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2125 missions in 12 months

2025 was another busy year for Devon Air Ambulance (DAA), with the charity attending 2125 land and air missions across Devon and neighbouring counties. The charity thanks the local community for its support in enabling it to continue its vital, lifesaving service.

Medical emergencies can impact lives anywhere and at any time. DAA pilots, paramedics and doctors are ready to respond by air and by road, with lifesaving kit and the skills to provide crucial, time-critical care.

Of the 2125 times, the service was called to assist in 2025; 395 of the missions were night missions. With a network of more than 200 Community Landing Sites (CLS) across Devon, DAA crews are able to get to patients during the hours of darkness.

The charity's Volunteer Responders were also tasked to 70 missions. The Volunteer Responder scheme is an initiative by the charity, where Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) dispatchers call on DAA's off-duty clinicians to respond to a medical emergency they are local to.

The most common cause of medical emergency over the 12 months was once again incidences of cardiac arrest. 16.2% of missions were to assist cardiac arrest patients. This patient group accounted for nearly one third of all patients (27.9%) in 2025.

Devon Air Ambulance Chief Executive, Greg Allen said: "Last year 346 cardiac arrest patients were assisted by our crews. Being able to get our medical teams to someone experiencing a cardiac arrest can help give that patient a better chance of survival. In many cases, though, we see that survival rates in patients are maximized when CPR or a defibrillator is already being used on a patient before our crews can even get there.

"I'd urge everyone in our community to book a CPR and defibrillator awareness session with Devon Air Ambulance, so that more members of the public can learn lifesaving skills and help our crews save even more lives."

None of these lifesaving missions would be possible without the continued generosity of our supporters. We thank our local community, for enabling crews to continue providing specialist, time-critical, pre-hospital care to patients when they need it most."

[Find out more about how to learn life saving CPR skills and feel confident using a defibrillator](#)

In 2025, DAA crews were also tasked to 1047 trauma related incidents including 266 road traffic collisions. Of the 1238 patients attended over the 12 months, DAA assisted 125 children aged 0-17 years, 754 adults aged 18-69 and 356 patients over 70 years of age.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

*Missions refer to air and road missions

The Devon Air Ambulance Trust is a registered charity providing time-critical emergency medical services through the provision of two air-ambulance helicopters and a fleet of critical-care cars.

Devon Air Ambulance helps save lives at the scene. Its specialist doctors and paramedics provide crucial, time-critical care to patients suffering from a sudden, serious incident or injury. The charity serves Devon and neighbouring counties by air or by road, with the ability to reach all areas of the county by air within 20 minutes.

DAA was first established in 1986 and has been proudly independent since April 2019. Its 2 air-ambulance helicopters operate from air bases in Exeter and Eaglescott in North Devon. The charity also owns 4 critical care cars, it buys specialist lifesaving kit, trains its crews in advanced pre-hospital care, and supports its local community with training and recovery initiatives.

As a charity Devon Air Ambulance receives no government funding and relies entirely on voluntary donations to continue its vital service.

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