# Speakers confirmed for award-winning Aeromedical Conference

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Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is delighted to announce the speakers for its award-winning Aeromedical Conference on June 27th at Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford.

This year's event, sponsored by Specialist Aviation Services, is again free to attend. The theme is `**Paediatrics - Our Care, Their Future'**, focussing on the causes, prevalence and changing face of paediatric cases and care in the pre-hospital environment.

The day will included presentations from Paediatric Registrar **Dr Hannah Pool**, Consultant Trauma Resuscitation Anaesthetist **Dr Richard Smith** and **Adam Carr**, Air Ambulance Paramedic of the Year, with keynote addresses by **Dr Allan Goldman** from Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) and **Dr James Tooley** of the Great Western Air Ambulance.

**Ben Myer**, Conference Lead and Clinical Manager at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance said: "After winning Innovation of the Year at the Association of Air Ambulance Awards for last year's event, we want to ensure that we continue to push boundaries in our Aeromedical conferences going forward.

"Working with children in traumatic situations is a reality for many of us – from pre-hospital care to frontline staff in all three emergency services, family liaison and more. As care providers, it is our duty to open up about our experiences so far, and focus on how we can provide the most effective care to our future generations."

**Dr Goldman**, a Consultant in Paediatric Cardiac Intensive Care at GOSH will give a presentation on `Cardiac Critical Care'. After training in South Africa, London and Melbourne Dr Goldman took up his current post in 1998. He is currently the Co-chair of The Charles West Division of Care at GOSH and his research interests include human factors, improvement science and patient safety as well as mechanical support devices.

**Dr Pool**, a Paediatric Registrar at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, will speak about `Paediatric Challenges' Dr Pool developed her interest in paediatrics through roles in the south of England and Zambia. She has a particular interest in paediatric emergency medicine, and completed her MRCPCH in 2016.

**Dr Tooley**, is Consultant in Neonatal and Paediatric Retrievals for the NEST (Newborn Emergency Stabilisation & Transport Team) in Bristol and for WATCh (Wales & West Acute Transport for Children). He will discuss the challenges of dealing with sick children in a pre-hospital environment. Dr Tooley is a Consultant with the Great Western Air Ambulance based in Filton Bristol and a BASICS (British Association for Immediate Care) doctor for Swift medics.

**Dr Smith**, who will talk about the Manchester Arena Attack, works as a Consultant Trauma Resuscitation Anaesthetist at the Royal Stoke University Hospital and is also a regular HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Service) doctor for both The Air Ambulance Service and also the North West Air Ambulance. He is a MERIT (Medical Emergency Response Incident Team) Doctor for the North West Ambulance Service

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and a volunteer responder for the Cheshire and Shropshire BASICS scheme.

Critical Care Paramedic **Adam Carr** of EHAAT was named Air Ambulance Paramedic of the Year for 2017. He will talk about a paediatric cardiac arrest case study. A paramedic for 14 years he has worked for EHAAT since 2013. As one of EHAAT's Patient Liaison Managers, he also works on delivering patient care post-accident.

**Paediatrics – our care, their future will take place on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford, Essex.**

**The conference is sponsored by Specialist Aviation Services.**

**To book your free ticket for the conference please visit ehaat.org or call 0345 2417 690.**

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**Photographs: Ben Myer and Adam Carr of EHAAT (Credit: Essex & Herts Air Ambulance)**

**For more information please contact the Communications Team on 0345 2417 690.**

**Notes to Editor:**

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is a Charity that provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Hertfordshire and the surrounding areas.

The service is provided free of charge but, unlike NHS emergency services, the Charity receives no direct funding from the Government or National Lottery. It costs £500,000 every month to keep the service operational and saving lives, and this would not be possible without the generosity and goodwill of people and businesses of Essex, Hertfordshire and beyond.

Each of the Charity's HEMS teams consist of two Pilots, a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and a Critical Care Paramedic.

These teams, made up of highly-skilled individuals, tended to 1077 patients in 2016 and are the backbone of your local life-saving Charity.

The fleet, consisting of two Air Ambulances, and four Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs - cars) operates seven days a week from 7am to 9pm. After sunset, the Critical Care Team continues to provide the service using Rapid Response Vehicles.

In addition, a Rapid Response Vehicle is operational on a Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm until 2am with a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic.

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