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NSWA refuses to put a moratorium on interns on call after serious near misses brought to light

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Last week, ADHSU delegates were forced to do the Service's job for them by illuminating several instances where a P1T was unacceptably put in danger by being left alone on call.

Regional delegates met with the Service, who confirmed they were not aware of these recent near misses until delegates demanded the meeting to address them.

P1Ts are well-trained, hardworking paramedics, registered with AHPRA and ready to hit the road. But they represent the most junior and vulnerable part of the paramedic workforce, who should not be put under undue pressure to undertake duties in a dangerous situation.

At last week's meeting, ADHSU delegates demanded the Service put an immediate moratorium on all interns on call until these incidents are investigated, and a comprehensive plan can be developed and communicated to all levels of the Service. One of the NSW representatives was more interested in ending the meeting on time than taking practical steps towards protecting interns and allowing them to do on call in a safe and effective manner.

NSWA injures the most paramedics in the country – and safety standards seem to be getting worse. **The question is what should be done about it?**

Please take a moment to respond to this short survey with your views on interns on call, on call in general, single officer responses, and what action, if any, you would support to bring about a safer workplace in Ambulance.

Fill in the survey [HERE](#)

In unity,

Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD