



Wiltshire Air Ambulance Fact File

- Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust is a registered charity providing an essential Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in Wiltshire and surrounding counties.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance began operating on 15 March 1990 and the helicopter and crew have flown over 17,000 missions. The charity shared a helicopter with Wiltshire Police for 24 years. It began operating as a stand-alone air ambulance, using a Bell 429 helicopter, on 9 January 2015.
- The charity relies almost entirely on public donations to keep flying.
- It costs the charity £3.25m a year to keep the air ambulance operational, including support functions. That's £8,904 a day.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance is available up to 19 hours a day, 365 days a year and is called to, on average, 3 incidents a day in its helicopter and Rapid Response Cars. These include road traffic collisions, cardiac arrests, strokes, child-related emergencies and horse riding accidents.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance's paramedics are trained in critical care skills and, together with the specialist medical equipment they use, enables them to deliver gold standard medical care to patients.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance began carrying blood in August 2015 enabling its Critical Care Paramedics and Doctors to give pre-hospital blood transfusions to seriously ill and injured patients.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance moved into its new airbase at Outmarsh, Semington, near Melksham, in May 2018. This central site will enable the helicopter to reach anywhere in the county within 11 minutes.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance is very proud to have the patronage of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.
- For more information about Wiltshire Air Ambulance go to www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk