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AIR AMBULANCE

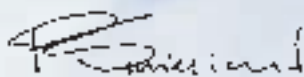
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Year ending March 2015

Saving lives
across Yorkshire

Mission Statement

To provide, deliver and develop with integrity, transparency and pride, state-of-the-art emergency response air ambulances for the protection of human life across Yorkshire and its environs.



Peter Sunderland
Chairman, Yorkshire Air Ambulance



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Chairman's Report



Peter Sunderland

OVERVIEW: At the conclusion of my report last year I stated:

"The key to our lifesaving Charity operation is the continuation of funds being donated to enable the operation of our two Helicopters, and we are still totally reliant on financial donations in excess of £10,000 per day to keep both Air Ambulance helicopters operational. Our expenditure against budget will be closely monitored and our budgeted fundraising cost ratio is 18p [together with a total admin cost to operate the Charity of 26p] for every £1.00 donated.

Longer summertime flying hours with our helicopters will be available again this year. During the summer months it has been possible with overlapping hours to ensure that we have had at least one helicopter available for 15 hours per day. I am confident that the support we receive will ensure that sufficient funding is available to continue our current operations and also to strengthen the reserves of YAA Charity to enable future developments and the long-term replacement of our helicopters.

Transparency and openness are the key words in all our relationships, and in all our efforts to ensure good corporate governance. Please do make contact should there be any specific questions, queries, thoughts, suggestions, ideas or specific items that you would like to discuss.

I am confident that with the generosity of all our supporters that we can maintain and enable the two Yorkshire Air Ambulances to be available for their time critical life saving emergency missions 365 days a year."

Yet again I can report that the Charity's overall incoming resources for the year ending March 2015 have increased by nearly 15% against the previous year and in excess of our budgeted expectations for the year.

In the year ending March 2015 we have flown 1,326 missions and patients carried increased from 524 to 596. Our Airdesk ["Easytask"] system software has been updated and continues to give detailed information regarding missions flown, flying hours, mission hours and stand downs etc. We are also now recording patients treated but not carried and the figure for the year was 808.

The Nostell Air Support Unit flew 671 life saving missions and our Northern Air Support Unit at RAF Topcliffe [nr Thirsk] has been fully operational throughout the year and has provided invaluable support flying 655 missions in the Northern Region of Yorkshire.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance helicopters G-SASH and G-CEMS have been fully operational and provided continuous 365 day cover [with extended 15 hours per day overlapping coverage in the summer months]. It has also

again been possible to provide finance for an air ambulance loan helicopter for use during the two separate periods when both helicopters were offline for annual service. The older of our two helicopters G-SASH has suffered with very heavy non-scheduled maintenance.

Our website www.yaa.org.uk has been refurbished and again is providing regular sustainable and increasing incomes. During the year ending March 2015, online donations have increased by 43%. The use of the Internet and social media has again proved most valuable and our "Facebook" page now has over 50,000+ supporters [22,500 - 2014] and we are maximizing the use of "Twitter" with 21,300+ followers [16,000 - 2014]. We continue to use all the various social media applications to spread information to our growing number of supporters. YAA merchandise has been extended and provides a regular source of income, with Christmas cards being available for purchase on-line, via the YAA Office or from any of our Fundraising team.

The Senior Management Team continue to work directly with the Trustee Board and attend the regular monthly Trustee Board meetings. The same transparent organisational structure will remain in place for the year ending March 2016. The Senior Management Team is Paul Gowland [Director of Fundraising], Tracey Looker [Director of Finance appointed 1 June



YAA PATRONS | Gaynor Barnes and Jon Mitchell

2015], Neale Jacobs [Office & Operations Manager], Abby McClymont [Marketing & Communications Manager] and Captain Andrew Lister [Chief Pilot].

The YAA are not members of the “Air Ambulance Association”. The AAA activities are closely monitored and are an agenda item at our monthly Trustee Board meetings. Following discussions between AAA and Her Majesty’s Treasury, in July 2015 we received £241k from Her Majesty’s Treasury from the Libor funds.

We have during the year revisited, reviewed, updated and tested our Emergency Response Plan.

On behalf of all the Trustees and Charity staff, I would thank most sincerely all our supporters who have provided the vital funding necessary to ensure we are able to continue to offer the best possible life saving service throughout Yorkshire. Surplus income has enabled us to provide designated funds for the future replacement of our ageing helicopters and to develop our Nostell Air Support Unit.

FUNDRAISING

For the year ending March 2015 overall incoming resources [including Legacies and In Memory donations] increased by nearly 15% over the previous year and culminated in a total income of £7.4M. Legacies and In

Memory donations were £2.5M. Legacy incomes are an important area of support for the YAA and which continue to provide valuable income. We are still receiving solid support from the people of Yorkshire and this year’s overall income has risen from circa £1.30 to £1.48 per head of population.

