



SIGVORA MARITIME

ONE CONNECTED MARITIME NETWORK

PARTNER BRIEF FOR MCA-APPROVED ENG1 DOCTORS

How an ENG1 medical practice can participate in the SIGVORA maritime network - without changing the doctor's statutory role, medical judgement or MCA responsibilities.

Your medical decision remains yours.
SIGVORA makes the resulting credential easier to verify, control
and reuse across the maritime network.

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What SIGVORA Maritime is

SIGVORA Maritime is a digital trust and professional-record network for yacht crew, vessels, captains, crew agencies, training providers and medical partners. The objective is simple: crew should not have to rebuild the same document package for every new job, vessel or agency.

The core idea

Create once. Verify at the right source. Reuse securely.
A crew member maintains one structured professional record.
Trusted partners confirm credentials within their own authority.
Captains and agencies see only the information they are permitted to see.

Why the ENG1 layer matters

Medical fitness is one of the most important trust points in a crew file. An ENG1 certificate is not just another uploaded image: it is the result of a regulated medical assessment by an MCA-approved doctor. SIGVORA therefore treats the medical partner as a trusted source, not as a generic document reviewer.

Crew member	Creates and controls the professional profile and presents the required medical evidence.
ENG1 doctor	Carries out the official examination under MCA rules and issues the ENG1 where the seafarer meets the required standard.
SIGVORA	Records the credential status, verifier identity, validity and audit history, then controls how that status is shared.
Captain / agency	Receives permissioned access to the verified status instead of relying only on copied documents or repeated email checks.

Regulatory boundary

SIGVORA does not issue ENG1 certificates, determine medical fitness, replace the MCA Approved Doctor process or change the doctor's professional responsibility. The official medical examination and certificate remain entirely within the MCA framework.



Your role as a SIGVORA medical partner

The goal is not to give the doctor more medical administration. It is to make the result of the medical process easier to trust, easier to confirm and easier to use across a controlled maritime network.

1 Crew profile & request

A seafarer has a SIGVORA crew profile and needs an ENG1 examination, renewal or certificate confirmation.

2 Official examination

You conduct the medical examination using your normal clinical process and the MCA Approved Doctor requirements.

3 Issue the official ENG1

If the seafarer meets the standard, you issue the ENG1 through the normal MCA process. SIGVORA does not alter this step.

4 Trusted-source confirmation

Within the SIGVORA partner workflow, the credential can be linked to you as the approved medical source, with issue/expiry status and an auditable confirmation event.

5 Controlled reuse

The crew member can then share the verified medical-certificate status with an authorised captain, agency or management company without exposing unnecessary medical information.

Privacy principle

Fitness status, not diagnosis. SIGVORA's intended medical-partner model is to record only the information needed to establish the credential and its validity. Clinical notes, diagnoses and unrelated medical information should remain in the doctor's clinical system unless there is a separate lawful reason and explicit workflow for sharing them.



What is the practical advantage for your practice?

A medical partner should receive a measurable operational benefit - not simply another login. The SIGVORA partner model is designed around visibility, trusted-source status and less repeated administration.

More relevant maritime visibility A verified medical-provider profile can make your practice visible inside a network used by crew, captains, agencies and vessels looking for trusted maritime services.	Fewer repetitive authenticity checks Once a certificate is confirmed at source, authorised network users can rely on the recorded verification event rather than repeatedly asking your practice to confirm the same document by email.
Direct connection to crew and vessels Secure network messaging and push notifications create a professional channel between the medical partner and maritime users without requiring private phone numbers to be exposed.	Renewal opportunity The digital credential record makes expiry visible. The partner model can support renewal reminders and bring an existing seafarer back to the appropriate approved doctor when a new examination is due.
A stronger professional trust signal Your name or clinic is attached to the verification event only within your authorised role. The network can distinguish a source-confirmed medical credential from an unverified upload.	Influence the workflow early Pilot partners can help shape the doctor-facing dashboard, request flow, clinic profile, messaging and future booking/availability features before wider rollout.

What SIGVORA does not ask you to give up

Medical judgement	Always remains with the doctor.
MCA rules & approval	Remain authoritative and unchanged.
Clinical records	Remain in the doctor's medical system; SIGVORA is not intended to become the clinical record.
Control over your professional identity	Partner access is role-based and attributable; confirmations cannot be self-assigned by crew.



Join the SIGVORA pilot medical-partner network

We are onboarding a small first group of maritime medical partners to validate the workflow before broader rollout. The ideal pilot partner is an MCA-approved doctor or approved medical practice that regularly works with professional seafarers and yacht crew.

1. Partner identity	Verify the doctor / clinic identity and MCA-approved status.
2. Define the scope	Confirm clinic location, contact/booking route and the verification actions SIGVORA should support.
3. Test with real cases	Use a small number of consented crew cases to test confirmation and messaging.
4. Review the results	Measure time saved, user clarity, renewal value and any privacy/compliance changes required.
5. Decide the long-term model	Agree final functionality and commercial terms after the pilot has been validated.

A simple partnership proposition

You remain the medical authority. SIGVORA becomes the trusted digital bridge between the certificate you issue and the maritime professionals who need to know that it is genuine and current.



Interested in joining as an ENG1 medical partner?

Request access: sigvora.eu/network

Contact: info@sigvora.eu Ask for the SIGVORA Maritime Medical Partner Pilot.

Regulatory references

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency states that an ENG1 must be issued by an MCA-approved doctor. The MCA Approved Doctor's Manual sets out the procedures and standards for doctors conducting seafarer medical examinations.

- GOV.UK - How to apply: <https://www.gov.uk/seafarer-medical-certificates/how-to-apply>
- GOV.UK - Approved Doctor's Manual: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-approved-doctors-manual>
- GOV.UK - MCA approved doctors overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mca-approved-doctors-overseas>

Important: This brief describes the intended SIGVORA medical-partner workflow for pilot collaboration. It is not medical, legal or regulatory advice and does not modify MCA requirements or the obligations of an Approved Doctor.