

Continuing Professional Development Certificate

London's Air Ambulance - challenges of operations

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Time: 1.15pm - 2.00pm

Speaker: Charles Newitt, Deputy CEO & COO, London's Air Ambulance

In this IIL lecture Charles Newitt talked about the role and function of LAA as one of the emergency services supporting London on a daily basis and during major incidents. He also talked about some of the challenges in managing risk and safety of operating a helicopter in central London, the training involved, and some insurance challenges. Charles noted that few understand the role of LAA or that it was a Charity and by explaining the role of our trauma teams, his intention was for the audience to obtain a better understanding not only of what the LAA do, but the challenges in getting to the side of a patient in the quickest possible time safely. As London developed, getting a helicopter to the scene was becoming increasingly difficult; what were these risks, how do we manage this risk and how do we train for it. Looking into the future, Charles concluded by questioning how one might deliver this in the future through better medical technology or new transport developments.

By the end of this lecture, members would have gained an insight into:

- The role and function of LAA in supporting London.
- The risks and challenges of operating aviation in central London.
- A look to the future – what could it look like?



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