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Ambulance crews prepare for Notting Hill Carnival

23 August 2017**London Ambulance Service is stepping up its preparations for Notting Hill Carnival, and encouraging Londoners to stay safe this bank holiday weekend.**

Around 160 frontline and control room staff will work on the Sunday and 180 on the Monday, with clinicians out on the streets responding to emergencies on foot while carrying specialist equipment including defibrillators.

The Service will work alongside St John Ambulance and colleagues from other ambulance trusts during the carnival (Sunday 27- Monday 28 August) to staff nine treatment centres and provide medical assistance to hundreds of patients.

Tactical Commander for the event Paul Gates said: "As ever we want Londoners to stay safe while having fun at the carnival.



"Last year we treated over 1,000 patients and we're expecting this year to be just as busy. I'd urge those attending the carnival to drink alcohol sensibly and avoid illegal substances. We respond to around 150 alcohol-related incidents alone at carnival, so please look after your friends and make sure they get home safely and don't end up in the back of an ambulance. Carnival-goers are also encouraged to wear sensible footwear, carry their medication with them and drink plenty of water."

Those feeling unwell or who are injured should request directions and make their way to one of the nine treatment centres which have been specifically set up for the carnival, rather than dialling 999.

Ambulance staff will also take part in the minutes' silence at 3pm on both days to remember the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Paramedic Dominic Stark, who responded to the tragic events in June and is working at this year's carnival, said: "It's right that we take a moment among the hustle and bustle of the carnival to think about those affected by the Grenfell fire and the impact it's had on the community."

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Treatment centre locations

- East Row @ Conlan Street
- Southam Street @ Golborne Road
- Westbourne Park bus garage (inside)
- St Charles Square (North Side) @ Ladbroke Grove
- Lancaster Road @ Ladbroke Grove
- Denbigh Terrace @ Denbigh Road
- Kensington Park Road @ Pembridge Road
- Tavistock Crescent @ St Luke's Road
- St Stephen's Gardens (east side Chepstow Road)

Notes to Editors

- A spokesperson is available for interviews, please contact the communications department on 020 7783 2286.
- For live updates of the work of our staff, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ldn_ambulance using #carnival and #NotAnAmbulance

Two hundred new ambulance vehicles for London

- 160 staff will work at carnival on Sunday 27 August and 180 on Monday.
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Paramedics half-century of saving lives in London

Statement - Road traffic collision on Ladbroke Grove

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London Ambulance Service medics attacked with fireworks

Remember Remember stay safe this November

TV documentary prompts pizza praise

Service joins 100 black taxis on the Children's Magical Taxi Tour

Annual public meeting Tuesday 27 September

London Ambulance offers viewers unprecedented access in new TV series

Lennard Road - Road Traffic Collision, 31 August 2016

Over 1000 people treated at Notting Hill Carnival

Fire in Harrow

Hundreds more clinical staff on the frontline but not enough people from BME backgrounds

Paramedics praise five year old boy for helping to save his nan's life

Hundreds more emergency calls in London because of hot weather

Paramedic features in latest Historic England exhibition

Thief steals London Ambulance Service bike

Remembering 7 July 2005

Chief Executive speaks at launch of Living on the Edge report

Eat, Drink and Be Safe as Euro 2016 kicks off

Paramedic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Incident in Russell Square, WC1

Smartphone app alert helps volunteer first aiders save a life

Ealing butcher praises London Ambulance Service medics for excellent care

Fire in Shepherds Bush

Increase in assaults on London Ambulance Service staff

Hero ambulance medic stops moped muggers in their tracks

London Ambulance Service gets ready for Notting Hill Carnival

Medic's bright idea makes ambulance crews even more accessible to blind patients

Incident at London City Airport

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London Ambulance Service gears up for this weekend's Mad Friday

Skip the dreaded tinsel-itis and have your medication ready this Christmas

Ten years in the hot zone

Busiest night ever predicted for London Ambulance Service this New Year

Technical issues in our control room

London Ambulance medic honoured with Queen's Ambulance Service Medal

Don't get caught out in the cold, warns London Ambulance Service

Medics to provide life-saving support to refugee camps

Statement on incident in Southend Arterial Road

Prince Harry visits London Ambulance Service to launch Time to Talk Day

Innovator behind London's cycle paramedics praised at Healthcare Heroes exhibition

Fate brings man together with paramedic who helped save his life

Leadership team strengthened with two new non-executive directors

London Ambulance Service responds to Storm Doris

Card launched to improve safety of expectant mothers

Banker thanks life savers with charity run

New spit kits issued to track down offenders who spit at London's life savers

Prince William visits ambulance staff who treated patients in Westminster attack

Stock up on medication ahead of the long weekend, warns ambulance service

Statement following an incident on Warburton Road, E8.

London Ambulance Service appoints new Chief Executive

London Ambulance Service medic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Firefighter grants paramedic a final goodbye with fiancée

Paramedic who apprehended a violent criminal is awarded police commendation

Statement on the incident at London Bridge

Statement on the incident at Seven Sisters Road

Thousands more emergency calls during hottest week of the year

Investigation into 999 computer system outage on New Year's Day 2017

London Ambulance Service leads the way at Pride in London

Life-saving defibrillators rolled out across London thanks to emergency services partnership

Paramedic mugged by moped gang in London's West End

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Medics reunited with premature twins they helped to safely deliver

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Prime Minister praises bravery of ambulance staff

Ambulance service stands with Croydon community to commemorate tram crash

Ambulance service comes together to remember the fallen

Paramedic shortlisted for Air Ambulance Paramedic of the Year

Statement in response to the Assaults on Emergency Service Workers Bill

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Baby girl named after call handler who delivered her

Over 1,300 years serving London

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