

Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann 2017 - ENNIS Draft Medical Plan

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1.0 DRAFT MEDICAL PLAN (Incorporating Draft Emergency Plan)

Section 1

1.1 Introduction and Objectives

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017 takes place from the 13th to the 21st August 2017 in Ennis, Co. Clare.

The Fleadh will be the largest festival of music, song and dance in Ireland with people gathering from all over the world for the large cultural celebration. It is expected that there will be approximately 300,000 persons visiting and competing over the duration of the event. It is likely that between 70 – 80,000 people may be present at the event at any given time over the peak period of the final weekend. Based on past events the audience profile attending individual venues is mixed Family Groups.

The overall event will be accommodated over the following:

- Various indoor venues which will be utilized mainly for competitions and learning workshops (Scoil Éigse).
- Streets where there will be impromptu sessions where performers will play various traditional instruments.
- Abbey Street Car Park will accommodate a Gig Rig where there will be a running schedule for the week of the event.
- Campsites which will accommodate various groups such as families and single groups (possibly one single campsite)

The following Medical Plan has been developed in line with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, part 16 Licensing of Outdoor Events with due regard to the HSE document produced in 2013 i.e. “Health Service Executive Requirements and Guidance for Outdoor Events. This Chapter has been prepared by *Safety Solutions* in consultation with *members of the HSE Emergency Planning Office and Clare Co Council*. The Promoter for the 2016 Fleadh in Clare is Ennis Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.

The main objective of the promoter and indeed the main objective of the Medical Plan will be to:

- Ensure that required Medical Treatment is available and administered to persons in need of it immediately
- Reduce the exposure to existing medical services in the region.

Section 2

2.1 Event Medical Management Details

Event Medical Coordinator	Noel Carmody
Deputy Medical Coordinator	Victor Moloney
Civil Defence Officer	Noel Carmody
Civil Defence Communications Officer	Brendan Fitzgerald

There will be a number of venues required for coordination of Medical Arrangements they are as follows:

Venue	Description
Medical Control	Medical Coordinator may be based here, all event medical communications channeled through here. This will be located at the Council offices alongside Event Control.
Medical Centre	Centrally located venue where casualties can be treated or assessed, this venue will be fully staffed during the event from 20.00hrs – 01.00hrs from the 18 th -20 th August inclusive. Staffing levels detailed in section 2.4.1 This centre has excellent access and egress as well as appropriate welfare facilities for staff and casualties. The Scout Hall, Station Road, Ennis
Ambulance Posts	There will be a number of ambulance posts provided for at various points throughout the event, this is detailed in section 2.4.1
Helipad	The current location for the helipad is Tim Smythe Park. The organisers plan to provide a Dome on this park for the event. For the Duration of the Fleadh the Emergency Helipad will be located at Glenina, Gort Road. NEOC will notify the Army and Aeormedical of this location Note: this location has previously accommodated similar and larger aircraft such as coastguard helicopter. It is the same location as for Fleadh 2016.

2.1.1 Duties of the Medical Coordinator

- Act as the single point of contact for the Medical Plan.
- Participate in Medical/Event planning meetings and sign off on Event Medical Plan and any drills and rehearsals
- To provide overall coordination of the various medical services providing cover at the event.
- To act as point of contact for the HSE Environmental Health Service
- To liaise with the Event Organisers, Event Controller, Event Safety Officer, the National Ambulance Service Control, the Voluntary Emergency Services, An Garda Síochána, the HSE Environmental Health Service and any other relevant agencies/personnel.
- To allocate medical resources effectively prior to and during the event and to keep a register of all those who have roles in the event medical plan.
- To ensure that all relevant process and contact details are in place for effective and efficient communications.
- To ensure that the appropriate PPE has been provided
- To establish and maintain links throughout the event as appropriate with the receiving hospitals and the HSE emergency services
- To ensure that the Patient Care Report forms are completed for all medical assists and provide a summary to the event organizers post event
- To attend end of event debrief
- Ensure command structure is established.
- The Medical Co-ordinator will ensure there is an appropriate skill mix of staff operating at this event. The organisers through the Medical Co-ordinator will ensure all event medical personnel will operate within their scope of practice, as defined by Irish Medical Council (doctors), An Bord Altranais (nurses) and Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (Advanced Paramedics, Paramedics, EMT's and Emergency First Responders) and will be registered with the relevant appropriate professional body.
- The Medical Coordinator will make contact with the National Ambulance Service National Emergency Operations Centre Duty Manager daily to establish a line of communication.

2.2 Event Control/Operational Timing

Medical Control will be set up in Council offices. This will be in close proximity to overall Event Control. Medical Control will be the place where the Medical Coordinator will be situated. All event medical communications will be channelled through Medical Control.

A dedicated medical emergency number will be provided for the event; this will be used for event medical calls and will be provided to all event and non-event personnel such as:

- HSE National Ambulance Service
- An Garda Síochána
- Event Controller
- Safety Officer
- Chief Steward/All Stewards
- Event Organisers

The operational timings of Event Control and Medical Control will be as follows:

Date	Operational Timing	Comments
Thursday 17th	10am-12 midnight	Fully Operational
Friday 18th	10am-12 midnight	Fully Operational
Saturday 19th	10am-12 midnight	Fully Operational
Sunday 20th	10am-Close of Schedule at the Gig Rig (possibly after 12 midnight)	Fully Operational

Consideration to noise from the event has been give to the location of Medical Control and Medical Centre and the operation of these will not be affected by noise from the event

2.3 Medical Personnel

Apart from the Medical Coordinator and the Deputy Medical Coordinator there will be a number of additional personnel available for the event they will be as follows.

- General Practitioners
- Advanced Paramedics
- Paramedics
- Nurses (RGN)
- EMT's
- EFR's
- OFA's
- CFR's

2.3.1 Voluntary Organisations

The Civil Defence will provide first aid cover to the event.

2.3.2 Voluntary Organisations Personnel Duties and responsibilities

Provide first aid staff & ambulances as agreed within their patient care protocols

- Operate within their level of competence
- Be identifiable in high visibility/reflective uniform
- Be 18 years and over
- Report any concerns in respect to audience safety to the Event Safety Officer via their senior officer/Medical Control.
- Be present on site at the agreed start time and remain on site until such time as medical/First Aid operations are stood down
- To transport patients both on and off site as directed
- Perform their duties in accordance with their level of training.
- Complete all documentation required in relation to patient care.
- Will direct all media enquiries to the relevant PRO/Media personnel.

2.3.3 Staff Parking Arrangements

Parking arrangements will be provided for all medical staff attending the event; the Civil Defence has parking facilities located at the Civil Defence HQ, Quin Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

2.4 Medical Posts/Staffing

2.4.1 Medical Posts arrangements

The following table details the **minimum** staffing levels that will be provided and additional details of medical venues/posts for the event. The locations have been selected on the basis of crowd concentration and activity.

Date	Event	Location	Medical Cover	Shift Times
13/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Ennis Town	Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR & EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
		Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & Paramedic) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR & EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
14/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
15/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
16/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances Fleadh TV	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
		FTV Dome The Market	1 x Static Ambulance Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2 RRV x 1 (Paramedic & EFR)	Times to be confirmed 18.00hrs To 00.00hrs

Date	Event	Location	Medical Cover	Shift Times
17/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Fleadh TV	FTV Dome The Market	1 x Static Ambulance Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 1 Tim Smythe Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 2 Rice College	RRV x 1 (Paramedic & EFR)	18.00hrs to 00.00hrs
18/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Fleadh TV	FTV Dome The Market	1 x Static Ambulance Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 1 Tim Smythe Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 2 Rice College	RRV x 1 (Paramedic & EFR)	18.00hrs to 00.00hrs

Date	Event	Location	Medical Cover	Shift Times
19/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 3	Times to be confirmed
	Fleadh TV	FTV Dome The Market	1 x Static Ambulance Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 1 Tim Smythe Park	1 x Static Ambulance (OFA, EFR, EMT) Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 2 Rice College	RRV x 1 (Paramedic & EFR)	18.00hrs to 00.00hrs

Date	Event	Location	Medical Cover	Shift Times
20/08/2017	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1	Times to be confirmed
	Gig Rig Performances	Abbey Street Car Park	1 x Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR) PTB x 1 (EMT/Driver) Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Fleadh TV	FTV Dome The Market	Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 2	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 1 Tim Smythe Park	Static Ambulance (EMT & EFR)	Times to be confirmed
	Concert	Dome 2 Rice College	Mobile Medical Crews (OFA, EFR, EMT) x 1 RRV x 1 (Paramedic & EFR)	18.00hrs to 00.00hrs

- Note First aid provision will be provided at the campsite, the timings of first aid cover will be determined as per the occupancy, when this cover is provided the minimum level of cover will be EMT.

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Date	Location	Medical Cover Provided	Shift Times
18/08/2017	The Scout Hall Station Road Ennis	1 x Treatment Bay 1 x Resuscitation Bay 1 x Ambulance 1 x PTB (Driver) 1x MD/AP 1 x RGN 3 x EFR	20.00hrs to 01.00hrs
19/08/2017	The Scout Hall Station Road Ennis	1 x Treatment Bay 1 x Resuscitation Bay 1 x Ambulance 1 x PTB (Driver) 1x MD/AP 1 x RGN 3 x EFR	20.00hrs to 01.00hrs
20/08/2017	The Scout Hall Station Road Ennis	1 x Treatment Bay 1 x Resuscitation Bay 1 x Ambulance 1 x PTB (Driver) 1x MD/AP 1 x RGN 3 x EFR	20.00hrs to 01.00hrs

This is the minimum medical cover which will be provided for the Medical Centre, additional resources can be arranged if required.

