

GWAAC FACT SHEET



Great Western Air Ambulance Charity



GREAT Western Air Ambulance Charity provide an air ambulance service for the counties of Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset and parts of Wiltshire. Caring for a population of over 2.1 million people.

To pay for the helicopter we do not receive any day to day government or National Lottery funding. That means we rely entirely on the generosity of you, the people we serve, to raise the £2m we need to continue operating.

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Flying Accident & Emergency Dept.

The GWAAC helicopter is based at Filton Airport, just north of Bristol, and is part of the regional 999 emergency response service.

We are one original air ambulances that work to the “gold standard” Critical Care Model. Put simply, it means rushing a specialist doctor and critical care paramedic to carry out advanced surgical procedures and administer stronger drugs at the scene. We are a flying Accident & Emergency Department.

The team fly seven days a week, 365 days a year and attend over 100 incidents per month. Yours is one of the busiest air ambulances in the UK, and the number of missions will increase with each year.

The current aircraft is a modern Eurocopter 135 which was upgraded last autumn from our last helicopter the Bolkow 105.



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The Figures



2014 saw
1385 missions
209 traffic collisions
309 cardiac Arrests

£ Costing
approx. £38k
per week

Covering 
6 counties &
2.1m people

Can be anywhere
in the region
in 20 minutes

4 incidents each
day need the
GWAAC team

1 in 5 of our most
critical missions
 saves a life
otherwise lost

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