

Annual Report



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AIR AMBULANCE

Registered Charity No. 1084305

Year ending March 2025



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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.

Mike Harrop
Chairman, Yorkshire Air Ambulance

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Chairman's Statement

Mike Harrop

It is my pleasure to present the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Annual Report for the financial year 2024/2025 – spanning 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. A particularly exciting year for the Charity as we enter our 25th year of operations.

It would be remiss of me to begin without paying tribute to the collective that comprises our dedicated crew, staff, volunteers and our trustee board who, it's always worth reminding people, are volunteers too. Simply put, YAA would cease to function without each and every one of them who has a unique part to play in our collegiate success. Their commitment and skill, within their specific areas of the Charity, all contribute towards us maintaining our goal of continually helping to save lives across Yorkshire and having a real impact on a patient's chance of recovery. Whether it be on the front line – focussing on patient care and medical interventions alongside the aviation and flight ops duties; out in the communities; building and nurturing key fundraising relationships and attending events and talks; or in the office liaising with donors, reconciling donations and planning our next awareness campaign; everyone contributes their part to making YAA the success it is.

I reflect on the last twelve months with pride on how much the Charity has achieved and how far we have come. Across the whole of the charity sector the community fundraising environment has become much more challenging than ever. However, I am enormously proud of our fundraising teams and all the efforts they have gone to maintaining that income stream; their ingenuity and tenacity are the bedrock of their success. Income for the year stood at £12.3m which includes £3.6m in general income and a record £7.5m of legacy income. This is up £1.0m from 2023/2024 (£11.3m). These results demonstrate financial strength that positions the Charity for sustainable and strategic success. For a full outline of our financial position, including income and expenditure headlines, please see the Financial Statements and the Financial Review section of the accounts.

A significant part of our income now is through legacies, or Gifts in Wills. These generous acts of kindness genuinely astound us all and often arise from unexpected directions. The fact that benefactors have actively chosen to support YAA when deciding their final gestures is truly a genuine kindness and for that we have so much gratitude. For many of our supporters, a gift in their will is their most heartfelt and enduring donation to us. It is often a way of continuing what may have been a very personal, emotional or even lifelong relationship with the Charity. We believe that many of our Gifts in Wills are as a result of the work done at community level and through the marketing and



awareness of YAA including our TV series too. Legacy income stood at a record £7.5m this year (2023/24 £6.4m). Through their families, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those kind individuals who have made a gift to YAA over the last 25 years. One of the Charity's challenges going forward is, given the unpredictability of legacies, how to become less reliant on these extremely generous donations and re-focus more closely on the income streams we have a better chance of influencing.

Looking forward, this next year is set to be a truly exciting and momentous year for Yorkshire Air Ambulance as we celebrate 25 years of saving lives across Yorkshire. Our fundraising and marketing teams have been busily working together in planning for many months now. We have a 25th brand logo which features across much of our promotional work and are running our 'Always Ready Raffle' where for just £1 per ticket, you can win the top prize of £2,500. There are also lots of community events being held, our first YAA Golf Day, and many other celebrations, however the culmination of our celebrations happens on the 17th October when we will be hosting our inaugural ball – 'A Reyt Good Do!'. This will take place at Aspire in Leeds City Centre. I look forward to reporting on a successful evening in my summary next year. Many of these events are 'new' to us and have been pitched at a level to be available to as many as possible in the short term. The aim will be to build on their success in future years and look to make them more attractive to philanthropes and sponsors by reflecting the true value of the YAA brand across Yorkshire.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pass my sincerest thanks to our operational crew composed of: critical care paramedics, doctors, pilots, technical crew members and clinical support staff. Dealing with Yorkshire's most critically ill or injured patients on a daily basis is no mean feat and I am always in awe of their professionalism, pride and dedication to their roles. The skill of our pilots is inspiring. Many of them have years of military training before joining the air ambulance sector but the variety of previous experiences is now increasing which brings a more comprehensive set of skills to the Charity. And not to mention our technical crew members (TCMs) who have quickly become a key role within our operational crew bringing their integrity and experience to the team. One of the challenges now facing the Charity is how to continue to develop the TCM role into the future with factors outside of our control forcing a re-think.

Looking to the future, 2025/2026 looks to be another year of milestone achievements for YAA as we begin to undertake one of our biggest projects to date – the construction of our brand new, state-of-the-art Northern airbase. At the time of writing this report, we have not long learned that planning permission has been granted by North Yorkshire Council to progress with our plans to build on a site very close to Skipton on Swale. The new base will be purpose-built to reflect the exceptional facilities we have already established at our Nostell Air Support Unit and will create a dedicated, long-term base for the northern region. This will provide us with both resilience and stability for our lifesaving operations ensuring we are best placed to respond to emergencies efficiently and quickly; this aspect is crucial in enabling us to support the more isolated rural communities – especially in the North and East of the County. Once the airbase is built, we will transition there from our current base at RAF Topcliffe (just 3.5 miles away from our new base) and I must offer my most grateful thanks to both the RAF and the British Army's 4th Regiment Royal Artillery for accommodating us over the last 14 years. In that time, we have benefited from their invaluable support, and crucially that of the local community too. So, a most gracious personal thank you from myself to all the senior officers, and all those under command, who have helped and supported YAA over the years, allowing us to operate from your base. This has been pivotal in allowing us to become fully embedded into the North Yorkshire community and deliver critical care to the people of Yorkshire when they needed it most. We are thrilled with being in a position to build new and strong relationships with our future local community. We hope to have a 'spade in the ground' before the end of summer 2025 and are expecting a build period of approximately 11 months. I look forward to keeping all of our stakeholders updated as this exciting project progresses.

As I conclude, and as we close the door on yet another year of successful operations at YAA, I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who has supported me. My fellow trustees for their sage wisdom and guidance; the SMT for their knowledge and daily management; all the staff (Charity, clinical and operational); volunteers; and our supporters. I must also say a special thank you to all our Patrons for their continuing support and ambassadorial roles for the Charity. I would also like to thank each and every one of our valued supporters and donors – so many wonderful people and organisations. You know who you are, and your support really is invaluable, no matter



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how big or small, and together with the generosity of the kind people of Yorkshire we are able to provide critical, life-saving care when people need it most. Finally, whilst the very nature of my report is always reflecting on the previous year it would be remiss of me not to make reference to how the Charity is evolving and looking to the future. We conducted a clinical strategy review in late spring followed by the trustees Charity strategic review aimed at positioning the Charity to be able to deliver cutting edge; clinically led; affordable and sustainable HEMS out to 2035 and beyond. What we have discovered is the Charity's remit has become increasingly complex, as not only is our role becoming increasingly clinically-led but also we strive to position ourselves as central to the provision of critical care to the people of Yorkshire. The trustees have recognised how far the Charity has come since the days of using a leased Bolkow helicopter operating from a Portakabin at Leeds Bradford airport and have decided the timing is right to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. Crucially this decision is not about changing what makes us so special and unique, it is about strengthening it. This appointment will give the Charity the clarity, enhanced corporate governance and resilience necessary to deliver to the people of Yorkshire the very best HEMS we can afford and sustain.

I continue to be humbled and privileged to lead such an amazing Charity and am inspired by all who contribute to saving lives across Yorkshire. Emergencies strike unexpectedly and you never know when you, or your loved ones, might require our services – I hope you never do but we will continue to strive to be always ready and always there.

With my personal and sincere thanks,

Mike Harrop

Chairman

Date: 30 September 2025



Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their Strategic Report and Trustee Report together with the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Charity and its subsidiaries for the year ending 31 March 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Our Purpose and Activities

The purpose of the YAA is the relief of sickness and injury, the protection of human life and the meeting of other medical needs by the provision, support and use of air ambulance helicopters and other ambulance provision including Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) and logistic support.



Every life we save, every patient we transport, and every emergency we respond to are all made possible by the incredible support of our donors.

As we enter into our 25th year of service, as always, the centre of our activities remains to provide a state-of-the-art air ambulance service where we can reach a critically injured patient anywhere within Yorkshire and deliver a highly trained Critical Care Team to scene. To do this, we utilise our fleet of advanced air ambulance helicopters or Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV's). Our operations have evolved in those 25 years, and now rather than just getting the helicopter to the scene for rapid transportation, our service has developed to ensure we get the most advanced clinicians to the scene as quickly as possible to start delivering treatment at the earliest opportunity – taking the A&E to scene. This can often mean the difference between life and death.

Fundraising is at the heart of everything we do – without those vital donations, we would be unable to operate. As part of this, and to support our income generation plans, one of our primary areas of focus has always been to educate and inform the people of Yorkshire about the service we provide, and the fundraising practices we employ to allow our supporters to make informed choices as to how best to support us. We always aim to be transparent about this, and we recognise that we are purely the custodians of the monies raised by our generous supporters.

Fundraising: Achievements, performance and best practices

Kerry Dwyer – Director of Public Fundraising

Katie Roberts – Director of Relationship Fundraising

(Helen Callear, Director of Fundraising North & East – retired March 2025)

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance receives no statutory funding therefore fundraising accounted for **100% of the total income generated** by the Charity.



raised a total of
£12.3m
(£11.3m in 2023/24)

from income generating activities.

The Financial Review on page 16 provides further analysis of income.

Set against a backdrop of continued economic uncertainty, we are extremely grateful for the very generous contributions from donors, organisations and volunteers who continue to make our lifesaving work possible.

Our principal fundraising income streams are focused across six areas:

- 1 Gifts** in the last will and testament of supporters;
- 2 Building relationships** with businesses, schools, community groups and other organisations to support them in raising money on our behalf
- 3 Soliciting gifts** from trusts, foundations and philanthropists;
- 4 Running our own events** and entering individuals into third-party events and activities;
- 5 Supporting individual members** of the public to conduct their own fundraising activities on our behalf
- 6 The solicitation and stewardship of donations** from individual supporters or entries into one of our prize-led activities.

2024/25 saw us enter into the second phase of our Growth Strategy which set out our aim to increase income to £10m by March 2025 through the introduction of new income streams. To help accomplish this we introduced three new roles into the fundraising team structure, adding resources into the areas where we had identified growth could be achieved: corporate fundraising, events fundraising and fundraising from individuals. Unfortunately, one previous role was made redundant as part of this restructuring.

During the year we ran our first raffle, the 'Always Ready Raffle', selling over 15,000 tickets via direct mail, online and face to face, to existing and new supporters. We have given supporters the opportunity to 'fly over the region' through our 'Year Over Yorkshire' initiative and introduced our new Seeds of Dedication – a sympathetic, in-memory product for people to remember loved ones. We introduced new events into our portfolio and held our first Yorkshire Air Ambulance Race Day at Doncaster Racecourse in April 2024 and invited members of the public to get creative and make Christmas wreaths to adorn their homes. We have also opened a dedicated 'Reflection and Remembrance Garden' located within the Specialist Gardens at Roundhay Park, Leeds. The Garden was designed by York-based landscape architect Kate Smithson and won the Best in Show Award at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show, where it made its debut in April 2024.

Once again, the majority of our income was received from individuals who generously and thoughtfully left us gifts in their Wills. In 2024/25 we received £7.5m from generous supporters who left a lasting legacy so that we can continue to be there for those who need us.

Throughout 2025/26, we will use Yorkshire Air Ambulance's 25th anniversary to generate additional income, raise our profile further and share with supporters the impact their donations have had over the past 25 years. Without them, we would not be marking this milestone at all.

We also receive **Gift Aid** eligible on monetary donations and event sponsorship. In 2024/25, payments from this source totalled:

£179k

(2023/24 £218k)

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Fundraising practices:

Yorkshire Air Ambulance are proud to be members of the Fundraising Regulator, and we operate our fundraising activities in accordance with the Code of Fundraising Practice.

The Charity prides itself on its fundraising ethics. This philosophy is ingrained in how we interact with our existing and new donors. Our employees and volunteers help us to ensure that no one feels obligated or pressurised into donating to the Charity. This founding principal has been kept in mind as we have developed our future fundraising plans.

The Charity also operates a fundraising Complaints Policy and Procedure which is available to view on our website and a Vulnerable Supporters Policy. Yorkshire Air Ambulance (Trading) Limited is

registered with the Gambling Commission for the purposes of running a lottery and conducting a supporter raffle. Yorkshire Air Ambulance Limited holds a Non-Commercial Society Lottery License with Calderdale Council to operate draws at community events.

During 2024/25, we engaged one commercial participator; Sterling, who are the external lottery manager for our 'Saving Lives Lotto' and partner for our 'Always Ready Raffle'. We monitor their compliance and there were no incidents to report in 2024/25.

Fundraising complaints and feedback:

We take a robust approach to handling donor complaints and welcome feedback from supporters and the public. During the financial year 2024/25, we received two complaints in relation to fundraising and marketing activity, each of which were investigated and followed up. There were no instances where a complaint was required to be referred to the Fundraising Regulator, Ofcom, the Information Commissioners Office, or any other regulatory body.

Marketing and Communications:

PR, design, brand and social media

Abby Barmby – Director of Marketing & Communications

Marketing, PR and communications is vital to us helping to raise awareness of our Charity and the important work we undertake across the region. Without that, we would struggle to ensure our supporters are kept informed and up to date with our work and activities.

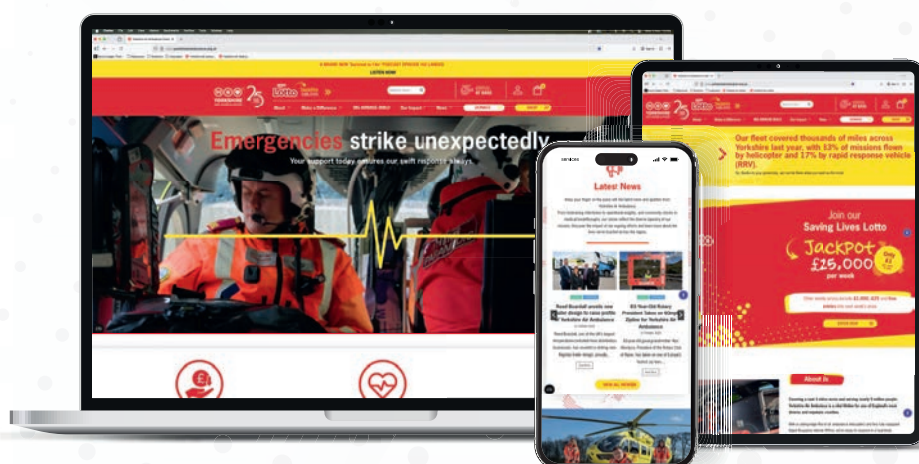
Our website continues to be a key focus across all our activities. Not only is it often the main port of call for supporters seeking information about YAA, it is also vital to generate income for YAA through donations, legacy deposits, event ticket sales, and sales of merchandise and hosts many of the supporter campaigns we operate (such as 'A Year Over Yorkshire' and our 'In memory seeds'). We continue to develop and enhance our website to ensure that the front facing functionality is as user-friendly as possible, alongside the more complex 'back-end' development and updates to keep us compliant and engaged with technological advancements.

We continue to focus and refine our brand image imagery to reflect our day-to-day work. It is important to us that we remain true to our brand values and that we represent all aspects of the work we undertake and the people that undertake it, from those on the frontline, operating on the helicopters, through to our wonderful army of volunteers, whom without, we could not do what we do.

We have had another successful year around PR and engagement, with much positive publicity being generated around YAA. Many of the stories

we release focus around our work and often focus on the patients who have been helped and rescued by us. We are even fortunate enough to occasionally be granted permission to share those patient stories who have not had the same positive outcome as many of our other patients. It takes real courage and bravery for any of our patients and their families to share these real-life experiences and to those who consent to work with us, we cannot thank you enough for doing this. First-hand experiences of our service are usually the most impactful and can often resonate with those reading or listening to these stories. This also greatly supports our income generation strategies.

The new series 'Yorkshire Air 999' has now concluded its second successful run after launching in September 2024. We are delighted to continue our positive working relationship with the team at AirTV and would like to thank Warner Bros Discovery for commissioning the series, which has been successfully airing on their Really channel. The programmes offer a unique insight into our daily work and also help showcase the work of the air ambulance sector in general.



Our team continue to work on planning and producing interesting and meaningful content for all of our social media platforms. We aim to post daily on the majority of these to support our engagement and sharing of meaningful information, which we hope our supporters find interesting and relevant. Regular training and research ensures we keep up to date with the latest trends and developments within the industry.

Continuing as our main, key communications channels, we are proud to be able to engage with tens of thousands of our supporters daily. This last year we have amassed the following supporters across various platforms:



88K
(85.6k)



13.9K
(13.3k)



36.7K
(37.6k)



2.8K
(1.9k)



5.3K
(4.6k)

Air Operations:

Helicopters & regulatory operations

Steve Waudby – Director of Aviation

The year got off to a good start with the successful hire of the Gama lease aircraft to cover maintenance and the timely return of G-YORX following its annual/400hr maintenance. The lease aircraft provided excellent serviceability throughout the lease period with maintenance and support provided by Airbus.

In July 2024 we were informed by Airbus that due to flooding at Donauwörth, there would be a delay in the delivery of our third aircraft to Oxford. This was further compounded by the lack of H145 D3 rotor blades due to the Paris Olympics (blades are manufactured at Le Bourget near Paris). The aircraft, G-YAIR, arrived at Oxford in early October and the date for acceptance set for 18th/19th December. The acceptance process went smoothly, and the aircraft was delivered to Topcliffe on time on the 19th December 2024. Having a third aircraft now means that we don't require a lease aircraft during times of annual maintenance. However, the delay of the third aircraft pushed our other two aircraft to the limit of their annual hours so we had to request a 10% variation to keep us operational. Now that G-YAAA and G-YORX have completed their annual maintenance, we are in a much better position to manage the fleet.

Both Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) audits (Airworthiness and Flight Ops) went well with just a few minor findings to do with our Operations Manual. We have once again been complimented by the authority on our Safety Management System and Just Culture, so thank you all for engaging with the safety management team.

Our Airworthiness Compliance Monitoring Manager gave his notice at the start of September 2024, but with his help, we successfully

recruited an experienced replacement who started on 1st November 2024. Glen Stringer has had a smooth start with the Charity and brings with him many years of experience as an aircraft engineer and compliance manager.

Design planning for the new airbase had gone well with the planning submission delivered on time, the project continues to develop at pace. Involving the crews was really important and I'm pleased that they were given the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

We are now in the enviable position of having an operational spare aircraft. This was made possible by the continued support of our fundraisers, supporters, sponsors and business partners, and achieved by the smart business acumen of our trustees. We are very lucky to have such a great support team, and I'm sure our operational staff would like to join me in thanking you all for your continued support. My final thanks, as usual, goes to our pilots, TCMs, paramedics, doctors and dispatchers who work day and night, in all kinds of weather, to save lives across Yorkshire. I am incredibly proud of what they all achieve, and I am grateful for their continued support and dedication. Thank you all for keeping us flying over Yorkshire.



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Ground Operations:

Airbases, Office & IT



Neale Jacobs – Director of Operations

As an organisation which focuses around the operations of our helicopter fleet, our ground infrastructure is pivotal in the effective running of YAA. We must ensure our compliance with several trade bodies including the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) through regular ground audits. Our flagship airbase at Nostell has seen several improvements in recent years and continues to provide us with a suitable base to cover the West/ South part of the region into the future.

Our Northern provision at RAF Topcliffe has continued to serve us well over the past twelve months. I am pleased to report that we have signed our final lease with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation which will be for a maximum of 9-years, this is likely to be terminated earlier on completion of our new airbase.

As I reported last year, we had been actively engaging with landowners and agents in the Thirsk area regarding identifying possible new sites to develop a new Northern Air Support facility on. I am delighted to say that a suitable site has been secured near Skipton on Swale and a planning application was submitted in December 2024 which was approved in June 2025. We have actively engaged with the local community regarding this exciting development and continue to work with the design team to bring this project to fruition.

As an organisation, we are fully committed to ensuring our systems are robust, future proof and fit for purpose. We have upgraded our phones system across all of our sites, introducing a unified communications platform via Microsoft teams. Following on from a full cyber security review of all of YAA's IT infrastructure and provision we have subscribed to a Security Operations Centre which provides 24x7 monitoring of all our IT systems, this monitors, detects, and responds to cyber threats, incidents, and vulnerabilities. This will ensure the Charity continues to remain cyber secure and resilient in an ever-evolving critical area and our focus is very much on future requirements that are and will be needed.



Clinical Delivery:

Critical care crew, medical processes, research & development

Dr Stuart Reid – Medical Director

Our patients in their time of need remain our greatest priority and in the last year, thanks to significant investment from the Charity, we have made huge strides in enhancing the critical care we deliver on scene.

For the first time in our history we have our own Medical Director in post. My role is to ensure that we deliver the highest possible standard of care to our patients on scene to achieve the best possible outcomes, working with both the charity and our clinical partners Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust to this end.

Early in my tenure, we were also able to recruit a new cohort of doctors, adding to our existing doctor team to achieve 365 day a year cover, predominantly from our Nostell base. We were staggered by the depth of experience and skillsets of these individuals who are already proving to be huge assets to the team. Clinically, this recruitment has allowed us to deliver more time critical interventions to our patients more often, principally prehospital general anaesthesia and surgical procedures such as resuscitative thoracotomy which is effectively open-heart surgery at the roadside. We have also been able to introduce handheld ultrasound scanners to allow on scene diagnostics and procured a superb new set of drug pouches to house our advanced medications, laid out for immediate use.

Away from the patient's side, we have engaged with regional and national research forums and have increased our collaborative working with other regional HEMS organisations, and the regional major trauma networks.

Of course, high quality data should underpin any high performing system, and we have also invested significant time and energy into this area. We recruited a dedicated Clinical Support Officer to ensure high levels of data quality and help report the data clearly, which both supports our clinical governance processes as well as reporting what we do within and outside of the Charity.

In March 2025 we held our inaugural clinical strategy day at Leeds East Airport, which was a momentous day and a great success. The neon sign in the room read 'Where ideas fly' which couldn't have been more appropriate! 26 of our paramedics and doctors were joined by 7 members of the aviation and Charity teams to discuss a range of topics around the delivery of clinical care, but also our internal processes as well as staff wellbeing. The level of staff engagement was fabulous and there was a palpable sense of possibility and excitement in the room all day. Needless to say, we left with huge lists to inform our work in the year ahead as well as our medium to long term clinical strategy.



Human Resources:

Workforce, people, policies and initiatives

Laura Wilson – HR Manager

Yorkshire Air Ambulance are committed to being a welcoming, respectful and fair employer. Our staff are at the heart of our organisation and all team members, from office staff to air operations, provide a vital function to ensure we can continue to save lives across Yorkshire daily.

Our Charity continues to grow and recruitment this year has been a focal point. We've introduced some new roles here such as an IT Manager, a Clinical Support Officer and have reviewed our Fundraising team structure to ensure we're fit for the future.

In April 2024 when NHS funding for our doctors was withdrawn, the trustees agreed that having a consultant on our aircraft was imperative for our care model going forward. We now have our own YAA Medical Director who manages a number of highly skilled consultants. Working with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust on this project was key, and relationships continue to be developed.

Following our employee survey the previous year, we introduced a colleague recognition and benefits working group with representatives from each department. We had some fantastic ideas and have implemented a buying holiday scheme and a revised long service award process, which have been well received. There were other smaller outcomes from this such as lunches at Cayley House, a list of employee discounts together in one place and more events where the

whole team come together; all of which have had a positive effect and help to make YAA a great place to work.

In June 2024, we held our first ever staff learning and team building event at our Nostell Airbase. It was great to see everyone come together which is not something we are able to do often – we have three sites and a number of staff who work from home. It was a great success and the teams' received updates from SMT members and had fun with some team building and a quiz – it all got quite competitive! This is something we will look to do again next year.

Day to day, enhancing our policy suite, focusing on GDPR, safeguarding and the training and development of our staff, trustees and volunteers are of continued importance to us alongside our commitment to wellbeing. We ran successful men's mental health awareness events with Kevin Hutchinson, Community Fundraiser and an Andy's Man Club representative and our TCM, Stephen Kenworthy ran a number of CPR sessions (such an important life skill) for our staff and trustees and is looking to continue this in future.



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Financial Review

Heather Goodwill – Director of Finance

The Charity reports a strong financial position for the year ended 31 March 2025 with total income rising to £12.3m, representing a £1m increase compared to the previous year's income of £11.3m. While overall income has grown, the Charity experienced a £341k decrease in donations, reflecting ongoing socio-economic pressure affecting donor capacity, this trend has been witnessed throughout the air ambulance and wider Charity sector. However, the shortfall was more than offset by a significant uplift in Legacy income which exceeded trend-based expectations and provided a valuable source of unrestricted funding during the year. Legacy income increased from £6.4m in 2023/24 to £7.5m in 2024/25.

