

Vehicle Door restraint failure Incident

Overview

On Saturday 04/11/17 two BBMJV operatives were struck by the rear door of a litter picking vehicle. Both operatives fell to the ground and one struck his head on the adjacent barrier.

The IP continued to work until the end of their shift but had experienced some dizziness and headache. When their shift finished they attended hospital where they were kept in overnight for observation. They were released the following day. The IP was signed off work for two weeks by their GP.

Immediate Cause

Initial investigations showed that the cable stay door retention strap which prevents the door from swinging open failed and allowed the door to swing freely from the side cage of the vehicle in use.



Further details will be shared once the investigation is completed.

Actions

- Check the condition of the cable stay retention straps and fixings on similar vehicles to ensure they are fit for purpose and not worn or damaged
- Ensure all faulty door retention straps are reported immediately for repair and vehicles are not used until repairs are completed
- Ensure this incident is briefed to all staff involved with use of vehicles that have doors fitted with retaining straps