Mobile Medical Crews will consist of a minimum of 1 x EFR & 1 x OFA/FAR

2.4.2 First Aid Posts Procedures

The following procedures apply to first aid posts:

- Crews manning a First Aid Post must report to Medical Control once post is operational.
- The post should be manned by agreed complement at all times.
- Procedure for treatment of patients in the First Aid Post should follow the Patient Management Procedures detailed in this document
- Where there is doubt about a patient's condition a member of the Post crew must contact medical control/ doctor for their advice and direction on the situation.
- With all suspected medical conditions, a doctor must be consulted.
- No medication of any type is to be administered to a patient at a First Aid Post without the direction of a Practitioner.
- All relevant patient and treatment details must be recorded on the relevant form and returned to Medical Control at the end of each day.
- On completion of the day's duty the person in charge of the post must ensure that:
 - a) The post is secure.
 - b) All relevant forms are handed in to the Medical Coordinator.
 - c) All communications equipment is handed back to Medical Control.

First Aid Posts will only be closed down on the direction of Medical Control.

The following applies in situations where ambulances are to be used as first aid posts

A backfill system will be in force and will be applied whereby no ambulance being used as a first aid post will leave their designated post without being replaced simultaneously by another similar ambulance. Spare ambulance capacity will be available as required. These will be used to backfill existing ambulance points where required.

Welfare facilities in the immediate vicinity will be utilized by the persons manning these first aid points.

In all cases the organizers will endeavor to ensure that all First Aid posts and provision meet the requirements of the HSA published *Guidelines on First Aid at Places at Work (2008)*

The following indicates the patient management procedure to be adhered to during the Fleadh:

Level 1

Patients who present to the onsite First Aid Posts will be initially assessed by the first aid staff at this facility. Following this quick assessment and noting of the suspected condition the patient will either be administered first aid treatment and discharged from the facility or referred to the next available level of care available. At this stage the patient's details must be recorded on the approved PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) patient report form. If patient is encountered in the field away from a First Aid Post and further treatment is required the patient must be transported to the nearest First Aid Post. If the patient is unable to undertake this journey due to the nature of their condition then further assistance must be requested via medical control.

Level 2

Patients at First Aid Posts who require further assistance outside the scope of first aid should be referred to the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at the post who will assess the patient further and administer treatment as required prior to discharge. Emergency Medical Technicians may also encounter patients in the field and will adhere to the procedures laid down in level one for the management of patients.

Level 3

Patients requiring further assessment and/or treatment off site will be referred to an appropriate medical facility. Contact must be made via the Control with the proposed receiving hospital given the details of the intended transfer. No patient should be sent to a medical facility off site without first going through Medical Control.

2.4.3 Documentation

All medical and first aid providers will provide a report for each patient. This will be completed on the PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) patient report form; the form should be filled in as applicable with all available details recorded. The patient form is transported with the patient to be issued to HSE staff at the applicable Hospital should the patient require additional care. The copy of the form (there is one copy in addition to the original) is held by the first aid organization acting on behalf of the event organiser.

The PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) patient report form will be completed as appropriate to each case for all enquires to First Aid Posts.

2.4.4 Controlled Drugs

The following table details the drugs that may be available and administered at the event.

Note that the use of any controlled drugs will be recorded on the (PCR) Patient Care Report Form.

Drug	Who may administer	What circumstances should the drug be administered
Aspirin 300mgs	CFR, OFA, EFR, EMT, P, AP	Cardiac Chest pain
Salbutamol	EFR (assist only) EMT, P, AP	Bronchospasm
GTN	EFR (assist only) EMT, P, AP	Angina, Suspected MI
Oxygen	EFR, EMT, P, AP	Absent / inadequate breathing following an acute medical / trauma event
Entonox	EMT, P, AP	Severe pain mainly due to trauma
Epinephrine injection	EMT, P, AP	Anaphylactic shock
Glucose Gel	EFR (Known diabetic only) EMT, P, AP	Hypoglycemia

2.4.5 Procedure for Controlled Drugs

- Requisitioning: According to Civil Defence policy and with arrangements with Clarecastle Pharmacy.
- Supply: As per Civil Defence policy
- Storage: In locked cabinet and coded medicine bags as per responder level
- Record Keeping: As per PCR
- Return: As per Civil Defence Policy
- Disposal: as per Civil Defence policy
- Action in the event of loss: As per Civil Defence policy

2.4.6 Patient Discharge

- Patients may be discharged back to the site if their complaint is minor (e.g. Simple wound, uncomplicated headache, sore throat).
- Patients who require further assessment, (e.g. ECG) will be referred to the hospital in addition to those clearly requiring admission.
- The PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) patient report form incorporates a discharge section and will be used in all cases.

2.4.7 Referrals to Hospital

All patients who require further treatment at hospital should be sent to the Emergency Department, Limerick University Hospital (24hrs) or Galway University Hospital (24hrs) with the completed PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) patient report form; receiving hospitals and type of ambulance for each patient will be decided by the H.S.E. Ambulance Officer.

No patient should be sent to hospital from the event without having been assessed first except in exceptional circumstances, by an authorised professional.

2.5. Proximity to Definitive Care

Each individual event location including the camping and caravan sites are within a two mile distance of Ennis General Hospital.

