We use the following three categories to measure impact. Each can be defined in line with the seven criteria. However, it should be noted that these criteria are for *guidance only* and do not need to all apply exactly. Each risk should be considered individually.

CRITICAL

- 1. Death, extensive permanent injuries, long term injury
- 2. Short to medium term loss of service capability
- 3. Adverse local publicity, potential for embarrassment nationally
- 4. More than 40 people involved
- 5. Strong possibility of litigation
- 6. Financial loss in excess of £250,000
- 7. Breaches of law punishable by fines and/or imprisonment

SIGNIFICANT

- 1. Medical treatment required, long term sickness
- 2. Short to medium term disruption to service capability
- 3. Needs careful public relations management
- 4. Up to 40 people involved
- 5. High potential for complaint, litigation possible
- 6. Financial loss between £50,000 and £250,000
- 7. Breaches of regulations/national standards

NOTICEABLE

- 1. No injuries beyond 'first aid' level
- 2. No significant disruption to service capability
- 3. Unlikely to cause any adverse publicity
- 4. No more than 6 people involved
- 5. Unlikely to cause complaint/litigation
- 6. Financial loss below £50,000
- 7. Breaches of local procedures/standards

NB. A number of low impact incidents may have a significant cumulative effect and require attention