

## Humberside Coastguard Search and Rescue Helicopters

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October has been very quiet for us, very likely due to it apparently having been one of the wettest on record. If the weather is poor then fewer people go out, so fewer people get themselves into difficulties! Having said that, we have at least had the wide variety of callouts that is typical of Humberside's 'patch': overwater, high ground, cliffs, searches and even a couple of aviation incidents (thankfully with safe outcomes).

If you have been watching the current 'Emergency Rescue: Air, Land and Sea' television series I hope that you have found it interesting and enlightening; it's worth noting that the bases were not allowed to fly the cameraman at night and didn't have much poor weather, so please don't be fooled into thinking that rescues only take place on sunny days!

Date	Times	Tasking
1 Oct	14:57 – 18:31	Tasked during training flight to 22 year old female who had fallen approximately 5m at Crowden Tower, Peak District. Aircraft landed nearby and winch paramedic deployed to liaise with on-scene mountain rescue team (MRT). The casualty was raised to the clifftop by MRT while aircraft refuelled at Barton airfield, then casualty carried to aircraft and taken to Sheffield for onward transfer to hospital.
6 Oct	07:27 – 08:43	Tasked to river pilot with possible cardiac condition and adverse reaction to medication on board cargo vessel in the Humber. Winch paramedic lowered to the vessel and, after assessing that the casualty's condition did not necessitate a winch recovery, elected to transfer the casualty to the adjacent pilot vessel and accompany him to Grimsby dock and onward ambulance transfer to hospital. Winch paramedic then returned to base by road.
10 Oct	10:09 – 11:25	Tasked to report of person seen at the base of cliffs north of Scarborough. Winch paramedic lowered to scene to assist 2 police officers and recover the casualty to the clifftop. Casualty found to be deceased, so aircraft used to return police officers safely to the clifftop before returning to base.
11 Oct	14:26 – 14:31	Tasked to male with head injury at Bamford edge, Peak District, but stood down soon afterwards.
16 Oct	10:03 – 10:19	USAF F-15 Eagle jet fighter with fumes in the cockpit inbound to RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk. F-15 landed safely, so SAR crew immediately retasked.
16 Oct	10:19 – 10:45	Retasked from previous mission to RAF Typhoon jet fighter with emergency inbound to RAF Coningsby, Lincs. Typhoon landed safely so SAR crew stood down.
17 Oct	00:50 – 02:50	52 year old crewman with suspected heart attack aboard merchant vessel north east of Spurn Point. Winched and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
20 Oct	05:47 – 06:16	Tasked to vessel reportedly in difficulties in River Humber. Vessel found to be adjacent to Alexandra Dock, Hull, with rescue boat in attendance so stood down.
26 Oct	20:20 – 21:38	Search at Barnsley for individual reported to have been stabbed and thrown into a lake. Extensive thermal search carried out but nothing found so stood down.
27 Oct 20	11:15 – 12:59	49 year old male with chest 'palpitations' and discomfort aboard merchant vessel east of Spurn. Casualty winched to the aircraft and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.