Hospital	Road Transit Time	Turnaround Time
Limerick University Hospital	30 minutes	1.5 Hours approx
Galway University Hospital	45 minutes	2 Hours approx

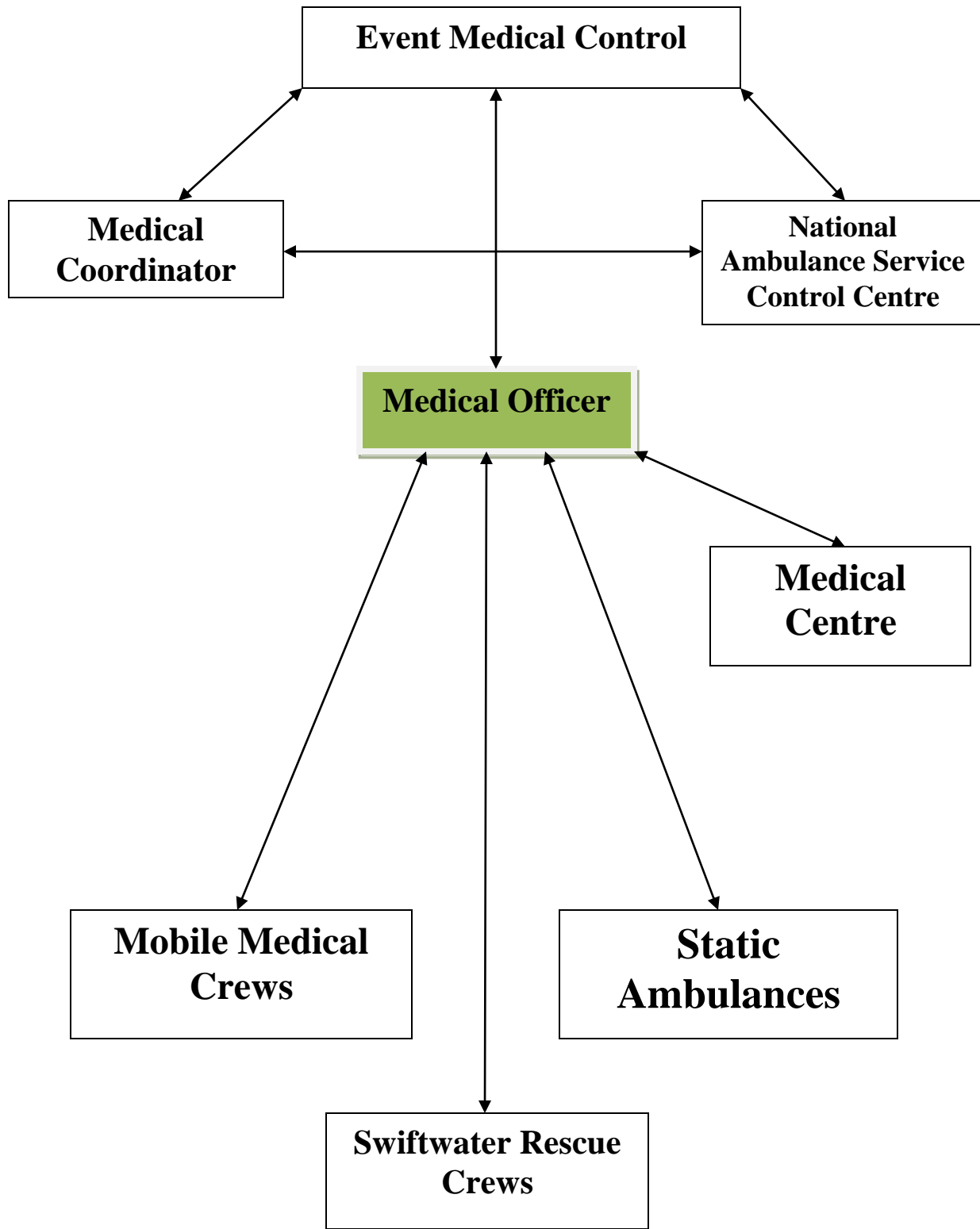
2.6. Pharmacies

All pharmacies in the town will be subject to their normal opening hours during the Fleadh this is typically 9.30am to 6pm Monday to Saturday

It is hoped that a designated pharmacy will open later each night of the Fleadh until 8.00pm in order to meet any additional demand that may be exerted upon their services.

Findings from previous Fleadhanna indicated minimal additional demand on pharmacy services. Pharmacy Sunday opening will also be provided as part of the standard Sunday opening roster arrangements. An agreement will be negotiated with Clarecastle Pharmacy (registered medication supplier to Clare Civil Defence) prior to the Fleadh 2017 to ensure the immediate availability of additional meds should the need arise.