Our partnership with Huddersfield Town Football Club continues to flourish and brings in valuable income, which is shared equally between their Football Academy and the YAA and has raised over £1m since inception.

The Affinity account with the Yorkshire Building Society at 31st March 2015 stood at £83,520,446 invested in 4,766 accounts. The 1% annual affinity payment generated £944K during the year.

Our “Bag-it-Up Recycling” partnership scheme across the Yorkshire region has seen a downturn due to a global downturn, in the price of clothes in the year ending March 2015 but still stands at a very valuable £257k. The Freemasons in Yorkshire and the Freemasons Grand Charity in London continue to provide valuable support to the Charity with local and national support.

The YAA lottery continued to make valuable contributions. On-line gift aided donations are still increasing – Grants & Trusts income

showed continuing valuable income of £226k. We are also grateful to the following for their support and I would acknowledge the benefits in kind support that we have received, which totalled £65,780 [For the Statutory Accounts, benefits in kind are treated as income and the same amount deducted in the appropriate actual cost code].

Huddersfield Town	£15,780
B. Braun Medical Ltd	£35,000
CDP Web Design	£6,500
Vehicles DM Keith Skoda	£3,500
Other	£5,000

I would record our very grateful thanks to The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation for their valuable past, present and continued support, which is of enormous benefit to the Charity.

It has enabled the Charity to commit to capital projects that are now showing valuable cost savings on our revenue account.





OPERATIONS - HELICOPTERS

Key statistics for our two Air Ambulances for the year ending March 2015 are as follows:

- 8,104 hours of available cover [when helicopters were scheduled to be operational]
- 1,326 [1,050 - 2014] missions flown 596 [524 - 2014] patients carried, an increase of 14%
- Average Charity cost per mission during the year was £3,370 [£4,295 - 2014]. The average flying hours per patient carried was 70 minutes and the average mission time was just under 71 minutes
- Total fuel used in the year was 199,999 litres and represents a cost of nearly £9k per month and is a reduction of nearly £2k per month over last year's costs. This has been achieved following the installation of our own fuel tanks at both Nostell and Topcliffe Air Support Units
- Average litres per flying hour were 290 per helicopter

Our helicopter maintenance, pilotage and technical support have, as I reported last year, been carried out by Multiflight at Leeds Bradford International Airport. Sadly due to problems with manufacturer's spares and

additional maintenance on our helicopter G-SASH the total figures have risen sharply and are above our budgeted expectations.

FINANCIALS

2015 has been another tremendous year with a comfortable surplus of income over expenditure, and also a strong performance against budget expectations.

The net consolidated assets of the YAA Charity have increased by over 28% and now stand at £13.9M. With prudent management and close budgetary control, we have managed to maintain our administration and fundraising expenditure beneath budget and at 15.2% of income - leaving 84.8p in every £1 donated to be used for charitable activities or building reserves. Trustees have again been prudent in increasing our reserves, and a policy has been adopted to allow for future developments and the replacement of our oldest helicopter. We have built our unrestricted funds to circa £7.8M and this will enable us to sustain operations for a period of 18/24 months.

Our reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of 12 months running costs. The current designated reserves stand at £6M and it is anticipated that incomes over the next financial year 2015/2016 will be maintained or increased from current levels. Our Sage financial software (Sage 200 Accounts) has now been upgraded to the latest 2015 version and CRM [Customer Relationship Module] is again

providing great benefit in supporting the Charity's fundraising, administrative and operational functions.

Copies of our Audited accounts and our AGM report are available from our HQ at Cayley House, Elland [01422 237900] – they are available both electronically and in hard copy formats [www.yaa.org.uk].

My thanks, as always, on behalf of the YAA go to their Executive team, and in particular to Della Cannings; Chair of the Board of Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Rod Barnes; Chief Executive, and Ian Walton; Associate Director of Resilience and Special Services.

I also extend our thanks to Dr Julian Mark, our Medical Director for all his support together with Dr Jez Pinnell our Medical Advisor. Our thanks are also extended to all the Paramedics and Doctors for their work in attending trauma incidents throughout the Yorkshire region and providing critical care.

We have an excellent relationship with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS), and regular partnership meetings take place with their senior executives and our Vice Chairman and myself.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

HRH The Duke of York, KG our Royal Patron visited our Nostell Air Support Units on 25th March 2015. He spent time on the helipad with the helicopter, Chief Pilot and Paramedics discussing the operational capabilities of our life saving work and the facilities available on the Air Ambulance. The Duke also received a full briefing from the Duty Dispatcher in the control room and a full tour of all the facilities at the unit.

