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ILL MALE ON HOLY ISLAND – ASSISTANCE TO AMBULANCE SERVICE

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sat 2 nd Jan <u>04:17hr</u>	06:45hr	All Weather Lifeboat	Gusty wind	SW Force 4	Choppy	Good

At **04:15hrs** on **Saturday 2nd January 2010** Humber Coastguard requested the Inshore Lifeboat to assist the North East Ambulance Service to reach an ill male with a possibly serious medical condition on Holy Island. It was just after high tide and the Causeway was closed. There was no Rescue Helicopter available and the air ambulance does not fly at night. Seahouses All Weather Lifeboat was launched, and on arrival of the ambulance crew, they were conveyed by sea to Holy Island. On arrival at 05.30hr, they were met by local coastguards and taken to the ill male's location. After assessing the male, the paramedic decided that it was not appropriate to evacuate him by sea due to his condition. The man would remain under his supervision until the Causeway was passable (approx 7.30am), when he could be transported to hospital by road ambulance. The other ambulance crewman was taken back to Seahouses to recover the ambulance, returning there at 06.12hr. The Lifeboat was refueled and ready for service at 06.45hr.

The RNLI have no further information about the casualty, and the NEAS will not release any information due to compliance with patient confidentiality.