

## **Air Ambulance Operations Notice 2/08**

**Dated:** 24<sup>nd</sup> January, 2008.

**Subject:** On-line advice from Medico, Cork.

Medico, Cork are the HSE unit with a responsibility for providing on-line medical advice to the Irish Coast Guard in relation to supporting ships crews with medical advice. Medico, Cork have agreed to assist the ambulance service in providing similar advice.

This will apply in situations where a call for an emergency helicopter transfer is received from an off-shore Island. In order to ensure that helicopter resources are properly used and that the appropriate patients receive this service, the EMC dealing with such calls will use the following procedure:

1. The EMC will patch the caller through to Medico Cork where a senior emergency care practitioner will discuss the details of the patient's condition with the caller, give appropriate medical advice and provide a direction on the category of the medical emergency.
2. The EMC will respond to this advice by using the resources outlined by category in Annex I to meet the needs of the patient concerned."

**Signed:**

**Ray Bonar  
Chief Ambulance Officer**