

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Fact File

- Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust is a registered charity providing an essential Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in Wiltshire, Bath and surrounding areas.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance began operating in 1990 and the helicopter and crew have saved countless lives. The charity shared a helicopter with Wiltshire Police for 24 years. It began operating as a stand-alone air ambulance in 2015, using a Bell 429 helicopter.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance is a charity and relies on donations to continue saving lives. It is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants. It costs £4 million a year to keep the lifesaving service operational, around £11,000 per day.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance's paramedics are trained in critical care skills and, together with the specialist medical equipment they use, it enables them to deliver gold standard medical care to patients. In November 2021, the charity enhanced its clinical delivery further by increasing the number of pre-hospital consultant (doctors) shifts on its rota.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance is operational up to 19 hours a day, every day, and is called to, on average, three incidents a day in its helicopter and two critical care cars.
- In 2022 Wiltshire Air Ambulance undertook 1,061 missions.
- In 2022 Wiltshire Air Ambulance attended 351 cardiac emergencies, 33% of total missions and also attended 174 road traffic collisions, 16% of total missions.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance carried out its lifesaving work in the city of Bath 167 times during 2022; attending 83 incidents in the city and its surrounding areas, as well as airlifting/assisting patients to the Royal United Hospital 84 times.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance can fly to the centre of Bath in just four minutes as the closest air ambulance resource to the city.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance is based at Outmarsh, Semington, near Melksham. From this central site the helicopter can reach anywhere in the county within 11 minutes.
- For more information about Wiltshire Air Ambulance go to www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk