

**Designated Person
(Port Marine Safety Code)**



Belfast Harbour Commissioners (BHC) have appointed ABPmer as its Designated Person under the requirements of the Department for Transport's Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC). Belfast Harbour is a Trust Port and Northern Ireland's principal maritime gateway, handling around 24 million tonnes of goods each year. BHC is the Statutory Harbour Authority, Local Lighthouse Authority and the Competent Harbour Authority for the waters of Belfast Harbour Pilotage Area. The Designated Person for Belfast Harbour is:

Monty Smedley of ABP Marine Environmental Research (ABPmer) Ltd

All port and harbour users, including Harbour Authority staff have direct access to the Designated Person. Concerns regarding marine safety in the port or harbour, in the first instance, should be raised with the Harbour Master (or for Authority staff with your direct line manager). If additional, independent advice regarding the matter is required, any reasonable concerns can be brought to the attention of the Designated Person by any of the following methods:

Designated Person Contact Details:

By email: DP.Belfast@abpmer.co.uk

By post: Designated Person (PMSC) 'Belfast Harbour'
ABPmer
Quayside Suite, Medina Chambers
Town Quay
SOUTHAMPTON
Hampshire
SO14 2AQ

By telephone: 023 8071 1892 or 023 8071 1889

The Designated Person and the Maritime Team at ABPmer:

- have detailed knowledge of the Port Marine Safety Code, the Guide to Good Practice for Port Marine Operations and accompanying Competency Standards;
- provide independent assurance to the Duty Holder that the marine safety management system required by the Port Marine Safety Code is working effectively; and
- at regular intervals, audit the Harbour Authority's compliance with the Code.

The Designated Person has direct access to the Duty Holder whenever this is deemed necessary.