

HELICOPTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (HEMS) CONTINUES

The Health and Care Transformation Programme has received approval to fund a further 12 months of the HEMS, operated by the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS).

GNAAS are highly skilled and experienced in delivery of pre-hospital trauma care, providing emergency treatment at the scene of traumatic incidents. The crew on board comprises of a specialist doctor and paramedic teams, to provide support as part of the wider emergency response.



The service began on the Island in March 2022 and since this time, many Island residents have spoken publicly about their appreciation for the service, at times crediting it with saving their lives.

“GNAAS was a gold star service. I had a heart attack at 9am on the Thursday and by 4pm the same day I was in Liverpool and having surgery, it’s just phenomenal. Thanks for saving my life.”

The service has already expanded to cover cardiovascular care and over the next 12 months, there will be more consideration given as to how the service is integrated and expanded, so GNAAS can support with a much wider range of conditions. It is anticipated that by the end of March 2024, there will be enough data to confirm the expected clinical benefit to continue our partnership with GNAAS in the longer term.

Although the GNAAS does currently receive funding from the Isle of Man government, it is a charity and is dependent on donations.



To donate or find out more about the charity, visit www.gnaas.com.