



**All Weather Lifeboat, at 11.04pm on 15 April 2019**

Swanage's all-weather lifeboat was requested to launch last night to assist Poole lifeboat with an urgent medical evacuation from Brownsea Island. Paramedics were already on scene and were attending to the casualty.

Poole lifeboat had launched 45 minutes earlier and two of the Poole crew were ashore assisting the paramedics and helping to stabilise the casualty in preparation for transportation off the island.

It was very dark in the harbour, with a biting F4-5 easterly wind and the sea state around the castle quite choppy. It was established by the Poole crew that the conditions on scene were too choppy and exposed to transport the casualty comfortably in the Poole inshore lifeboat, so they requested that the Swanage Lifeboat launch to provide a more stable and sheltered platform to transfer the casualty back ashore to the ambulance standing by at North Haven.

The Swanage crew arrived on scene and came alongside the pier near Brownsea Castle, the casualty was in a stretcher and the lifeboat crew and paramedics completed the transfer onto the Swanage Lifeboat. The casualty was taken safely ashore to North Haven at the entrance of the Harbour.

With the casualty ashore in the ambulance both lifeboats were released to return to their stations.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 3 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 3 further incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 5 incidents.

This gives a total of 11 incidents, so far, this year

