

News story: Zarga report published

MAIB's report on the investigation of the failure of a mooring line on board the LNG carrier Zarga while alongside the South Hook LNG terminal, Milford Haven, resulting in serious injury to a deck officer on 2 March 2015 is now published.

The report contains details of what happened, the subsequent actions taken and recommendations made.

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Press release: Brokenshire: NI public voted for strong voice at Stormont

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland said:

The Prime Minister and I will meet the five main Northern Ireland political parties in Downing Street tomorrow to build on the political discussions that restarted on Monday in Belfast.

The UK government is offering whatever support we can, working alongside the Irish government, as appropriate, honouring our respective commitments in the Belfast Agreement to serve the interests of the whole community in Northern Ireland.

There is very little time left. An agreement to restore devolved power-sharing government in Stormont must be reached by the 29 June deadline.

Ultimately, I think the parties understand people voted in the March Assembly elections for a strong voice at Stormont. Northern Ireland's political leaders now have it in their hands to take control and shape a brighter future for everyone in Northern Ireland.

News story: Minister supports police action to tackle knife crime

The Home Office hosted an event for police forces across the country to try to break the cycle of knife crime.

At the briefing, minister Sarah Newton encouraged more forces to join the Operation Sceptre week of co-ordinated police action on knife crime in July.

There are currently 29 police forces expected to take part, the largest number since it launched 2 years ago.

Sarah Newton MP, The Minister for Vulnerability, Safeguarding and Countering Extremism said:

Knife crime has devastating effects on victims, families and communities. I am hugely encouraged that a record 29 forces have signed up to be part of next month's Operation Sceptre and I hope more join in the next couple of weeks.

We must break this cycle of violence and address the perception of young people who say they need to carry a knife to protect themselves. Let me be clear – knives have no place on our streets – and the Government is committed to working with the police to tackle this issue.

Operation Sceptre is an ongoing series of weeks of intensified action on knife crime, including targeted stop and searches, weapon sweeps, test purchases of knives from retailers, and the use of surrender bins. During a previous week of the operation in October 2016:

- 21 police forces across the country took part
- more than 1,200 weapons were seized
- more than 300 arrests were made
- more than 720 knives were placed in amnesty bins

The event at the Home Office was held in conjunction with the National Police Chiefs Council and the Metropolitan Police. In a speech to attendees, Sarah Newton set out the government's approach to tackling knife crime. This approach included:

- working closely with police and law enforcement, including by supporting Operation Sceptre
- tightening the legislative framework, for example through the introduction of mandatory minimum custodial sentences for repeat convictions and a ban on zombie knives
- working with retailers to prevent the sale of knives to under 18s
- promoting and providing early intervention by working with voluntary sector organisations

The minister stressed that she is keen to support and encourage initiatives that work directly with young people. She also highlighted that a mix of agencies working together is key to tackling the issues around knife crime.

The next Operation Sceptre week of action will begin on 17 July.

Government response: Give safely to support those affected by Grenfell Tower Fire

We are saddened to hear of the tragic events in West London. There are many registered charities on the ground doing what they do best to assist those who have been affected. We are urging members of the public that wish to make donations to check that they give to a registered charity in order to best support those affected, and also importantly to check with those charities what support they need – whether that is money, time or other essential supplies.

News story: Crime news: checking the police station representatives register

Register sits with Standard Crime Contract 2017 documents and you can review your details using the Defence Solicitor Call Centre Online.

We have moved the police station representatives register to sit with the Standard Crime Contract 2017 documents and this will continue to be updated monthly.

This register contains the names of probationary and accredited representatives being used for police station advice.

If you think the list is not 100% accurate you will need to make changes through the Defence Solicitor Call Centre (DSCC) Online.

You can do this by updating the details yourself or by email using the online contact option in the right hand menu on the front page of the portal.

It is the responsibility of all solicitors and representatives using DSCC to make sure all the information being held on the online systems is correct.

Secure online access

Direct and secure online access is available to all providers with registered advisers – see below. You can view and make real time amendments to the records held by DSCC for all advisers attached to your firm. This includes:

- rota slots
- acceptance rates
- DSCC records accepted by your firm in past year

It is also possible to perform duty swaps.

Further Information

[Standard Crime Contract 2017](#) – to view police station representatives register

[Defence Solicitor Call Centre Online](#) – secure access to DSCC records for providers with registered advisers