2.7 Medical Control Communication Structure



Section 3

3.1.1 Event Medical Communications (Refer to previous section)

Event medical radio communications will be managed by Clare County Civil Defence based at Event Control. Event medical communications will provide a link with event medical/first aid services and the HSE Ambulance Service Control Centre as well as Ennis, Limerick & Galway Hospitals. Event Medical communications shall also have direct radio contact with the following persons:

- Event Controller
- An Garda Síochána (Senior Guard on duty)
- Safety Officer

The Medical Controller, NAS liaison Officer and Event Controller were located in the same Control Room in recent Fleadhanna, this arrangement worked well and resulted in clear and effective communications. It is expected that Event Controller, Medical Controller, Garda Controller, Safety Officer, Fire Control and Security Control will all communicate via a dedicated channel on Event Control Radios.

Communications will be also be available via landline and mobile phones, satellite phone equipment is also available at the Fire Station.

Calls will be handled in a number of ways depending on the type and what is required.

Medical control: where all communications will be handled for movement of ambulances and personnel, handling of incidents, and all medical issues.

Calls for assistance may be received in a number of ways

- By telephone (landline)
- By mobile phone
- By radio
- Running call by medical personnel already close to the incident.
- From ambulance control
- From Garda control

All information will be logged

The following details to be confirmed:

- L Location Where exactly are you?
- I Incident What has happened?
- R Requirement What exactly do you need?
- A Acknowledge Were you heard?

All callers to clearly identify themselves.

All incoming incident calls will be prioritised should there be a large number of calls received at once. Medical control will prioritise according to the severity of injury, the appropriate level of response will then be sent to each incident, and calls will be dispatched via the medical control radio network.

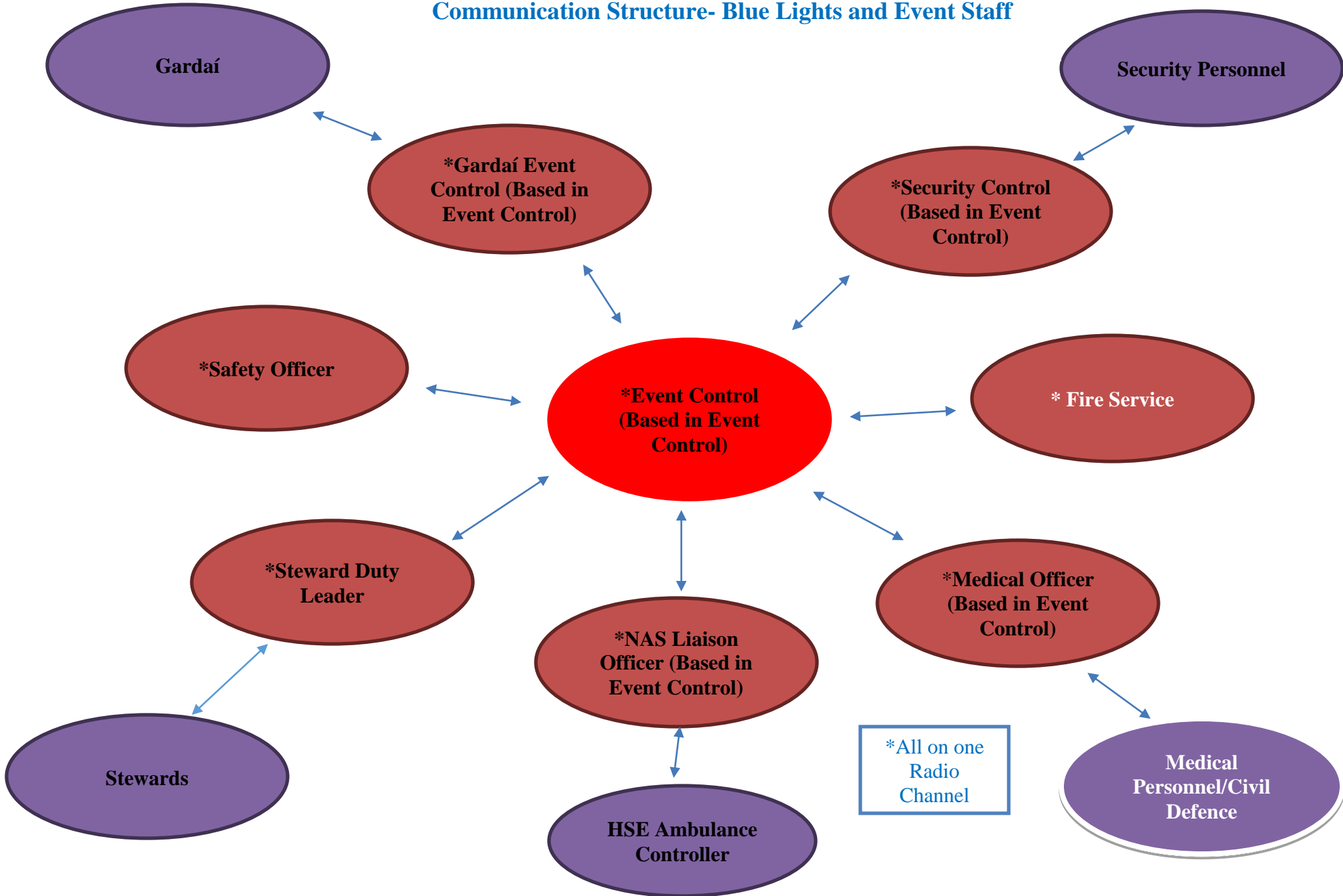
Call Signs

Call signs will be allocated at the commencement of each day.