He then officially opened the Air Support Unit and was able to spend time meeting and discussing various aspects of our operations with some of our staff, volunteers, sponsors, trainee paramedics and supporters. In commemoration of his visit I presented His Royal Highness with a framed picture of our two helicopters on the helipad at Nostell.

The "Keep It Up Campaign" with Huddersfield Town Football Club is a joint fundraising venture. 50% of the monies raised benefit the YAA and 50% The Huddersfield Town Football Academy for training young players. The total income produced in its fourth year was £172K.

The Yorkshire Building Society Affinity Account continued to grow throughout the year and was available at all their branches. There is an annual affinity payment of 1% to the Charity, based on the average balance on the account throughout the year, which amounted to a staggering £944k.

Our Recognition Awards Dinner and AGM were held at Aspire – Leeds on 30th October 2014. The presentation of awards was again extremely well supported by 200 people. Brian Chapman [Trustee] and his team at B. Braun Medical Ltd, Sheffield organised the event and I would like to place on record our thanks and appreciation for their hard work and support.

Our AGM in October 2014 was again extremely well attended and I recommended that we adopted a theme for the year based on the word "PRUDENCE". This has formed the basis of our focus and strategy for the year.

Following increases in activity and income levels we were delighted to further strengthen both our fundraising and finance teams during the year. In fundraising we welcomed three new Community Fundraisers Jenny Jones [May 2014], Alex Byers [June 2015] and Victoria Muirhead [June 2015]. In Finance, we welcomed Tracey Looker as our new Director of Finance in June 2015.

We were delighted to continue our partnerships with Hull based Arco for a further 3 years, B. Braun Medical Limited for a further 5 years, SICL for a further 5 years and ASDA have continued into a third year of fundraising. Doncaster Racecourse has also agreed to continue their support for a further year.

In addition we welcomed Shepley Spring Limited and John Moore Security Limited as new

corporate partners. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of the fundraising team.

In July 2014 Yorkshire welcomed the Tour de France (TDF). As a result Yorkshire Air Ambulance took the decision to ensure the availability of a third aircraft throughout the event. This proved to be a sound decision, which resulted in a record number of people being treated and carried. In addition to the increased operational activity, over £50,000 was raised through our Yellow Yorkshire campaign which was run in conjunction with the TDF and will become an annual event in our fundraising calendar.

2014/15 saw an increase in missions flown of 26% and record numbers of patients treated and carried to major trauma centres.

The agreement with Specialist Aviation Services to lease one of their MD902 Air Ambulance helicopters to cover our operations when our helicopters were offline for scheduled or unscheduled maintenance is still in operation.

At our AGM KPMG LLP were appointed as the Charity's Auditor and we welcome their valuable advice and support.

I would like to acknowledge the support of our Solicitors DWF Solicitors - Leeds during the year.





Our relationship with Embrace [Sheffield Children's Hospital NHS neonatal transport organisation] has been expanded, and during the year we transported 13 Consultants to hospitals in the Yorkshire region where it was essential that neonatal patients received time critical care.

During the year Brewin Dolphin – Leeds were appointed as our Investment Managers and Advisors.

FUTURE

In August 2015 I received a letter from the Assistant Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness Duchess of Cornwall with a kind donation to the Charity. HRH asked me to pass on her thanks to all the team at the Yorkshire Air Ambulance for their dedicated work.

In August 2015 we were delighted that the Chancellor George Osborne visited our Air Support Unit at Nostell, near Wakefield, with Charity supporter and cricketing legend Geoffrey Boycott who had asked the Government to support us. During his visit, the Chancellor announced a pledge of £1M towards a new state-of-the-art helicopter.

Following the completion of a detailed review of evolving needs for service delivery over the next 25 years, we have now placed an order for a

latest generation Airbus H145 helicopter to replace G-SASH, our oldest helicopter.

Our Recognition Awards Dinner and Annual General Meeting 2015 will again take place at Aspire - Leeds, which will be on Thursday 22 October 2015. As normal we are holding our AGM in the afternoon and our Recognition Dinner will follow this in the evening.

Our Air Support Unit at RAF Topcliffe continues to be fully established and operational, and I again extend our thanks to Station Commander Group Captain Ian Laing and his team at RAF Linton-on-Ouse for their continued help and support along with Lieutenant Colonel John Catto and his team of the 4th Regiment Royal Artillery Allenbrooke Barracks.

Another strategy day was held on 27th July 2015 with the focus being on revisiting the strategic risks of the Charity and ensuring that mitigating actions are in place.

THANKS

On behalf of all the Trustees and staff, I would also record our special thanks to our Patrons Gaynor Barnes, Jon Mitchell, Martyn Moxon and Charlie Hodgson for their help and support in their ambassadorial role with the YAA and to our Volunteers who play a vital role in supporting the Charity.

