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Dear Mr John Hesketh (Clerk)

Council Grants 2023/2024

We would like to make a formal application to the Councillors of St Keyne. We appreciate that local budgets are squeezed more than ever yet we hope you may consider our request as part of vital services for both your residents and visitors.

Our Service

Cornwall Air Ambulance provides emergency medical air response and in 2022 we undertook 1,050 missions responding to medical incidents such as cardiac arrests and strokes and trauma incidents including road traffic accidents and serious falls. An ageing population means those conditions that become increasingly prevalent with age now account for one in three missions. Additionally, participation in high-risk outdoor activities in hard-to-reach locations forms another significant part of our work. Our service is also vital in transferring patients to specialists out-of-county such as the major trauma unit at Derriford in Plymouth, the Children's Unit at Bristol, and the Burns unit at Swansea, as well as from the Isles of Scilly to the mainland.

Extension Project at Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust



A project to improve clinical governance, medical training, pastoral and welfare accommodation for the aircrew which began in 2022 is due for completion in 2023. The three-storey building provides an additional 339m², future proofing aircrew facilities for 25+ years and allows for growth in CAAT's services.

With extended operational hours requiring more clinicians and overlapping rotas to facilitate handovers, we must also adhere to all legislation surrounding night operations which includes providing areas where the crew can rest in solitude.

The extension to the site will provide

- **Offices for the Lead Pilot/ Air Operations Officer and Medical Officer** which will improve efficiencies in flight planning.
- **A Clinical Training/ Immersive Training Room** including a meeting room, study spaces and library for clinical training.
- **Medical & Drug Storage** with a dedicated kit make-up area allowing crew to swap-out of kit quickly between missions, alongside increased infection control and additional battery charging points for ultrasound, Epoc and ventilators.
- **Crew room and kitchen** to accommodate up to eight crew, allowing for shift change-over between the two shifts.
- **Overnight Accommodation** eliminates travel time and enables the crew to benefit from rest in a space separate to their working environment.

The existing crew space of 93m² will be reconfigured to provide a crew gym to improve personal fitness and mental well-being along with a counselling room for 1-2-1 debriefs, serious incidents debrief as well as a quiet space for reflection.

What we need

- Specific racking and storage containers for medical kit (x8), supplemented by a mobile restocking trolley (x1), allowing improved organisation of essential supplies and facilitating efficient restocking of equipment between missions (racking £200/bay, trolley £400).
- Smart TV screens (x5) to enhance flight planning capabilities and safety briefings (which includes detailed weather and aviation briefings) enabling the pilots to clearly display information to the whole crew onto large screens (£1000 per screen).
- Furniture such as chairs, sofas and coffee tables for the crew rest area is essential to create a space where the crew can unwind following stressful missions, allowing them to regroup and prepare for their next task. As the crews now cover 19 out of 24 hours, having space to socialise and rest is vital for their wellbeing (£2000/sofa).
- Bespoke lockers are required to house each crew member's personal kit eg boots, helmets, flight suits, to ensure equipment is stored securely ready for the next shift.

Our crew never know in which town or parish they will be needed next. We would be delighted if you, along with other councils within the county, would consider supporting us with a grant towards equipping our new facilities. I hope that everything has been included for you but please let me know if you need any more information.

Kindest Regards



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