A chronological login hard copy of all activity to medical control will be maintained.

The following is a sample of how medical communications would operate at the event.

Fleadh Event Communication Structure- Blue Lights and Event Staff



3.2 112/999 Calls from the Public at the Event.

In the case of 112/999 calls being made by a member of the public at the event site the following will apply:

- Ambulance Control to contact Event Medical Control, Emergency calls from members of the public at the Fleadh will be taken by National Ambulance Service, as per normal procedures. All calls will receive an appropriate response and a HSE Emergency Ambulance will be dispatched to the scene, where appropriate. NAS may contact the Event Medical Control on the dedicated number to notify the Event Medical Coordinator of the call and/or to seek assistance from appropriate responders on duty at the event.
- Event Control in conjunction with the Gardai and security/stewards will ensure that the relevant access route is kept clear in so far as possible for the approaching ambulance.
- In the event that the assistance of the National Ambulance Service is required by the event medical providers this request will be routed through the Medical Coordinator

3.3 Contact names and numbers

Title	Contact Name/Number	
NAS Liaison Officer	TBC	
Medical Officer	Martin Kelly	086 1010201
Deputy Medical Officer	Liz Purcell	083 1629983
Event Controllers	Adrian Jackson/Paul Cuttle	086 2258237/086 0434637

3.4. Signage

The location of the medical facilities will be clearly signposted and medical staff will be clearly identifiable to the public. All Stewards and Volunteers will be advised of the locations of medical facilities and relevant event emergency numbers.

3.5 Distribution of the Medical Plan

The organisers of the Fleadh will circulate a copy of the medical plan to the Medical Coordinator who will be responsible for further circulation to their relevant service providers including the Medical Agencies and any other persons deemed appropriate. The HSE Emergency Management Office will circulate it to the relevant HSE services.

3.6 Sirens and Lights

Sirens and lights will be used only as required under the direction of the Medical Coordinator, Medical Control will liaise with the Event Controller and Gardai to ensure that the required assistance is provided to ensure clear access and egress to and to from the scene. Adherence to 'The use of blue lights and sirens' legislation and the 'Road Traffic Act' will be complied with at all times

Section 4 Mapping

The following maps have been attached to this plan:

- Appendix 1 Overall Layout Map indicating general infrastructure
- Appendix 2 Emergency Routes Mapping

4.1 Ambulance Emergency Route

The emergency route is as indicated within the event traffic management plan. The route will be maintained by event stewards and An Garda Síochána in association with the traffic management plan.

Details as follows:

The HSE National Ambulance Service has a statutory obligation to respond to all 999/112 calls and will require access to all areas within the restricted traffic zones.

The main NAS Base in Ennis is situated on the grounds of Ennis General Hospital however not all NAS responses may originate from this point.

If the NAS response is originating from Ennis General Hospital: (Latitude 52.8509 Longitude -8.9828)

The main NAS emergency response route for incidents occurring on the Northern side of the town is as follows:

- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn left, at Junction J11 take 3 exit (North to Barefield)*

The main NAS emergency response route for incidents occurring on the Eastern side and Southern side of the town is as follows:

- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn right, at Junction (J12) take first exit; travel along Lifford road, at Junction (J13) take first exit onto Tulla Road.*
- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn right, at Junction (J12) take first exit; travel along Lifford road, at Junction (J13) take second exit onto Clonroad travel along Clonroad to Junction (J17) take first exit onto Quin Road.*
- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn right, at Junction (J12) take first exit; travel along Lifford road, onto Clonroad and Clonroad More to Junction (J1) take first exit onto Limerick Road.*

The main NAS emergency response route for incidents occurring on the Western side of the town is as follows:

- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn left, at Junction J11 take first exit travel along Highfield, at Junction (J 9) take third exit onto Lahinch Road.*
- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn left, at Junction J11 take first exit travel along Highfield, at Junction (J 9) take second exit onto Carmody St. at Junction (J8) turn right onto Circular Road continue on to Milltown Malbay road.*
- *Exit onto Gort Road, turn left, at Junction J11 take first exit travel along Highfield, at Junction (J 9) take second exit onto Carmody St. at Junction (J4) turn right onto Kilrush Road.*

In the event a response from NAS does not originate from Ennis Hospital, NAS resources will approach the Inner Ring Road from Kilrush Road, Lahinch Road, Gort Road, Tulla Road, Quin Road, and Limerick Road as appropriate

In the event of a 999/112 call originating within the Inner Ring Road (cordon) during Fleadh times the NAS will dispatch a response as per normal procedures and also contact Event Control (at designated Number) to notify the Event Medical Co-ordinator of the call and/or to seek assistance from appropriate responders on duty at the event and ensure access and egress routes are maintained. During specified times there will be a NAS Liaison Officer on duty in Event Control who will liaise with NEOC.