My own personal special thanks go to the Trustees for all their help, guidance and support throughout the year and also for their individual overseeing roles and involvement in specific areas of the Charity's operation. Our Vice Chairman Bruce Burns also fulfils the role of Accountable Manager to the Civil Aviation Authority and has responsibility for our operational activities.

My thanks also go to Lynn Walton our HR Consultant for her help, advice and support during the year.

My final thanks go to all the operational personnel – Head of Special Operations [Mike Shanahan], Clinical Operations Manager [Pete Vallance] Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust Paramedics, our Chief Pilot [Captain Andy Lister], Pilots, Doctors, dispatchers, the dedicated fundraising and management staff, [Office, Marketing, Finance and Administration teams] for their hard work in raising the necessary funds to enable the two Yorkshire Air Ambulances to continue to operate 365 days a year on their vital emergency lifesaving missions.

CONCLUSION

The Trustee Board has approved the strategy and budget for the year 2015/2016. We are already seeing incomes in the first six months of this financial year in excess of last year's and in excess of our budgeted expectations.



I am, therefore, confident that we can ensure a satisfactory performance during the year ending March 2016. Our expenditure against budget will, as always, be closely monitored. Longer summertime flying hours with our helicopters will be continued again this year.

During the summer months it has been possible, with overlapping hours, to ensure that we have had at least one helicopter available for up to 15 hours per day and one of our helicopters has the facility to extend these hours further. I am confident that sufficient funding is available to continue our current operations and also to strengthen the reserves of the YAA Charity, to enable future developments and the long-term replacement of our helicopters.

The key to our lifesaving Charity operation is the continuation of funds being donated to enable the operation of our two helicopters. These have increased to be in excess of £12,000 per day [we are flying more missions and maintenance costs have risen significantly] to keep both Air Ambulance helicopters operational.

Transparency is important to the good corporate governance of the Charity and for our supporters to be able to fully understand that all donations are being used effectively for charitable purposes.

We are currently preparing our strategy/business plan to ensure that the Charity remains in a position to provide the whole of Yorkshire with a state-of-the-art, world class air ambulance service which will consolidate the continuation of our life-saving operation. We pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality rapid response emergency service, with the most modern medical facilities enabling us to continue to save lives across Yorkshire and its environs every single day.

Peter Sunderland DL
Chairman

29th September 2015



Vice Chairman's Report



Bruce Burns

2014/2015 has been a very exciting year for the Charity, working on new projects along with the day to day running of our operation.

In July 2014, we leased a third helicopter to cover the Tour de France, Grand Depart to help with the influx of visitors in Yorkshire over that weekend. The third helicopter was staffed by a relief pilot and Doctors who were provided by the NHS.

In addition to the 41 missions we attended during that weekend, our existing aircraft, G-SASH & G-CEMS attended 38 missions during the week leading up to the event.

As we are an independent charity this gives us the flexibility to be able to organise the placement of a third helicopter in a short space of time. We arranged for the third helicopter to be positioned along the route at strategic points, allowing our team to respond to emergency incidents in the fastest time possible.

Following several power outages at our purpose built Air Support Unit at Nostell; a decision was taken to purchase a stand by generator to provide power should there be a power cut. This will allow the charity to stay fully operational at all times.

Towards the end of 2014, the Charity ran its first Emergency Response Plan Training Exercise (ERP) in a bid to plan and prepare ourselves for any unforeseen disasters, which may directly or indirectly affect our operation. The training exercise was devised and monitored by our Quality and Compliance Manager and raised some topics for further discussion. As a result we have adapted the existing plan to better suit the needs of the Charity, issuing an updated version, No.3. We plan to run the training exercise again in 2015/2016.

In April 2015, seven of our aircrew paramedics completed their three-year secondment and returned full time to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. To show our appreciation for their work here at the Charity, we organised an informal gathering with both existing paramedics and new members of the team. We also welcomed seven new aircrew paramedics who will join the Charity for the next three years on a permanent seconded basis.

The new air crew paramedics completed a tough three-week training programme that included underwater escape training, mountain and swift water rescue, navigation, air safety and advanced emergency medicine. They all passed and are now part of the YAA family.

Over the last year, the Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA) carried out a full audit inspection. We also self-audit over the same time frame and in both areas, we have two independent quality auditors, one for maintenance and one for pilots. We were given a clean bill of health from both audits, with only four minor observations.

As a result, the CAA has indicated, under their new safety system process, that the Charity after next year's audit (2015/2016) will be audited once every 2 years. This is due to the high level of safety that the Charity employs in all its operational activity. We were one of the first aviation operators within the UK, (both fixed wing and rotary) to introduce the Safety Management System (SMS) and our development of this and the level of Safety Management Reports (SMR) and our no blame culture have all contributed to our success.

