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Subject: Community Council Appeal 2022 / Apêl Cyngor Cymuned 2022

Dear Friends,

Please find below our 2022 appeal letter. We would be grateful if you could consider it at your next grant/donation application meeting.

If you require us to fill out an application form, please send it to me and I will complete and return it. Our most recent Financial Report and Accounts can be found here.

Any contribution you can make towards the costs of providing our lifesaving service will be greatly appreciated and we thank you for considering us. You will find our bank details at the foot of the letter.

Best wishes,

Hannah Mitchell

Grants and Trust Fundraiser

*At Wales Air Ambulance, our mission is to deliver lifesaving advanced medical care to people across Wales whenever and wherever they need it. We are on standby 24/7, 365 days a year and in 2021 we attended 3544 missions, with 184 in your region of Caerphilly.*

*Rapid Response Vehicles are now part of our operational fleet alongside our helicopters at each of our four bases across Wales. We are writing to ask for your help to fund these vehicles. Lease costs, fuel, tyres and insurance add up to an average monthly cost of £1608 for each RRV. A video outlining the service is below.*

*RRVs provide vital land-based support when poor weather prevents the helicopters from taking off. Sometimes it might be quicker for an RRV to reach an incident in a town or city location where landing a helicopter would be difficult. The consultant-led crews, medical kit and communications equipment are exactly the same as onboard the helicopters, so patients always receive the same high quality of care.*

*Patients like Margaret, who was having a meal out in a restaurant, when she tripped and fell down some steps. She suffered a significant head injury and was unconscious. The RRV was able to reach her within 8 minutes. Margaret required a general anaesthetic at scene to protect her brain from further injury and then the team accompanied her to hospital in the road ambulance.*

*She suffered a fractured skull, a bleed on the brain and spent 2 weeks in an induced coma in intensive care with a total of 24 days in hospital.*

*She then continued her recovery at home for many months but has gone on to make a full recovery. She says: "Words cannot start to express my appreciation for the efforts of the doctors attending the scene and I truly believe if it wasn't for the quick response and their skill, that evening would have had a very different outcome."*

*Please help us keep our helicopters in the air and our RRVs on the road, serving Wales and saving lives.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Kind regards*

*Captain James Grenfell*