

PORT CIRCULAR 5 OF 2021

To: All Shipping Agents

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 21 April 2021

Re: **MEDICAL CASES - REMINDER**

Dear All

This is a reminder of the importance in alerting the GPA as soon as you become aware of a medical case, whether it requires medical attention or not, on board a ship bound for Gibraltar. This includes ALL vessels expected to enter BGTW and those conducting OPL transfers outside of BGTW.

In particular, I would like to remind all agents / operators that it is **ESSENTIAL** that they have GPA approval prior to any patient being disembarked. The GPA, in consultation with the GHA and the Port Health Officers will advise / arrange for a doctor, paramedic team or ambulance to attend either on board or at the point of disembarkation, as directed by the GPA. The GPA port launch or a service launch will be used for transfers.

The doctor or ambulance paramedics will inform the GPA on the condition of the patient before such patient is permitted to be landed at Gibraltar.

This procedure also applies to any crew member who needs to attend a medical clinic or a doctor physically attend a vessel in Gibraltar waters. The GPA is to be notified prior to the disembarkation of such crew member and should have the approval from the Director of Public Health (if applicable) and the Port Health Officers as per Port Circular 3 of 2021 (Update).

This Port Circular is a reminder of Port Circular 1 of 2016 and Port Circular 7 of 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT