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Appendix A

Joint Statement on behalf of GMB, Unison and the Fire Brigades Union

Following a further meeting 22nd March 2016 of the representative bodies in relation to the proposal by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service for an expansion of the Emergency Medical Response (EMR) trial within Merseyside the representative bodies GMB, Unison and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) issue the following statement:

The dialogue between the respective Unions has been constructive throughout the negotiations although agreement has been unable to be reached on a further expansion of the trial.

Nationally the FBU has emphasised the importance of all party agreement in respect of the EMR trials and the FBU would not want to jeopardise all party agreement going forward.

GMB, Unison and the FBU believe that the EMR trial currently successfully negotiated and being undertaken at three locations within Merseyside: Wallasey, Southport and Speke should be celebrated as a considerable achievement given the historic situation in Merseyside, an achievement that would not have been possible without the agreement of the three unions.

The National EMR trial is due to conclude 30th June 2016 and a decision as to whether EMR will become a part of a firefighters core duties beyond that point will be made before that date.

Therefore GMB, Unison and the FBU are content to collate and submit, as constituent members of the Merseyside EMR Working Group, the information gained from the three Merseyside trial stations for submission to the National Joint Council to feed into the collation of the National statistics.

This statement is issued on behalf of:

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