Under the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice), legacy income must be recognised in the accounts when it is probable the legacy will be received and the value can be reliably measured – not just when the income is received. As a result, the Charity has recognised income from legacies that have been formally notified and where there is sufficient evidence of entitlement, even if the funds have not yet been received by year end. This is known as accrued legacy income and is included with the Legacy income described above and within the financial statements.

Total expenditure increased from £7.7m in 2023/24 to £8.2m in 2024/25, driven primarily by the funding of the medical team which had previously been funded by the NHS, and broader inflationary pressures, these increases were partially offset by lower aircraft costs as last year included increased costs during the cross over period of the old and new aircraft. Fundraising activities account for 19% of total income – including legacy income – leaving 81p in every £1 donated to be used for charitable activities or building reserves.

The Charity achieved a surplus in the year of £4.6m (2024 – £6.9m) supporting the continued strengthening of its financial position. As at 31 March 2025, net assets total £55.7m, reflecting a robust balance sheet providing a strong platform for future sustainability and strategic development. In summary, while mindful of the need to manage financial pressures and maintain a prudent approach, the Charity remains in a healthy financial position with increased income and stable reserves enabling continued investment in its mission and services.

Total expenditure for the year increased to

£8.2m

(2024 – £7.7m)

driven by the funding of our medical team which was previously supported by the NHS.

Total Income

for the year to 31 March 2025

increased

£12.3m

(2024 – £11.3m) ↑↑↑

Donations income

decreased by

£341k

on the prior year

reflecting ongoing socio-economic pressures affecting donor capacity.

Legacy income has increased to

£7.5m

(2024 – £6.4m) ↑↑↑



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The surplus achieved in the year was **£4.6m** (2024 – £6.9m), supporting the continued strengthening of our financial position.



Going concern

The trustees have assessed the Charity's financial position and concluded that the Charity has sufficient liquidity in the form of both cash resources and realisable investments to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In making this assessment, the trustees have considered the Charity's strong level of reserves, stable income streams and its ability to respond to changes in the operating environment. The trustees continue to plan for the future and are prudently setting aside funds to ensure the Charity's long-term objectives are secure. There are no material uncertainties identified that cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aspire to maintain a free cash balance which would be sufficient to sustain operations without any further funding for a period of 24 months. The free cash balance is the bank and investments balance net of restricted funds and the designated helicopter replacement and property development funds and net of current creditors/current debtors. At 31 March 2025, the free cash balance amounted to £13.1m (2023/24 – £12.6m). This represents just over 19 months (2023/24 – 19 months) operating costs at the approximate running cost of £22k per day.

The trustees continue to plan for the future and are prudently setting aside designated funds to further develop the airbases to ensure that the most efficient and effective service possible is provided to the people of Yorkshire.

A proportion of the free cash balance is invested in a portfolio of investments managed by RBC Brewin Dolphin, Evelyn Partners and Redmayne Bentley. As at 31 March 2025, the value of investments stood at £21.0m (2023/24 – £20.7m).

The trustees have agreed to the building of a new Air Support Unit near Skipton on Swale starting in late Summer 2025, funds towards this purpose are held within the Property Development Fund and total £5.0m.

Investment Powers and Policy

The trustees look to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity in cash balances for the operating requirements of the Charity. These balances are held within interest bearing accounts.

Funds in excess of those required for the Charity's short-term operating requirements are invested between longer term fixed interest bonds and a portfolio of investments managed, on our behalf, by RBC Brewin Dolphin, Evelyn Partners and Redmayne Bentley. The funds managed by RBC Brewin Dolphin are held in two separate portfolios with different investment criteria. Both portfolios are regarded as cautious with one having a longer time horizon of up to ten years and the other up to only three years. During the year, the Charity opened an investment account with Evelyn Partners, who have been appointed to manage a smaller portfolio with a long-term growth and higher-risk investment strategy reflecting the Charity's intention to achieve greater long-term growth, while accepting a higher degree of short-term volatility. Redmayne Bentley manages a share gift scheme on behalf of the Charity and manages the portfolio of investment arising from these donations.

Risk Review

The risks and uncertainties of the Charity are continuously reviewed by SMT members and trustees. Once a risk is identified, controls and processes are put in place to mitigate and reduce the likelihood of the risk. After mitigating controls the Charity's risks have been classified as either a Low or Medium risk level. The principal risks that the Charity and its subsidiaries face are:

RISK	Mitigating action
Aircraft on Ground (AOG)	We constantly evaluate the risk of our helicopters being grounded due to incidents occurring with the aircraft type or where maintenance is required on our own aircraft. During the year we have continued to operate a Service by the Hour (SBH) contract for the maintenance of the aircraft engines. This contract enables us to have quick access to spare engines and parts ensuring that the helicopters are back up and running in the quickest time. The 3 aircraft model is working well to maximise availability.
Airbase not Operational	Should one of our airbases not be operational, both of our helicopters could still be dispatched using the other air desk facility (i.e. we have an air desk at both bases) and in the short term we would temporarily operate both aircraft from one base. Should the airbase not be operational in the longer term, we would look to operate one aircraft from another airbase in the region.
Reduction in income	The impact of economic and social changes may reduce fundraising opportunities. The fundraising team regularly review income streams and opportunities to ensure income opportunities are maximised.
Damaged Reputation	YAA relies solely on the generosity of the people in Yorkshire to fund our operation and therefore how they perceive our service is critical to our continued success. Our fundraising strategy is to educate people about our Charity and how money would be spent. We are explicit about how we fundraise and how we manage our supporters data. In addition, with the backdrop of social media which can provide information in seconds across the region, we have a PR and Social Media Policy and key staff members are media trained. We have an Emergency Response Plan which is regularly tested to ensure that an incident of any nature is dealt with in the most appropriate way.
Regulatory or Legal changes	There are frequent changes to regulatory requirements within the CAA and a shortage of inspectors within the CAA. The Charity receives regular regulatory change updates from the CAA and contracts with a 3rd party Flight Operations auditor and Compliance Monitoring Manager to advise the Charity on any changes.
Loss of Staff, SMT or Trustees	Succession plans are being considered for all roles. Appraisals are used to identify what coaching and training is required to develop staff. The Charity is committed to being a welcoming, respectful and fair employer.

Staff remuneration

The trustees have formed a remuneration sub-committee which considers the Charity wide policies and the appropriateness of the levels of remuneration relating to all of the Charity's employees including the Senior Management Team. This sub-committee, with the support and guidance of our HR Manager, takes into account the competitiveness of the entire remuneration package, including bonus and benefit arrangements and compares them to industry and specialist benchmarks to ensure that the Charity is able to retain and attract a suitably skilled team to deliver the Charity's objectives.

