



VTS Policy

The Authority has a statutory duty, as well as responsibility under the Port Marine Safety Code, to regulate the safe movement of vessels within the harbour and its approaches. To achieve this the Authority will

- Establish and continually review the provision of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) by means of a formal risk assessment.
- Ensure that the legal basis for the VTS is provided for and that it is operated in accordance with national and international law.
- Provide and maintain appropriate equipment, facilities and standards necessary for the VTS to effectively accomplish the objectives set by IALA requirements and as determined by the MCA for the UK.
- Ensure that the VTS is provided with sufficient employees, appropriately qualified, suitably trained as per IALA requirements and as determined by the MCA for the UK.
- Establish operating procedures for the VTS in the Operations Manual and to include the implementation of emergency plans.
- Ensure that VTS Operators have the appropriate authority and delegations to fulfil their duties.

The person who has overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy is the Chief Executive.

Signed

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Sarah West, CEO

Date of issue

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