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Members of the National Joint Council

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CIRCULAR NJC/04/17

Dear Sir/Madam,

Co-responding and wider work trials

1. At present a significant number of fire and rescue services in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are undertaking a total of 38 trials linked to emergency medical response and wider health-related work (under the auspices of the NJC).
2. The NJC commissioned a team led by the University of Hertfordshire to consider the impact of the trials and, where an FRS outside of the trials was willing to be involved, the impact of such work within the service in general.
3. The report will be of great interest to those involved in the trials and more widely. Therefore a copy of the report (published today) is enclosed with this circular.
4. We would like to thank all those who participated in the information gathering phase of the report.
5. The NJC will now consider the outcomes.

Yours faithfully

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Joint Secretaries