

LPS POLICY

In order to provide for safe navigation in Carlingford Lough, it is necessary to ensure that an effective Local Port Service (LPS) operates throughout the port and approaches. Both Authorities (the Board) Policy in respect to LPS is to:

- Operate a 24-hour LPS at Warrenpoint Harbour in accordance with its published Navigational Safety Policy;
- Provide a LPS in the Harbour:
- Maintain VHF communication with all vessels within the areas of responsibility;
- Seek to ensure that Warrenpoint Harbour LPS system operates at 99.9% availability through a maintenance, procurement and installation strategy for LPS equipment, which will add to the reliability of individual elements of the LPS system or to its duplication;
- Review regularly the performance of the system and seek improvements through technical enhancement, staff development, training and effective management as necessary;
- Maintain standards for training and certification of LPS personnel in line with IALA Recommendations.
- Record all relevant AIS data, VHF and telephone communications as an aid to enforcement and incident reconstruction and investigation; and
- Maintain comprehensive details and records of commercial vessel movements in the port.