Volunteers

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), the exemption has been taken not to recognise the value of donated assets or volunteer time as it is impractical to value.

Volunteers perform a variety of functions including acting as ambassadors for the Charity, attending fundraising events, making presentations and assisting with administrative tasks. In 2024/25, our amazing volunteers supported the Charity at over 2,130 events, talks and cash collections.

In March 2024, we held our first long-service awards to those of our volunteers who have given 5, 10, 15 and even 20 years' service to YAA. Hosted by our Chairman, this was a long overdue opportunity to bring our volunteers together and formally extend our gratitude to a very key part of the YAA team. It is worth noting that our trustees, who are also volunteers, were similarly recognised.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees of Yorkshire Air Ambulance Limited in Respect of the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Yorkshire Air Ambulance Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and its subsidiaries and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company and its subsidiaries for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and its subsidiaries and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



Auditor's Statement

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Yorkshire Air Ambulance Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Yorkshire Air Ambulance Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Company Balance Sheet, Consolidated Cashflow Statement and related notes to the financial statements, including a summary

of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011



A significant part of our income is now through legacies, or Gifts in Wills. These generous acts of kindness genuinely astound us all and often arise from unexpected directions.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements

or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



The skill of our pilots is inspiring. Many of them have years of military training before joining the air ambulance sector but the variety of previous experiences is now increasing which brings a more comprehensive set of skills to the Charity.



Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Our patients in their time of need remain our greatest priority and in the last year, thanks to significant investment from the Charity, we have made huge strides in enhancing the critical care we deliver on scene.



Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the group and the sector in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the group that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focused on laws and regulations, relevant to the group, which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, enquiries with management, review of minutes and review of legal expenses. We also addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing a sample of

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journal entries, ensuring no entries were deemed to be outside the normal course of the charity's operations. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described and, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Lesley Kendrew (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BHP LLP, Statutory Auditor
3rd October 2025*

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BHP LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Financial Results

Income & Expenditure

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£000's	£000's
Income	12,344	11,298
Expenditure		
Cost of Generating Funds	2,359	2,144
Operational Costs	5,863	5,544
Total Costs	8,222	7,688
Investment Gains	32	1,311
Other Gains	408	1,936
Net Income	4,562	6,857
Total Reserves B/FWD	51,088	44,231
Total Reserves C/FWD	55,650	51,088

In a challenging fundraising environment, income from donations was £341k (9%) lower than the previous year. Legacy income continued to perform strongly, exceeding expectations and contributing to an overall income increase of £1.0m (9%).

Last year's operating costs were elevated due to maintenance and insurance expenses arising from the overlap in aircraft during their sale and purchase. In 2025, the Charity took on doctors funding previously supported by the NHS, with associated costs phased in over the year. The overall impact on expenditure was an increase of £0.5m.

The £1.9m gain recognised in 2024 arose from the sale of aircraft G-YAAC and G-YOAA. The new aircraft were purchased in euros, resulting in a £0.4m foreign currency gain reported in 2025.

Cashflow Statements

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£000's	£000's
Cashflows from operating activities:		
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	3,807	3,102
Cashflows from investing activities:		
Dividends & Interest from Investments	146	87
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(7,633)	(3,316)
Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	9,500
Sale/ (purchase) of Investments	186	(4,291)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities	(7,301)	1,979
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Reporting Period	(3,494)	5,082
Cash and Cash Equivalent at 1 April	7,780	2,698
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31 March	4,286	7,780

The sale and purchase of aircraft during this and last year had a significant impact on the cash flow statement.



Balance Sheet

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£000's	£000's
Fixed Assets	45,023	37,115
Current Assets		
Debtors and Stock	7,932	7,116
Cash at Bank and In Hand	4,286	7,780
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	(1,591)	(923)
Net Current Assets	10,627	13,973
Net Assets	55,650	51,088
Represented By:		
Restricted Funds	188	95
Designated Funds	12,200	17,100
Unrestricted Funds	43,262	33,893
	55,650	51,088

The Charity's fixed assets increased by £7.9m during the year, reflecting the purchase of a third aircraft.

Designated funds for helicopter replacement have been updated to reflect the Charity's current fleet of three aircraft.

The following donors have all **generously and graciously donated over £10,000 in this last year**, for which we are truly grateful. We also wish to thank our donors who prefer to remain anonymous and we respectfully honour their privacy.

GRANTS & TRUSTS ORGANISATIONS:

Jack Brunton Charitable Trust
James Tudor Foundation
Gripple Foundation
The Forbes Charitable Trust
The Grace Trust
The Orr Mackintosh Foundation - trading as ShareGift
Sovereign Health Care
Yorkshire Freemasons

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS:

Abbey Sporting
Andy Sellars Golf Day/ Barclays Bank
Benidorm Bangers
Booths – Ilkley
Booths – Settle
Doncaster Racecourse
Farmer Christmas Tractor Run
Fairfax Hire Centres
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Harrogate Flower Show
Intake Developments Ltd
Junction 32 Shopping Village, Castleford
Lothersdale Agricultural Society Discussion Group
Kelling Group – Welfare Hire
Knaresborough Young Farmers
Masham Sheep Fair
Point to Point Sheriff Hutton
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- Mr Brian Allen
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- Mrs June Arundale
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- Mr Geoffrey Wood
- Ms Vera Wood
- Mr Charles Wraith
- Mrs Thelma Wysocki
- Miss Violet Yesson
- Miss Sheila Young

Annual Data and Statistics:

Regional segmentation:

The fundraising regions of Yorkshire Air Ambulance are organised into **four principal geographical areas**.

These areas represent the communities in which our fundraising teams are based and actively operate. It should be noted however—particularly in relation to the East and Northern regions—that these boundaries do not align precisely with conventional geographical demarcations. Instead, Yorkshire Air Ambulance defines its regions according to specific postcode areas, with each fundraising team accountable for its designated area. Accordingly, all statistics and data presented within this report have been compiled to correspond with the fundraising regions illustrated on this map.



