

Speakers for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance 10th Anniversary Aeromed Conference

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Essex & Herts Air Ambulance's (EHAAT) 10th annual Aeromedical Conference will hear from two keynote speakers this year.

This FREE event, which takes place on Wednesday 26th June at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford, will bring together delegates from across the UK and Europe to consider this year's theme of 'Reflect, Learn, Innovate'. It is open to medics, students, emergency and military personnel interested in the pre-hospital environment. There will be presentations on Major Incidents, Trauma Care and Innovation.

The two keynote speakers are Assistant Commissioner Graham Ellis, Head of Operational Resilience and Special Operations Group, London Fire Brigade (LFB) and Mr Martin Griffiths, Consultant Vascular and Trauma Surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust.

Graham is responsible for the preparations, training, response and recovery for a range of natural and terrorist threats, and oversees fire service operations across the Greater London area.

He will provide a unique insight into the response to Major Incidents such as the London Bridge attacks and Grenfell Tower disaster and the lessons that can be learned from these.

Mr Griffiths will share his experiences as the Barts Health NHS Trust Lead for Trauma Surgery, Educational Lead for Surgery, and the Trauma Network Lead for violence reduction.

He has worked with schools for 20 years to reduce gun and knife violence and was recently appointed to the Violent Crime Prevention Board, under the leadership of Dr Neville Lawrence.

In addition to the two exciting Key Note presentations, our other speakers will be; Alex Beresford (TV presenter & anti knife crime campaigner), Dr Ben Swift (Home Office Registered Forensic Pathologist), case studies from Matt O'Meara (Pre-hospital Care Consultant with EHAAT) and Charli Watkins (Critical Care Paramedic with Great Western Air ambulance), and further presentations from Elisabeth Hanrahan and Sam Immens (both Critical Care Paramedics with Sydney HEMS) and Phil Grieve (Flight Paramedic – Flight Paramedic with REACH Air Medical Services in San Diego, and one of the team who created the first EHAAT Aeromedical conference).

Ben Myer, Conference Lead and Clinical Manager at EHAAT said "In this our 10th year, we are using the opportunity to reflect on previous themes including Major Incidents and Trauma. We will also be dedicating the afternoon session to the increasing clinical and societal impact of knife-related crime and injury. We look forward to welcoming all the delegates to this conference."

If you would like to attend you can register for FREE at ehaat.org/aeromed. Those attending the whole day will have the chance of winning tickets to the 2020 Retrieval Conference in Scotland, including travel and accommodation.

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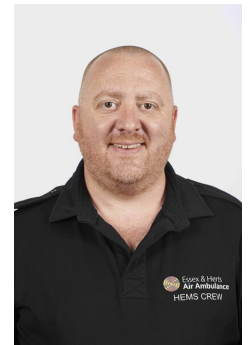
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Notes to Editor:

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- 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 1,491 patients in 2018 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. These vehicles carry the same life-saving equipment as the helicopters.
- In addition, a Rapid Response Vehicle is operational on a Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm until 7am with a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic. This means the Charity's Critical Care Teams are available continuously from 7am on Friday through until 9pm on Sunday.

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