacity and support as required.
- If not already aware, inform CG asap and ensure that all authorities (Police / Border Force / Port etc) are notified.
- Request via the CG or Port Control that the Lower Camber, Sheerness Docks, be selected as the landing site. This site is within a secure area of the Docks.

- Dynamically risk assess any potential safety and physical risk implications – if in doubt, always err on the side of caution.
- Ensure correct PPE, including disposable gloves, are worn prior to any contact with casualties.
- Ensure appropriate decontamination is actioned, including good hand washing, cleaning of equipment and disposal of contaminated items.
- Once the service is underway, ensure the LPO is made aware and that the media are managed appropriately. Inform the COIR (Ops Room) immediately and ensure the duty press officer is notified.
- Ordinarily, we will direct any media enquiries to the Border Force, however if necessary, ensure any media engagement remains factual and without judgement in accordance with the Horizon Notice GU1044.

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