

## IMDM INNER

Title: Road Traffic Collision, Epsom      Injury: LTI Neck muscle pull

### Incident

On Wednesday 6th November 2019 a Team Leader from Wimbledon P-Way was a passenger in a Network Rail vehicle that was involved in a Road Traffic Collision (RTC).

The NR vehicle collided with the back of an unmarked van illegally parked on the one-way system in Epsom, half on double yellow lines and half on the pavement. The driver believed there was enough space for him to get past.

Following the collision, the injured person (IP) reported having a stiff neck and soreness in his left shoulder. It was later discovered that he had pulled two muscles in his neck and was signed off work for one week with anti-inflammatories and painkillers.

When a moving object **collides** with a stationary object **an impact force** is exerted by one object on the other. (See Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law of motion).



The NR vehicle suffered much greater damage than the 3<sup>rd</sup> party van.

### Items to consider

- **Expect the unexpected.** Not all hazards can be anticipated.
- **Seatbelts** save lives, the evidence is above.
- Our **logo** is emblazoned on our vehicles and other traffic users know who we are, we are not so lucky with some other road users.
  - **Park** with consideration to others
  - Drive **courteously**
  - Obey the **speed** limit
  - **Never** use a mobile phone or handheld device while driving