Patients treated

1,302



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247

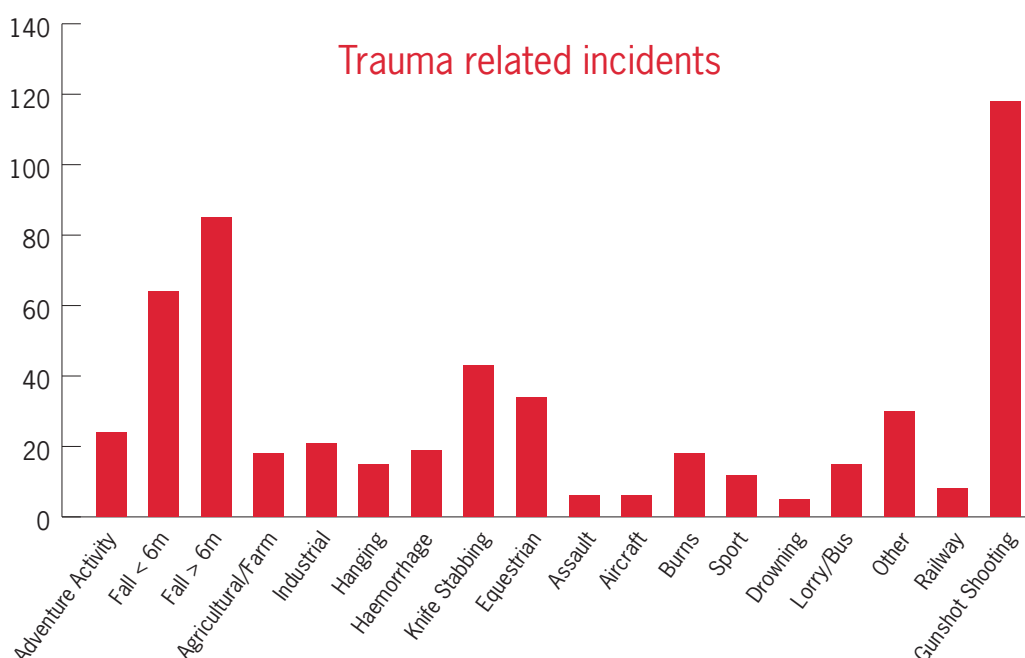


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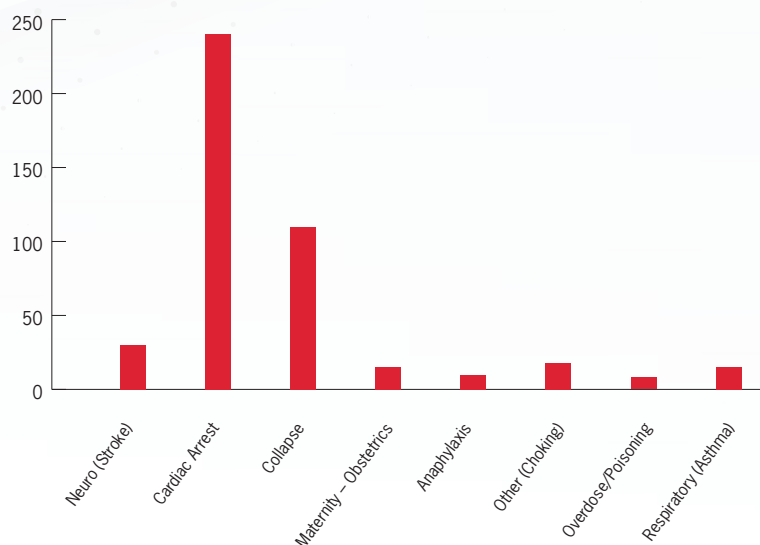
The majority of incidents we responded to were in the North Yorkshire region.

Incidents attended

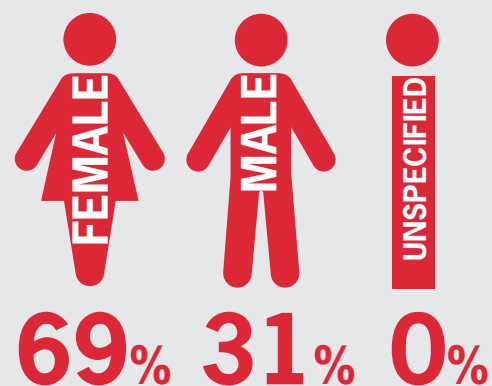
Each year we respond to a multitude of incident types, which is typical for the varied demographic and landscape of Yorkshire. We categorise these into main headlines including trauma, medical and road traffic.



Medical related incidents

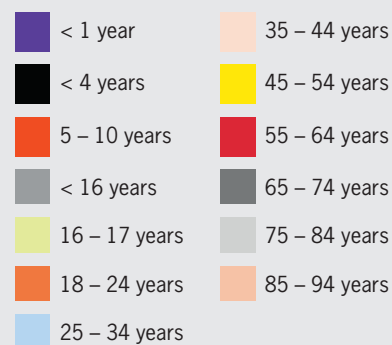
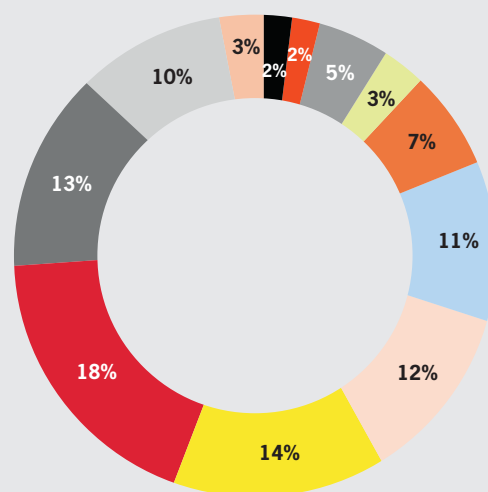
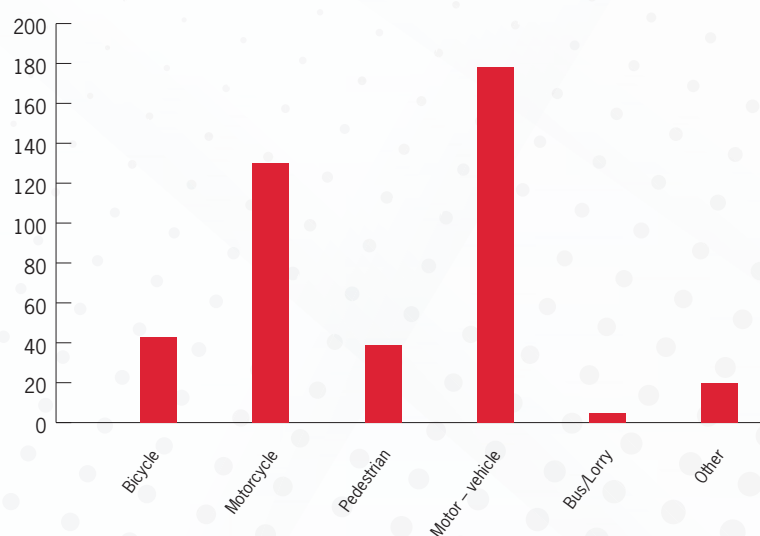


