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Applicable to	All Electricity North West colleagues and contractors who use MEWPs

Following a daily vehicle inspection of a new Cumberland Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) in Oldham, the boom was found to be loose. The vehicle was immediately quarantined and a further detailed inspection took place by the manufacturer.

The inner slew ring bolts within the boom (where the hydraulic pipes enter the body of the boom) were loose (see pictures below). Over the last two days, all 30 of the new Cumberland MEWP fleet (registrations starting with either KX68 or KX19) have been inspected by our Transport Team.

These vehicles are now deemed to be safe and fit for use. However, while we await further detail as to the cause of the defect, we must be more vigilant until this incident is fully resolved.

The bolts are not easily identified and do not form part of the driver's daily vehicle check. Any irregular movement identified in the body of the boom should be immediately reported to the [Transport Team](#) and the MEWP must not be used.

The interim plan is for the Transport Team to inspect these vehicles on a fortnightly basis until the cause is understood.

