



...in the race to bring immediate care to the critically ill or seriously injured.

Delay can mean the difference between life and death, a full recovery or a long stay in hospital with the prospect of only partial recovery.

Responding swiftly to 999 calls, Air Ambulances deliver a medical crew to the scene of an accident or medical emergency and transport patients to the safety of the nearest major hospital or specialist unit, in a fraction of the time taken by a land ambulance.

The Sussex Air Ambulance costs £1.5 million a year and is funded entirely by voluntary donations. Our service means the difference between life and death for hundreds of people in the region and for hundreds more the difference between a short spell in hospital and a long stay with permanent serious injury. Air Ambulances have a universal appeal because anybody might need them at any time. Irrespective of age, gender, religion, ethnicity or social class the public embrace these helicopters as the lifeboats of the 21st century.

We are applying to the Rye Parish Council to help in the provision of this life saving helicopter

Sussex Air Ambulance - The Need

- Medics all agree that the first 60 minutes following an accident or medical emergency are the most crucial. Failure to respond quickly to a 999 call can mean the difference between life and death. This is the Golden Hour.
- An Air Ambulance can transport doctors, nurses and paramedics to the scene of an incident in an average time of less than 10 minutes and have the patient at A & E just a few minutes later.
- Air Ambulances can land in remote places or on congested motorways when land ambulances can't get through. Air Ambulances can transfer seriously ill patients from local hospitals to specialist hospitals in other parts of the country at great speed and with less trauma.

The Kent Air Ambulance Trust was established in 1989 and in the first 15 years flew over 10,000 missions. In 2004 the Charity Commission agreed that The Kent Air Ambulance Trust had the experience and expertise to expand the service in Surrey and Sussex, building on its own record of life-saving success. Trustees and stakeholders of the Kent Air Ambulance Trust strongly believed that a joined-up approach, a wider net and a larger geographical area provided a sensible solution to the uneven spread of emergency helicopter provision in the Southeast. In addition to the obvious benefits for the people of Surrey and Sussex, there are also economies of scale involved, providing an increasingly cost effective service in financial as well as human terms.



JUNE 2007 A new dedicated Air Ambulance for Surrey and Sussex was launched at Dunsfold Park near Cranleigh by actress and former High Sheriff of Surrey, Penelope Keith CBE.

New Development for 2007

CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDICS WORKING ALONG SIDE THE DOCTORS

The South East Coast Ambulance Service has launched a new specialist paramedic role aimed at saving more critically ill and injured patients. SECamb is one of the first two ambulance trusts in the country to develop CCPs who will respond by ambulance, response car or air ambulance to the most serious 999 emergencies such as road traffic collisions. With the introduction of CCPs, potentially hundreds of lives nation-wide may be saved and many more patients could have improved outcomes.