Patient age bands and gender

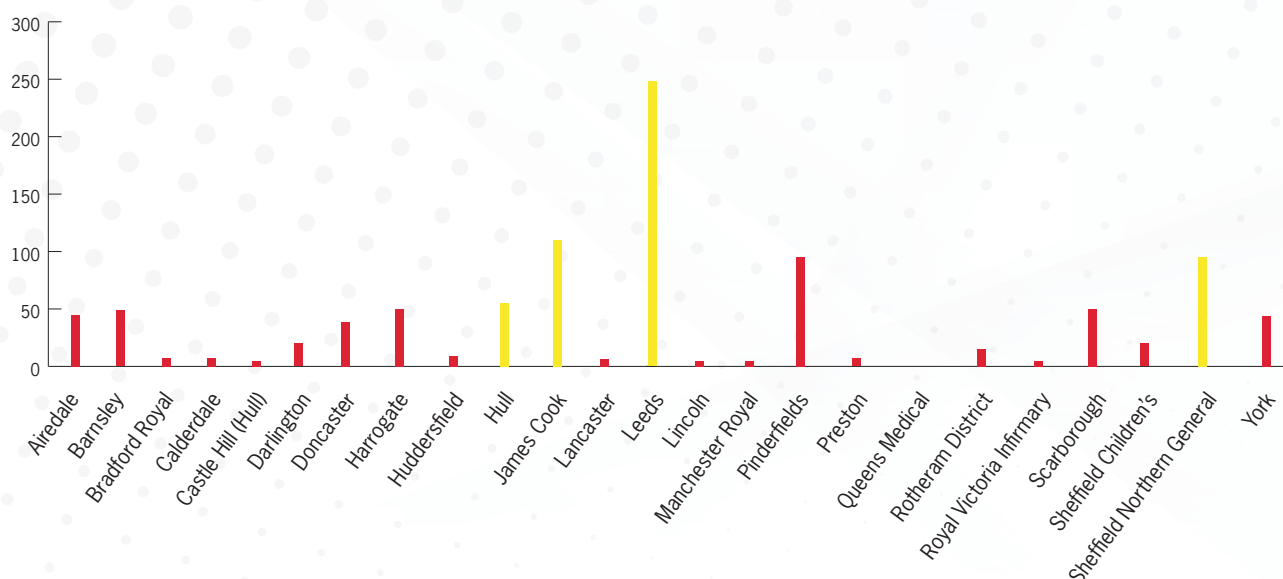


YAA treat patients from all age categories, ranging from babies through to elderly adults.

Road traffic related incidents



Hospitals attended



We regularly attend the four major trauma centre hospitals within our region (shown in yellow on the graph): Leeds General Infirmary, Sheffield Northern General Hospital, Hull Royal Infirmary, and The James Cook University Hospital.

In recent years we have seen changes to our clinical model where our priority is to deliver high calibre clinicians to the patient as quickly as possible – taking A&E to the incident. We fly with consultant level doctors and specialist critical care paramedics, supported by a technical crew member and the pilot. This allows us to commence the most appropriate treatment at the scene of the accident, alongside administering advanced analgesia as well as having the ability to undertake complex medical procedures. This can often help to deliver a positive outcome for the patient once they have reached the hospital for ongoing treatment.

More commonly now, once the patient has begun treatment and been stabilised, they can sometimes be transported to hospital by road on a land ambulance, freeing up our crew for the next emergency 999 call. However, we still regularly fly patients to hospital where location, time and urgency are critical to the patient's outcome and survival.

Medical interventions



45

Blood transfusions administered



3

Thoracotomies



37

Thoracostomies



198

Advanced analgesia administered (ketamine, fentanyl & rocuronium)

Last year we treated 1,302 patients. In some cases where our patients are in a critical condition we needed to administer blood, perform an RSI (rapid sequence induction) where the patient is put into an induced coma, delivered advanced analgesia and performed surgical procedures including thoracotomies and thoracostomies.

A thoracotomy is a surgical procedure to open the chest wall to access the pleural cavity.

A thoracostomy (or chest tube) is a procedure which involves inserting a tube through a small incision into the chest wall to drain air, blood or other fluids. In HEMS medicine, it is often used to treat a collapsed lung.

Building for the Future:

Our new Northern Air Support Unit

As we celebrate 25 years of saving lives across Yorkshire, we are also looking to the future with ambition and purpose. Plans are now underway for the construction of a new, purpose-built **Northern Air Support Unit** at Skipton Bridge, on the outskirts of Skipton on Swale near Thirsk.

Situated 3.5 miles from our current base at RAF Topcliffe, the new facility will give us a permanent home in the north of the region, where we have previously been tenants. This development marks one of the most significant capital investments we have ever made and will provide the stability, space, and specialist resources needed to sustain and strengthen our service for decades to come.

Over the years, as our mission numbers have increased, so too have the demands on our existing facilities. While we remain deeply grateful for the support and partnership of RAF Topcliffe, the current

site presents long-term challenges in terms of space, infrastructure, and operational flexibility. Our new airbase will address these needs—providing a permanent, purpose-designed home that supports the growth and evolution of our service.

The Northern Air Support Unit has been designed to mirror the high standards set by our Nostell facility. Strategically located to maintain our 20-minute reach across the entire region, the new base will serve as a dedicated operational hub for our northern operations.

Key features of the new facility include:

- A dedicated clinical planning room
- An enhanced training and simulation suite
- Modern crew accommodation
- Staff wellbeing spaces designed for rest and recovery
- Sustainable, energy-efficient infrastructure

Importantly, the site will be fully owned by Yorkshire Air Ambulance, giving us the flexibility to manage, adapt, and expand our operations as clinical and technological needs evolve.

With construction work now underway, we look forward to providing further updates throughout the year, with plans to be operational from the new based in early Autumn 2026.





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