

## **Indecent on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Viamed Warehouse Initial report.,**



At 14:08 on the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 the Viamed Fire alarm activated, Everyone in the building was evacuated taking roughly 30-60 Seconds to meet up in the car park, Cause of the alarm was determined to be Real, and not a false alarm.

Philip Crossley then admitted that it was him who had set off the Fire alarm, and while the cause was not a Fire, it was in fact a Lithium Battery had burst into Flames/Smoke. The battery had been taken out side and the danger should have passed.

Upon re-entering the building to check, it was evident the back of the building was full of fairly thick smoke. The front of the warehouse was not so bad, how ever it did have an odour. The fire alarm was unable to be silenced,

All external doors and windows were opened and fans turned on to disperse the smoke/odour

After doing a quick cursory google search into the effects of lithium battery smoke, it was decided to keep the staff outside of the main warehouse, and all were sent for a coffee in the main offices.

During this time, it was discussed with Philip Crossley as to what had occurred. Philip explained he had brought into work a lithium battery of his own. removed the case to fix a faulty wire. It was also implied during the discussion that Philip was aware of the dangers of lithium battery.

As to why / how the battery then exploded is currently unknown.

After it was determined the smoke / odour would not clear immediately and with Viamed not dealing with this situation before it was decided to send home all warehouse staff, Both Michael Green and Philip Crossley were strongly urge to go to Airedale Hospital for a check-up.

Both refused.

Philip Crossley was under supervision until 5.00pm when Viamed had no right to keep him longer. Before Philip Crossley left the building he was informed he will have to produce a report on the indecent.

A meeting will now be arranged with Philip Crossley and Viamed management. As soon as can be arranged.