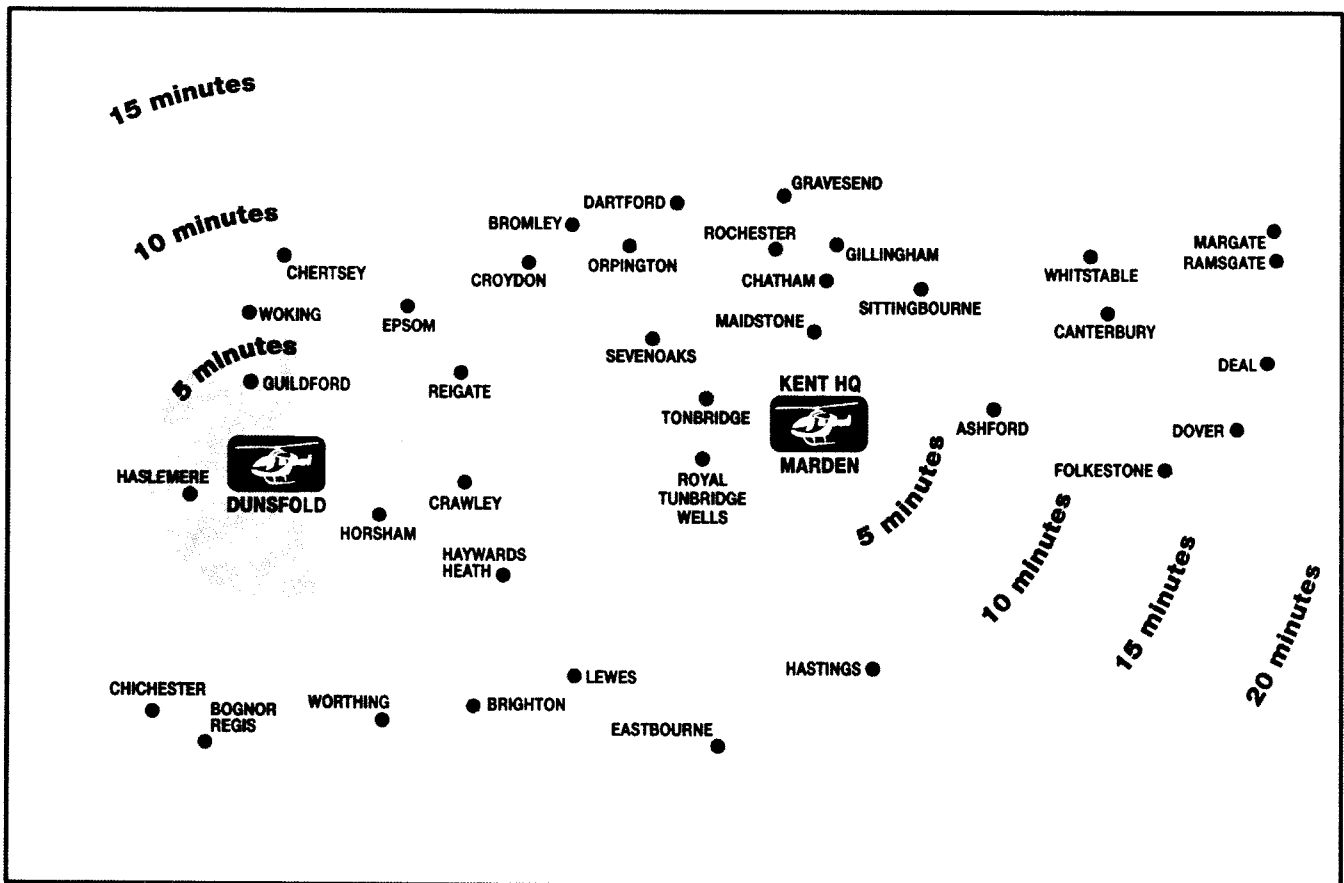
Once the CCPs have completed their training, they will be able to provide advanced care and treatments previously unavailable in conventional paramedic training, such as advanced resuscitation skills and drug therapy.

As a charity we are proud to be pioneering this initiative with the National Health Service.



Our Air Ambulances have the unique ability to be able to beat road congestion and traffic jams and land almost anywhere - roads, fields, sports grounds, next to railway lines and even on the side of cliffs. The furthest parts of Kent, Surrey and Sussex can be reached within 15 minutes by air and a patient can be within the care of A&E specialists within 7 minutes.

Selection of Recent Missions			
Mission	1	2	3
Location	Horsham	Parham	Hassocks
Incident Type	Quad Accident	Fall	Road Traffic Accident
Destination Hospital	Royal London	Worthing Hospital	Royal Sussex
Response time to scene	5 mins	15 mins	20 mins
Transfer time to hospital	20 mins	10 mins	10 mins
Location Type	St Leonards Forest	Woodland	B2117
Patient Carried	Male Teens	Male 60's	Female 40's





Sussex Air Ambulance Fund

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THE COST OF SAVING LIVES

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Costs £1.5 million a year per helicopter to run a 12 hour, 7 day service, 365 days
- £4,100 per day
- Carries all the same equipment inside as a land ambulance worth £250,000
- Over 12,000 missions flown since the first Kent Air Ambulance was launched
- Always flies with one pilot and two medical crew



OUR REQUEST TO YOUR TRUST

A donation will provide valuable support in critical care to any person working, living or travelling in the county of Sussex.

Saving Time ~ Saving Life

Thank you for reading and considering this application for support

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