In previous years I have discussed the desperate need for landing lights at the Leeds General Infirmary (LGI). During the last year it appears that a way of funding them from an external third party has been negotiated by the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity and all the necessary plans have now been put in place. In next year's report I hope to confirm completion of this project. The LGI is one of the region's four major trauma centres and it is imperative that the lighting of the helipad can be achieved for the benefit of the people of Yorkshire.



The Chairman and I meet with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust on a regular basis to go through a list of pre agreed agenda items, which allows our partnership to run smoothly. To coincide with the Partnership Board meetings, I also meet once a month with the Deputy Operational Director and our Ground Operations Manager meets with the Senior Resilience Manager, to ensure we are both up to date with events, training and any operational issues. Our close working relationship with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service is hugely important to the Charity and is proving to be a great partnership.

Another NHS organisation that the Charity works closely with is Embrace, the children’s retrieval service. Embrace held a “Night of Flight” event at our Air Support Unit at Nostell, which allowed professionals within the industry to liaise with each other. Present were Paediatric Consultants from all over the UK, Paediatric and Children’s Nurses, Ambulance Drivers, Fire Crew from the LGI, MOD representative’s, Charity Staff, YAA Trustees and myself. Last year we carried out 26 missions with Embrace.

The Charity also works alongside Search and Rescue groups throughout the region. To keep channels of communication open and to prevent errors being made, I attend the communication meetings four times a year accompanied by our Chief Pilot and three senior managers from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. These meetings

are held by North Yorkshire Police and have been invaluable. Our thanks go to the Chief Constable and PC Jon Rushton for facilitating these meetings.

Communication, development and safety, are some of the watchwords we use and to this end we are full members of the British Helicopter Association. This organisation is a well-respected collection of personnel from the different helicopter sectors and is used by the CAA, EASA, the Military and other organisations to communicate with all the UK based operators. It was with pleasure that our Chief Pilot was asked to chair the BHA Emergency Services Sub Committee. This very important role sets Yorkshire as the gold standard and the Charity often hosts meetings at our facilities for the benefit of all.

We continue to communicate with those organisations closest to us. The National Police Aviation Service (NPAS) have been invaluable in their assistance and to them I would like to record my thanks.

During this last year our Safety Manager, Captain Ian Mousette, was asked by the CAA to sit on the Regional Air Space User Group with representatives from the MOD, Coastguard and other uses. Captain Mousette carries out these duties as well as flying one of our helicopters. We believe in communication and spreading the

word on safety, using our excellence to help others and we have supported Ian in this role.

Of course the year never runs as smoothly as you would hope and in this last year we have had some very heavy maintenance issues and associated costs.

G-SASH

Both engines on G-SASH have had their three thousand hour services, figures below:

Engine one	£254,296
Engine two	£248,189
Notar	£43,352
VCSC Actuator	£36,072
Actuator	£30,633
Drive shaft	£51,204
Main Mast base replacement	£64,973
Friction unit	£30,753
Gear box	£89,400

G-CEMS

Rotor Blade	£26,625
2 Flex Beams	£125,371
IIDS	£41,123
Collective Friction Unit	£31,469

In total nearly one million pounds has been spent on the maintenance of our two helicopters during this financial year. The above list does not cover all the smaller value spares items,



as only items with a value over £25,000 have been included. We agreed a fixed price contract, with our maintenance provider Multiflight, which has kept the labour costs under control for the last year. The cost of all spares has increased dramatically this year along with the movement of the Dollar against Sterling. Our engine maintenance provider (separate from Multiflight) ITP in Madrid has saved us money by being paid in euros.

HRH the Duke of York KG, who is also our Royal Patron and Honorary Chief Pilot, came to officially open our Air Support Unit at Nostell and we were able to inform him of our plans to replace one of our helicopters.

Our Chief Pilot, Ground Operations Manager and I went to Helitech in Amsterdam for two days to meet with four companies in order for us to research in more detail the different helicopters in the market place, which might suit our operational requirements.

These were Augusta Westland, MacDonald Douglas, Bell and Airbus. All four companies delivered presentations to explain running costs, support, and the capabilities of all the machines. We were also able to catch up with all the European operators, police, and air ambulance operators and users to discuss problems, issues and support constraints.

Following a recommendation to the Trustee Board a decision was taken to place an order for an Airbus H145 helicopter for delivery in October 2016.

The Chairman has, in his report, recorded his thanks and I fully support those comments.

As we move forward into 2015/2016 all I can say, in conclusion, is that these are very exciting times for the Charity and I am sure that there will be much for me to cover in next year's report.

Thank you everyone for all your support.

Bruce Burns

Vice Chairman & Accountable Manager

29th September 2015

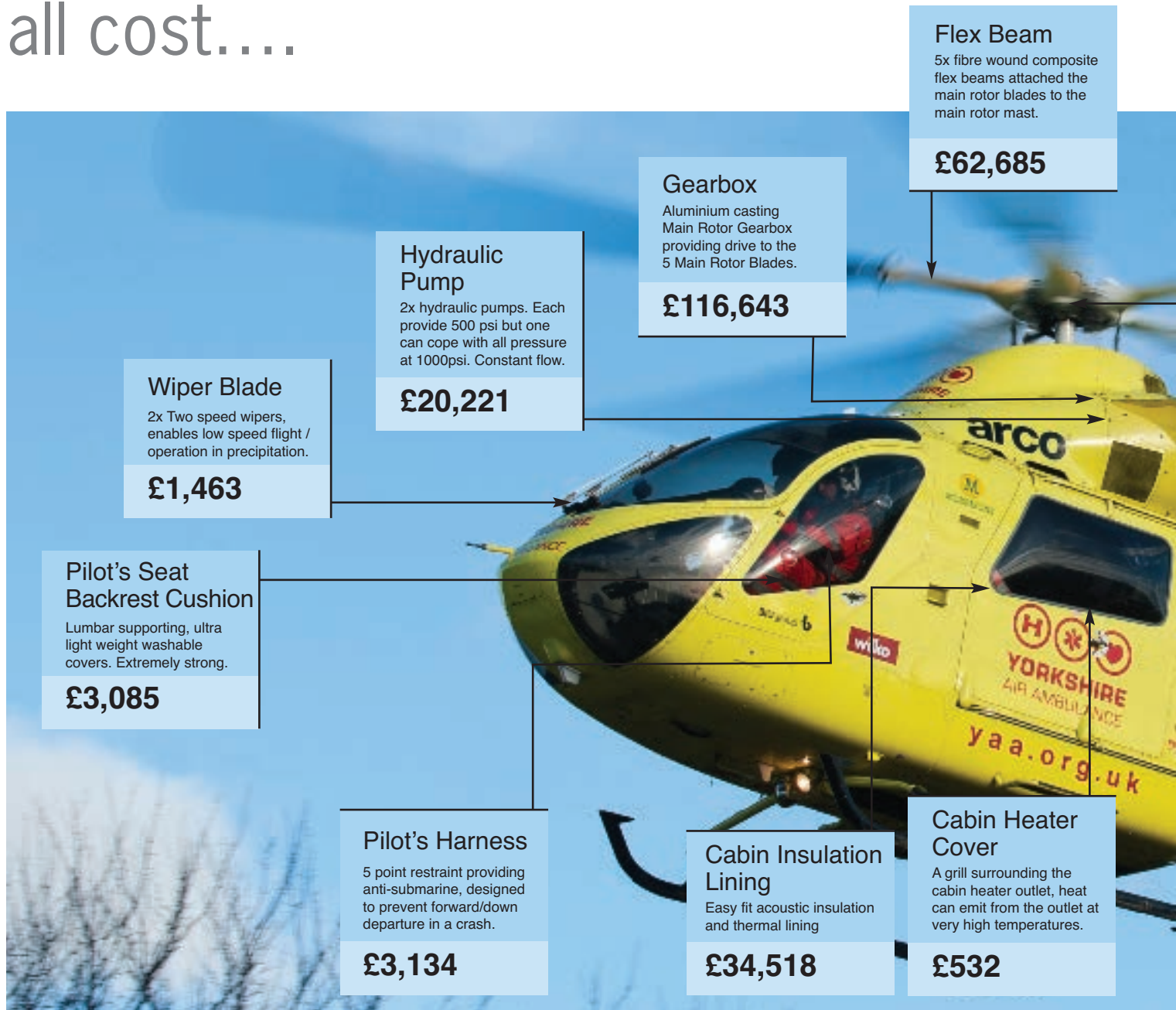








How much does it all cost....



In April 2015 the Charity's daily running cost increased to £12,000 a day to keep both our helicopters maintained and in the air. The Background to this increase is as follows:

- An Increase in Missions Flown**
 In comparison year on year the YAA attended an additional 276 missions in 2014/2015 - an increase of 26% on the previous year.

- An Increase in Patients Treated**
 The YAA is first on the scene in 30% of missions and the advanced trauma paramedics provide treatment to 3 patients every day in the busier summer months.

- An Increase in Patients flown to Major Trauma Centres**
 The increase in missions flown is largely due to:
 - Patients requiring specialist treatment provided at the region's Major Trauma Centre hospitals (MTCs)

To keep both of Yorkshire's Air Ambulances maintained and in the air we need to raise **£12,000** every single day. This is the equivalent of **£4.4M** per year.

