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Helicopter Safety Culture Seminar

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All AOC/PAOC/Corporate operators
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Helicopter Pilots

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Recent UK helicopter accident and incident investigations indicate that non technical issues, such as planning and risk assessment, continue to play a significant part in these events. However, evidence indicates that a strong and open operator safety culture can be a significant defence in addressing such issues.
- 1.2 As part of its regulatory activity the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) maintains close liaison with the British Helicopter Association in developing a number of ongoing safety strategies, one of which identifies the need for a forum to openly discuss the industry safety culture.
- 1.3 Attention is drawn to Safety Notice [SN-2016/002](#) Helicopter Operations Flight Planning and Safe Flight Execution.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 The CAA therefore proposes to hold a Safety Culture Seminar at Aviation House, Gatwick on 8 December 2016 to promote dialogue and debate amongst the helicopter community with the aim of raising awareness and reducing occurrences. Company management personnel, in particular Accountable Managers from both AOC and corporate (Part-NCC) operations, are strongly encouraged to attend.

3 Further Information

- 3.1 This Information Notice will be re-issued when the full agenda and guest speakers have been finalised.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries for further guidance and to register attendance as a result of this communication should be addressed to FOI.Helicopters@caa.co.uk.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 December 2016.

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