

## **HSU ban on multiple loading of patients**

HealthShare has taken the HSU to the IRC yet again. This time regarding the issue of loading multiple patients.

As you know, the HSU called for a ban on accepting jobs that might lead to PTOs leaving patients in their care unattended (out of sight etc). We asked the employer to explain how it is safe to leave patients unattended. They refused to give us those assurances and instead took us to the IRC and got orders to lift the bans.

We now have a government who is knowingly putting patients at risk, and hiding behind workplace laws to stop unionised PTOs from doing the right thing and protecting patients.

At this stage we think you should adhere to the orders and accept multiple patients regardless of the risk. If and when an adverse outcome occurs, we will firmly blame the government and the IRC for it.

Of course, if you, in good faith, feel that a patient is in jeopardy in any way, you should protect the patient first. The HSU will have your back.

We are currently considering next steps on this issue and will communicate with you shortly.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Ambulance Division Organiser Peter Morris on 0419 693 358.

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