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Dear Catherine,

On behalf of Air Ambulance Northern Ireland, please accept our sincere thanks for the donations received, totalling £600 in aid of Air Ambulance NI, in memory of Mr Gibson. This is a lovely tribute to him.

Air Ambulance NI is your local charity that provides the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for Northern Ireland together with its partners at the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. The service brings urgent medical assistance to anywhere in the province, operating seven days a week during daylight hours. It can get to anywhere in Northern Ireland in approximately twenty-five minutes. £2m needs to be raised each year so public donations and continuing support is crucial. As you may know the service had its first tasking on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 and since then we have completed over 789 missions.

Thank you for being part of the journey.

AANI would love to keep in touch with you, sending you news on our latest case studies, campaigns and how you can support the charity. Your contact details will not be shared with anyone else and will be held securely by AANI. If you do not wish to receive further information from AANI, perhaps you could let us know by email to [info@airambulancenireland.org](mailto:info@airambulancenireland.org) or by post.

With sincere thanks,



Breige Mulholland  
Air Ambulance NI

## Club AANI

How would you like to become a member of Air Ambulance NI?

We are pleased to offer the opportunity to join our membership club, Club AANI.

Quite literally, we'd be grounded without you! Your support will help keep our Helicopter Emergency Medical Service in operation, 7 days a week.

By joining, you will not only be showing your commitment to saving lives, you will be part of the journey in creating sustainability for this critical lifesaving service.

Visit [www.airambulancenl.org](http://www.airambulancenl.org) to sign up or find out more.



## Facts

- AANI in partnership with NIAS provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS), responding to severely ill or injured patients 7 days a week, 7am-7pm, 365 days per year.
- NIAS provide the team of 6 paramedics and 15 doctors, as well as medicines and equipment required to deliver the service.
- When a 999 call comes in, the HEMS paramedic on duty has the responsibility for dispatch of the air ambulance service. Certain incidents will mean automatic dispatch; other calls will need further information to ascertain if the service is needed. In some instances, NIAS road crew may task HEMS on arrival at scene.
- Onward travel to hospital can be via air, road ambulance with the HEMS crew or road ambulance with the NIAS crew.
- When we are tasked it takes, on average, 4 minutes to be airborne.
- Our helicopters and highly skilled pilots are provided by Babcock MSC Onshore Ltd; our contract also covers maintenance and engineering support.
- We have one operational helicopter, as well as a rapid response vehicle. The back-up helicopter is used for training and to minimise down time. The helicopter uses approximately 250l Jet1 aviation fuel per hour.
- The call sign for the helicopter is Helimed23 and our rapid response vehicle's call sign is Delta7.
- 50% of incidents are to road traffic collisions and a further 10% are to agricultural incidents. The remaining incidents are trauma related, some from a sporting activity; or could occur at home or in the workplace.
- The service is tasked to city and rural localities alike. As well as speed of arrival, the HEMS brings an extremely experienced team to the scene of the incident, effectively flying the hospital to the patient. This means advanced pre-hospital care starts begins within minutes.
- It takes £2m each year to sustain this service. That's £5,500 per day.
- This £2m funds helicopter rental, aviation team consisting of two pilots and a full-time engineer, fuel, insurance, the hanger where helicopters are housed, base for the team, medical crew uniforms and the charity infrastructure required for governance and to raise and administer funds.