

EMERGENCY ACTION CARD

Ambulance Breakdown

v1.0

This EAC compliments the Breakdown SOP and includes the Retrieve clinical team actions only

START

1 Prioritise team safety

- Is the vehicle in a safe place and visible to oncoming traffic?
- Do the police need to be informed?
- Who needs to remain in the vehicle if a patient is on board?
- Is there risk of fire?
- Could weather hinder progress of a replacement vehicle?

2 Consider patient safety (assume you will have 1-2 hour delay)

- Is the patient clinically stable?
- Is there sufficient oxygen supply?
- How long are the team prepared to wait for replacement vehicle?
- Infusion / drug supply
- Equipment battery life if inverter off
- Where is the nearest appropriate hospital in relation to current position?

3 Leave vehicle if safe to do so

- Don high visibility jackets
- If no patient on board, take drug bag with you

4 Contact Leadership Team SPOC

5 Contact referring or receiving hospital

- Inform of breakdown and keep them updated
- Referring hospital: Duty Consultant to consider whether SWASFT ambulance required (if so, agree with referring hospital and contact SWASFT through BAEMS)
- Receiving hospital: BAEMS will contact SWASFT via 999

Box A: RELATED EACS

- Oxygen supply failure
- Electrical supply failure