



UNISON CALLS FOR ALL MP's TO SUPPORT EARLY DAY MOTION 864

UNISON in the East of England Ambulance Service calls for all Members of Parliament to support the Early Day Motion around the way some ambulance trusts are meeting the A19 target of reaching a total number of category 'A' calls with a fully equipped ambulance, able to transport a patient in a clinically safe manner, on arrival at the scene of an incident within 19 minutes, irrespective of location, in 95 per cent of cases.

It is noted by UNISON, that this target is being routinely claimed when a solo rapid response vehicle (RRV) or a car is logged as being on scene. UNISON believes the A19 target should ONLY be met by the ACTUAL transporting resource; in most cases an Ambulance and NOT an RRV.

UNISON believes that this target is being widely claimed by the East of England Ambulance Trust (EEAST) & other ambulance Trust's on the arrival of an RRV. In most cases this is unable to transport Category A patients, who as the most critically ill or injured are most likely to need rapid transport in an Emergency Ambulance.

EEAST is manning RRV's over ambulances in order to achieve these targets; this is highlighted particularly for patients in North Norfolk, who have poor clinical outcomes particularly when suffering from strokes.

UNISON East of England Ambulance, Branch Secretary, Gary Applin says " it's time the government looked at forcing ambulance trust's to get the right resource, properly equipped to the patient with the ability to transport the patients to hospital in a clinically safe manner in there time of need and get rid of the loophole of classing an RRV as a transportable resource". "We urge all MP's to support the Early Day Motion 864"

The complete text for the Early Day Motion can be found at <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/864>

More details can be found at www.changeA19.org

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