Rotor Blade

Made from carbon fibre spars and honeycomb core. Covered in alloy, with nickel and over 84% titanium.

£46,300

Blade Pin Bolt

High torque, steel and titanium bolts with expandable bushing. With earthing strips for lightning protection.

£710

Engine

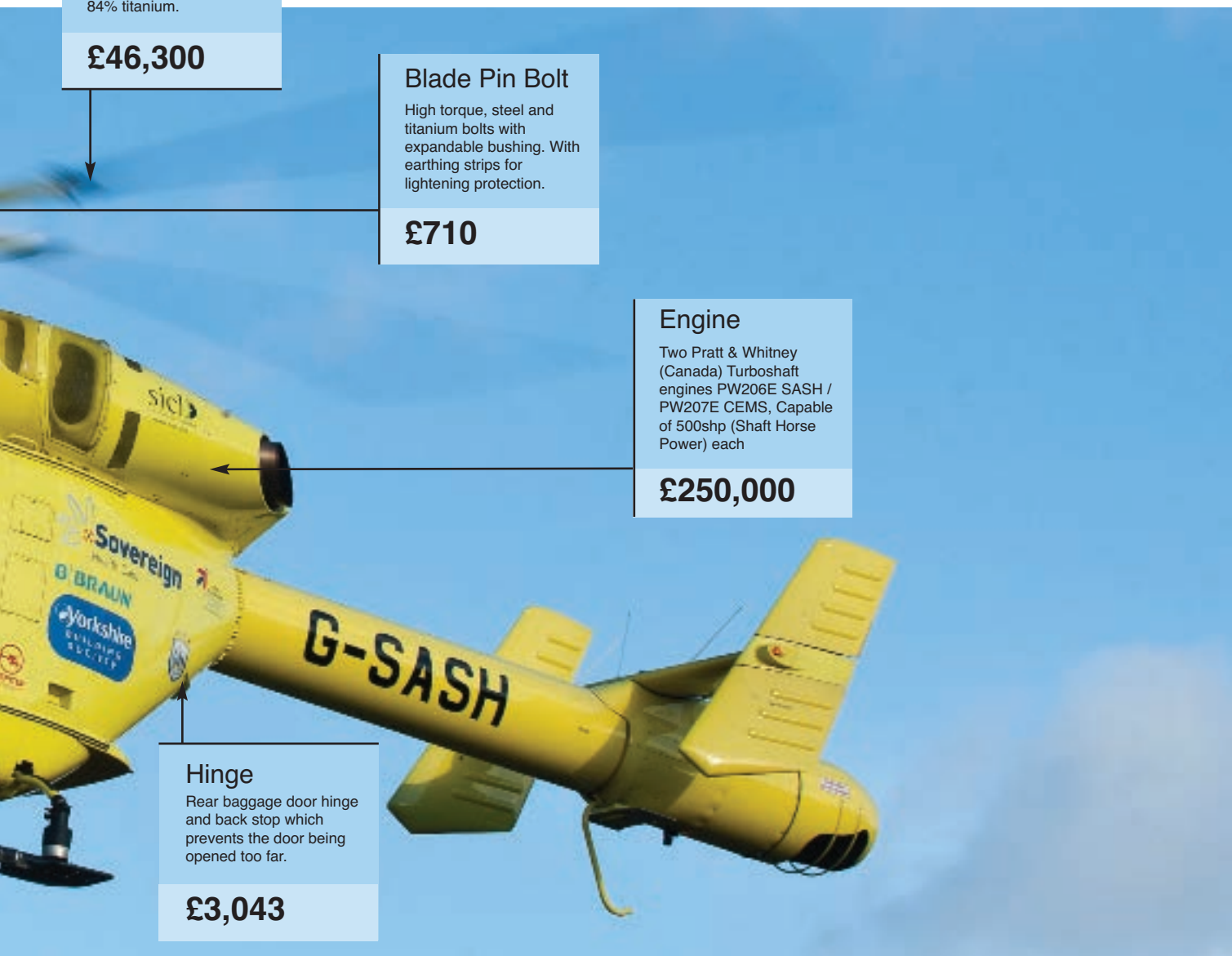
Two Pratt & Whitney (Canada) Turboshift engines PW206E SASH / PW207E CEMS, Capable of 500shp (Shaft Horse Power) each

£250,000

Hinge

Rear baggage door hinge and back stop which prevents the door being opened too far.

£3,043



- The ongoing improvement of landing sites at the MTCs
- Enhanced lighting at the YAA Air Support Units at Nostell and RAF Topcliffe.
- An Increase in Missions = An Increase in Maintenance Required

The increase in missions affects the maintenance needed to keep each of the helicopters operational and this is reflected in the recent annual rises in helicopter maintenance costs.

