

## Humberside Coastguard Search and Rescue Helicopters

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**Function before fashion (and comfort...)**

As expected, the tasking rate has followed the usual seasonal increase possibly exacerbated by the lifting of restrictions on travel and movement. The callout list below shows that the month has brought a wide variety of 'jobs' with a number of seriously unwell people assisted and transported to hospital. It's perhaps worth noting the number of occasions on which we were able to carry attending NHS medical staff (and, on 15 July, a police officer) to ensure continuity of casualty care.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Tasking</b>
1 July	19:36 – 21:40	Transfer of two girls, aged 1 year and 2 years, with serious burns from Boston Pilgrim hospital to Nottingham Queen's hospital along with 2 NHS staff and a parent.
4 July	11:22 – 14:07	54 year old female crewperson with abdominal condition winched from a wind turbine support vessel at the Hornsea 1 windfarm, 90 miles east of Kirmington. Taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
6 July	16:25 – 17:38	Tasked from training to person unhurt but stuck at the bottom of Flamborough Head cliffs. Person winched safely and left with coastguard personnel at the cliff top.
6 July	20:08 – 21:31	Crewman with partially amputated fingers aboard merchant vessel in the mouth of the River Humber. Winched and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
10 July	05:03 – 06:12	Request from police to assist with search for suicidal missing person near Leeds. Person then located at hospital but left in a despondent state, so SAR crew asked to continue towards the scene. On arrival, missing person located by police so SAR crew stood down.
11 July	20:23 – 20:30	Tasked to assist with 2 kayakers with cuts on rocks near Flamborough Head. Lifeboat crew in attendance. Diverted en route to another task.
11 July	20:30 – 22:01	Diverted from previous tasking to 66 year old male who had suffered a cardiac arrest on the beach at Mablethorpe. On-scene paramedics had successfully used a defibrillator to regain a cardiac output. Casualty and attending NHS paramedic taken to Lincoln hospital for handover.
11 – 12 July	23:58 – 02:09	55 year old male suffering from suspected heart attack near Kirkby Stephen in northern Pennines. Mountain rescue team (MRT) in attendance. Aircraft landed, casualty loaded by MRT and taken to James Cook hospital in Middlesbrough.
12 July	13:42 – 15:09	50 year old female walker with broken ankle in Peak District. Casualty placed in a stretcher, winched to the aircraft and taken to Oldham hospital. Retasked to another incident during return to base.
12 July	15:09 – 17:02	Tasked on return from previous incident to a 56 year old male with chest pains aboard a merchant vessel at anchor 10 miles east of Spurn. Winched and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.

12 July	19:40 – 21:34	59 year old male in cardiac arrest at Mablethorpe. Casualty and two attending NHS paramedics taken to Lincoln hospital.
14 July	18:03 – 20:23	Crewman with suspected appendicitis aboard gas platform approximately 130 miles north east of Kirmington. Aircraft landed on helideck, casualty walked aboard and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
15 July	19:08 – 20:55	Serious road accident with multiple casualties on the A16 at Burwell. Three stretchered casualties, 3 NHS doctors, one NHS paramedic and a police officer all taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
16 - 17 July	22:47 – 00:37	Male of unknown age involved in serious road accident and suffered traumatic cardiac arrest on the A17 near RAF Cranwell. Aircraft landed on the road and crewmen deployed to assist ground emergency personnel. Casualty plus NHS doctor and two NHS paramedics taken to Nottingham City airfield for handover to ambulance crew.
17 July	02:11 – 03:47	36 year old male with suspected appendicitis aboard cable-laying vessel 36 miles north east of Kirmington. Winched and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
17 July	18:03 – 19:02	14 year old male fallen climber with head injury near Edale in Peak District. Mountain rescue teams (MRTs) and air ambulance in attendance. On arrival a second stuck climber was still being rescued by MRT personnel. Aircraft landed, fallen casualty carried aboard in stretcher and taken to Sheffield Northern General hospital. Crew then continued with training.
18 July	01:28 – 03:40	Male with serious injuries following road accident at Skegness with police and ambulance in attendance. Aircraft landed in an adjacent field. Stretchered casualty carried aboard and taken, along with attending NHS paramedic, to Hull Royal Infirmary.
21 July	15:51 – 16:08	Diverted from training to report of a crashed paraglider at Edale in Peak District. Returned to Humberside for refuel but then retasked to another incident.
21 July	16:16 – 18:04	Retasked during refuel to 20 year old female walker with broken ankle on Kinder Scout, Peak District. Aircraft landed near to casualty. Casualty plus two attending MRT paramedics taken to Sheffield Northern General hospital.
23 July	21:52 – 22:50	Search for suspected missing swimmer near Mablethorpe. Aircraft developed a technical malfunction during search and returned to base for rectification.
28 July	20:43 – 23:25	70 year old male with 70% burns following a bonfire accident at Spalding. Aircraft landed at a nearby sports pitch. Casualty and two HEMS doctors taken to Birmingham Queen Elizabeth hospital.
30 July	00:48 – 04:23	28 year old male at Skipsea with suspected spinal injuries after falling down mud cliffs. When about to commence winch recovery, crew were informed that a second male had fallen over the cliff about 50 metres away and suffered arm, leg and torso injuries. The aircraft was landed on the beach to recover the second casualty and both were taken to Hull Royal Infirmary. Alcoholic beverage may have been a factor...
31 July	14:39 – 15:52	Scrambled to assist two casualties who had been recovered from the water at Skegness but whose medical condition was unknown. Aircraft landed on the beach and one 13 year old female and a 16 year old male taken to Boston Pilgrim hospital with parent for medical checks.
31 July	19:34 – 19:42	10 year old male reported to be missing in the sea at Scarborough. Crew stood down en route so returned to base.
31 July	20:21 – 23:01	Three persons recovered from the sea at Mundesley, Norfolk, and requiring hospital treatment. One casualty had suffered a suspected stroke. Aircraft landed on the beach and, at the request of the attending air ambulance doctor, all casualties taken to Norwich hospital accompanied by NHS paramedic.