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Comhlachas Ionadaíoch Seirbhís Otharcharr Náisúnta

Ref: DK LG Lr 06-11

**Inspectorate
Health & Safety Authority
Metropolitan Building
James Joyce Street
Dublin 1**

29th June 2011

Re: Lone Responders

Dear Inspectorate,

Ambulance Personnel in Galway & Dublin have raised concerns re the policy of sending out individual Ambulance Personnel as sole responders. Without significant safeguards the Ambulance Paramedics believe the policy to be reckless and endangering of staff.

Unfortunately attacks on Ambulance Paramedics are all too frequent. Some areas of both cities present a greater threat than others. Some Paramedics carry drugs which are much sought after within the drug abusing sections of society. Representative of the Paramedics in each city are available to meet and discuss their concerns with your inspectors.

Yours Sincerely,

**Des Kavanagh
General Secretary**

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