Maintenance spend
2013/2014 - £1M spent
2014/2015 - £1.25M spent
2015/2016 - £1.5M budget
= £2k per helicopter, per day

Financial results

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£000's	£000's	£000's
INCOME	7,424	6,470	5,198
EXPENDITURE			
Cost of Generating Funds	1,080	1,158	756
Governance Costs	50	67	60
	1,130	1,225	816
Operational Costs	3,324	3,285	2,346
Total Costs	4,454	4,510	3,162
Investment gains/losses and taxation	88	5	24
Increase in reserves	3,058	1,965	2,036
Total Reserves B/FWD	10,807	8,842	6,806
Total Reserves C/FWD	13,865	10,807	8,842



Income in £'000s							
	Donations	Legacies	Grants	Non-Charitable trading	Investment Income	Other Income	Total
2009	2,168	407	176	352	47	2	3,152
2010	2,566	592	271	313	0	9	3,751
2011	2,314	961	260	298	0	22	3,855
2012	2,807	902	253	295	44	5	4,306
2013	3,094	1,205	406	289	80	124	5,198
2014	4,132	1,489	413	285	91	60	6,470
2015	4,306	2,473	226	291	96	32	7,424

BALANCE SHEET

	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Fixed Assets	6,025	3,911	3,146
Current Assets			
Debtors and stock	1,659	645	549
Bank Balances	6,490	6,715	5,352
	8,149	7,360	5,901
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	309	464	205
Net Current Assets	7,840	6,896	5,696
Net Assets	13,865	10,807	8,842
Represented By			
Restricted Funds	85	90	60
Designated Funds	6,020	3,354	2,711
Unrestricted Funds	7,760	7,363	6,071
	13,865	10,807	8,842



RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees aspire to maintain a free cash balance which would be sufficient to sustain operations without any further funding for a minimum of 12 months at an approximate running cost of **£12,000** per day.



Roll of honour 2013 and 2014



2013

Volunteers

- Chris Batty
- Tracy Gregory
- Carl Dickinson
- Jan & Peter Swallow
- Liz Storey
- Gwen & Derek Taylor

Organisations & Supporters

- Maisie Allan
- Elaine Blezard
- Mike Rimmer
- Parkgate & Rawmarsh District Ladies Dart League
- Phil Toone
- Barnsley District Lions Club
- The Jeepy Club
- Valley Striders Athletic Club
- Wentbridge House Hotel
- Adrian Hoggarth

Patient Fundraising Ambassador

- Charlotte Leighton

Corporate Supporters

- Wilkinsons
- Brian Leighton Garages
- Potters Eggs
- Arco

Media

- Capital FM - Hirsty's Daily Dose Breakfast Show

Special Recognition Award

- Steve Rendi – Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Outstanding Partnership

- B. Braun Medical Ltd

Chairman's Award

- RAF Linton on Ouse & 4th Regiment Royal Artillery, Allenbrooke Barracks

- Wetherby Lions
- The Storeroom, Leeds
- Rene Shaw & Trish Curtis
- Birstwith to Rome Bike Ride
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The Rt Hon George Osborne MP The Chancellor announced £1M donation

In August 2015, The Chancellor George Osborne donated £1 million towards a new state-of-the-art helicopter for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which should be delivered by September 2016.

Mr Osborne made the funding pledge during a visit to our Air Support Unit at Nostell, near Wakefield, with longstanding charity supporter and cricketing legend Geoffrey Boycott who asked the Government for help.

Following the completion of a detailed review of the Charity's evolving needs for service delivery over the next 25 years, an order for a latest generation Airbus H145 helicopter has been placed to replace the older of our two aircraft, G-SASH.

The £1 million Government donation, from fines levied on banks, will contribute substantially towards the new £5.7 million Airbus H145.

Chairman Peter Sunderland, said: *"We remain totally dependent on the generosity of the fantastic people of Yorkshire."*

However, the phenomenal donation we have received from The Chancellor of the Exchequer, will allow us to work towards fulfilling our mission to provide Yorkshire with the highest quality rapid response emergency service – and I express my sincere thanks for this exceptional contribution.

In planning for the future we have been building up our reserves to ensure we can continue to develop and expand our life saving service by having the most up-to-date aircraft.

G-SASH has been a familiar sight over the skies of Yorkshire for the last 14 years. But in recent years, maintenance costs have escalated and spare parts have become increasingly difficult to find. Now is the right time to replace her."

The new helicopter offers exceptional flight performance and will have significantly lower operating and maintenance costs. The Airbus H145 is night capable and is used by military, police and air rescue services around the world.

It has a larger cabin and provides paramedics with an advanced medical fit-out to treat and transport often critically injured patients. Replacing G-SASH will ensure the continuation of a state-of-the-art air ambulance service for the people of Yorkshire for the next 25 years.







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