Section 5

5.1 Infection Prevention and Control

Standard precautions will apply in order to prevent infection cross between first aid/medical personnel and patients; this will include use of appropriate PPE.

Additional precautions will be preserved in the event of periods where there may be additional infection concerns such as various strains of influenza.

5.2 Clinical Waste

All clinical waste generated from first aid activities will be subject to appropriate storage and disposal. This will relate to sharps, dressings and personal protective equipment. The clinical waste will be securely transported to Ennis General Hospital where the existing mechanisms to deal with these materials will be utilised.

5.3 Environmental Health

The organisers will ensure that the appropriate arrangements are in place at the event to ensure the health of performers, patrons and the general public.

This will include the following:

- Appropriate sanitary arrangements will be provided in all areas in accordance with Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and other Outdoor Musical Events. (Appropriate maintenance and servicing will be maintained)
- Potable Water at Campsites
- Appropriate collections of waste generated from the event.

A full schedule of casual traders particularly food vendors will be provided to the HSE EHO at least two weeks prior to the event.

Section 6

National Ambulance Service Liaison Officer

National Ambulance Service Liaison Officer will attend Event Control on Friday 18th Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the NAS Liaison Officer for Large Crowd Events are as follows:

- Attend the initial and subsequent event planning meetings as required
- Liaise with the Regional Emergency Management Unit
- Attend the event and coordinate with senior officials from other agencies
- Ensure communications and cooperation between two or more agencies
- High level decision maker for NAS in cooperation with other agencies
- Link person between senior officials from two or more agencies
- Supervisory responsibility for the NAS in relation to incidents or events
- Delegated authority to manage all NAS resources in response to a potential or actual major incident or event
- Ensure coordination decisions are made promptly and communicated to all involved
- Ensure that site management issues are addressed and decided
- Declare a potential or actual Major Emergency for the NAS at the appropriate time
- Advise National Emergency Operations Centre to activate the major emergency plan
- Initial Controller of Operations for the NAS in the event of a major emergency
- Log all decisions, recommendations and actions
- Ensure that a report on the coordinated function at the event is prepared and submitted in a timely manner on the event.

The responsibility for overall medical management is **not** the responsibility of the National Ambulance Service. The NAS Liaison Officer must **not** be presumed to accept responsibility for the activities of the event medical providers.

The NAS Liaison Officer for this event is TBC, Ambulance Officer HSE National Ambulance Service HSE Mid- West.

The National Ambulance Service has no responsibility for overall medical management.

Section 7

Major Emergency Plan

7.1 Major Emergency

SERIOUS INCIDENT PLAN

- A serious incident may be declared by the Event Medical Coordinator when the resources available on-site via the event medical team are unable to deal with the severity or number of attendees requiring medical assistance. This may require assistance from the National Ambulance Service in terms of personnel, ambulances or other equipment. The decision to call upon these resources will be made by the Event Medical Coordinator via the NAS National Emergency Operations Centre OR the NAS Liaison Officer if in attendance.
- The Request will be made using the **ETHANE** format:
 - E - the Exact location
 - T - the Type of incident
 - H - the Hazards present and potential
 - A - the Access to the location of the incident and egress route
 - N - the Number and severity of casualties
 - E - the Emergency services present and required at the scene

Definition of a Major Emergency

“A Major Emergency is any event which, usually with little or no warning, causes or threatens to cause death or injury, serious disruption of essential services, or damage to property or the environment or infrastructure beyond the normal capabilities of the principal emergency services in the area in which the event occurs and requires the activation of specific additional procedures and the mobilisation of additional resources to ensure an effective, coordinated response.”

(Ref. “A Framework for Major Emergency Management 2006”)

Declaration of a Major Emergency

A Major Emergency can only be declared by an authorised officer of one of the Principal Response Agencies (PRA's)

In the event of a Major Emergency, the Controller of Operations of the PRA's will proceed immediately to Event Control (If appropriate). This area may be designated the On-Site Coordination Centre.

In the event of a Major Emergency the Local Coordination Group will meet at the County Clare designated Local Coordination Centre in Aras an Chontae.

7.2 Key locations

The following areas will be designated for use in the event of a Major Emergency.

- NAS meeting point
- Additional Treatment area
- Additional Patient Waiting area
- Casualty Clearing area
- Additional Parking area for ambulances
- Media and public liaison area

These would be subject to change depending on the site and nature of the incident, and would be reviewed by the incident officers as any scenario unfolded.

7.3 Contact Numbers

Various Contact numbers will be collated and disseminated to all key personnel prior to the event; this will be detailed in the final medical plan.

All key persons and agencies will be readily contactable during the event to enable an efficient decision making process to ensue in the event of an emergency. This will include specific details such as direct line contact numbers and locations.

7.4 Media

In the event of a major incident or emergency the media may be utilized as a valuable resource in terms of communicating with the public, similarly care will be exercised to ensure that press briefings are accurate and informative giving rise to the least possible cause for panic.

Communications with the media will be restricted to designated persons only; this may be the Event Coordinator, PRO Committee Chairperson or designated persons from the Emergency Services

7.5 Emergency Procedures

ACTION UPON DISCOVERY OF FIRE

Outdoor

- Person discovering the Fire to immediately inform their supervisor or the emergency services directly. They will state the location and source (if known) of the fire.
- The Supervisor to contact Event Control with Event to ensure that the relevant service has been called. In the event that the incident occurs outside of Event Control opening hours the call will be made directly to the Emergency Services.
- Stewarding/Fire Personnel to attack the fire if it is safe to do so if appropriate equipment is available.
- In the case of a serious fire a decision will be made to evacuate the area as required.

Indoor (Venues)

- Raise alarm both verbally and by nearest MCP (Manual Call Point/Break Glass)
- Fight fire only if safe to do so
- Evacuate the building using the nearest emergency route
- Proceed to assembly point
- Wait at assembly point until directed otherwise by an authorised person only (Authorised person will be your fire warden)

EMERGENCY /SECURITY PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF BOMB THREAT/SUSPECT PACKAGE

- The Event Controller to be immediately informed of all details in the event of bomb threat/suspect package.
- The situation to be assessed by the Event Controller and senior Garda Officer present based on the information received in order to determine the veracity of the threat.
- If a decision is made to carry out a search this will be carried out using the most competent persons available. If a package is found the area is to be secured and the Event Controller is to be informed.
- The Senior Garda officer present will take the decision to evacuate the area is applicable.
- In the event of this the Event Controller will utilise the services of Security Personnel and Stewards to evacuate the area in question.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF CROWD DISTURBANCE/OVERCROWDING

- The senior steward on duty or Security Personnel or Safety Officer to inform Event Control to enable additional resources to be provided if required.
- The GARDAI in association with the Event Controller will initiate procedures to resolve the situation. This may include:
 - Cessation of Music or activities either immediately or in a phased controlled way.
 - Structured announcements to the crowd advising as to procedures, i.e. directions to move away etc.
- Measures will also be taken to ensure that crowds do not enter the area, in areas such as Abbey Street Car Park (Gig Rig Area) the emergency escape routes will be utilised to relieve the congestion.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

If the evacuation is due to serious fire, bomb, bomb threat or other emergency the following are the procedures. This relates mainly to outdoor events. This will be jointly organised and managed by the Gardai, Safety Officer and Senior Stewards present. Other principal response agencies will be incorporated as applicable.

- Production personnel/persons co-ordinating the activities to be advised so that activities can be suspended.
- Appropriate communications to be directed to the public by PA systems or at local areas dependant on scale of the evacuation.
- Stewards to assist the Gardai in manning the evacuation and ensuring that evacuation routes are kept clear in so far as possible.
- All persons engaged in the management of the drill procedure to act in a calm organised manner.
- In the event of a major incident the Gardai will assume ultimate control.
- Consideration will be made to arranging temporary large scale assembly areas, these areas will where possible offer basic levels of welfare

Assembly Points/Areas

Designation of assembly points where evacuees can safely congregate in the event of an emergency will be developed where this is appropriate.

Larger assembly areas/zones will be established for in the event of a large scale evacuation in terms of outdoor activities. An example of this could be the evacuation of numerous persons from a particular area of the town.

The availability of potable water/shelter and welfare facilities are important in cases where large groupings of people are held in an area for a period of time. It is also possible that evacuees would return to their cars in this scenario although this may lead to congestion of approach roads which in turn could delay emergency services coming from authorities outside the town. Where the potential for this occurs it may be more prudent to restrict persons returning to their vehicles for a period of time.

Park and ride facilities could be used to transfer persons with reduced personal mobility from areas of risk.

In all cases of evacuation the utmost priority will be afforded to ensuring that assembly points and areas offer the required protection and welfare to the persons affected

8.1 Crowd Densities

This is dealt with elsewhere in the main event plan, the capacities for particular areas will be determined and not exceeded and this will include:

- All indoor venues
- Abbey Street Car Park (Gig Rig location)
- All campsites

Crowd capacities will not be exceeded; this will be managed by stewarding, personnel counter systems and barriers. Active monitoring will be provided by Safety officer and Security personnel during performances.

8.2 Campsites

Note minimum EMT level of cover at campsites.

8.3 Unaccompanied Persons

This may include children and vulnerable adults. Any first aid post may serve as a point for initial accommodation of these persons, however we realize that this may impact on the main focus of these points, these persons may be referred to event stewards. Event stewards and volunteers will be briefed on how to deal with such persons.

8.4 River Rescue

Considering the time of year that the Fleadh is being held the organisers don't expect the water levels to be high in the River Fergus. However, this will be monitored in the lead up to the Fleadh and on a daily basis. Should the need arise to provide rescue cover for the river this will be done.

Provisions available for this cover will be at a minimum Swiftwater & Flood First Responders and at a maximum the aforementioned plus a D class boat and a Rescue Water Craft (jet- ski). If there is a need for River Cover, this will be provided from Friday, August 18th to Sunday, August 20th between 18.00 & 00.00hrs with potential to increase this cover based on risk assessment closer to the event.