

OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SAFETY LEADERSHIP GROUP (OHSLG)

Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday 18th of November 2025 (10:00am to 12:30pm)

Location: TEAMS/CHC IOC Braemar room

Present:

Harm Bos - Co-Chair	CHC
Richard Naylor - Co-Chair	CAA
Stuart Algar	CAA
Mark Wallis	CAA
Mike Gislam	NHV
Gareth Bithell	NHV
Martin Stubbs	OffshoreHeli
Colin Cheesewright	Harbour Energy
Grant Campbell	Offshore Energies UK
Graham Skinner	Offshore Energies UK
Gillian Simpson	Step Change in Safety
Nicola Taylor	Step Change in Safety
Graham Wildgoose	Helidecks
Ceri Shunmann	Bond Helicopters
Niall Robertson	AAIB

Apologies: Theo Adams – Bristow, Tim Rolfe – HeliOffshore

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1. Welcome and Introduction

Harm Bos opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Members were reminded that the OHSLG meeting is focused on collaboration and safety across the UK offshore helicopter industry.

A brief safety notice was provided regarding a potential fire alarm test during the meeting.

2. Agreement of Previous

Previous meeting minutes were referenced.

No amendments raised at this meeting.

3. Actions Outstanding

No Outstanding Actions

PED Policy – Education and Clarification

Continued issues noted regarding passenger non-compliance with PED requirements.

Increasing instances of deliberate concealment of prohibited items (e.g. vapes, power banks), including items hidden onboard aircraft.

Difficulty identifying individuals post-flight due to concealment locations.

Agreed Actions:

OEUK and Step Change in Safety to review and refresh PED education materials.

Existing FAQs to be updated with:

- Clear wording
- Visual examples of acceptable and unacceptable device condition
- Clarification on damaged cases and screen protectors

Consideration to develop a joined-up education package (including video content) for workforce engagement in 2026.

4. Risk Update

Flight Operations

EGNOS

- No change since the previous update.
- UK continues development of a national alternative system.

Drones

- Increase in drone activity observed across Europe, particularly near military bases.
- No significant operational impact reported in Aberdeen to date.

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Engineering

Supply Chain

- General improvement observed across OEMs, with increased parts availability.
- Leonardo remains the most affected OEM.

Regulatory Interfaces

- Ongoing issues with EASA Form 1 vs CAA Form 1.
- Planned discussions between UK and EU authorities regarding mutual recognition.

Ground Ops

- Ongoing issues with PED and dangerous goods non-compliance.
- Concern raised regarding increasing passenger concealment behaviours.

5. Flight Operations HMLC Working Group Update

PEDs

- Continued inconsistencies noted in interpretation of guidance (e.g. aircraft mode vs power-off).
- Overly literal application of wording by some auditors highlighted.
- Agreement that common-sense clarification is required.

Passenger Behaviour

- Increase in abusive or irate passenger behaviour reported.
- Proposal to develop a common “zero tolerance” abusive passenger poster across operators.
- Step Change in Safety to be engaged to support consistent messaging.

6. Ground Operations Working Group / ASCG Update

Inconsistent helideck administration practices identified offshore, including:

- Bags checked then returned to cabins
- Inconsistent re-checking prior to departure

Recognition that training alone is insufficient.

Focus shifting towards competence-based assessment and verification.

Next Steps:

Offshore competence-focused meeting planned for December.

Scope to include:

- Helideck administration
- Dangerous goods handling
- Competence management and assessment standards

7. Engineering Working Group Update

- No formal changes since the previous meeting.
- Timing and availability continue to limit meeting frequency.

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Three priority focus areas remain:

- Maintenance standards (Part 145)
- CAMO competencies
- Management of critical parts

Some overlap noted with Heli Offshore initiatives.

8. Heli Offshore update

Automation Recommended Practice

- Published and available on the HeliOffshore website.

Flight Operations Observation Programme

- In development with IOGP.
- Expected for review early 2026.

Enhanced Decision Making in Engineering

- Programme released, uptake currently low.
- Workshops scheduled to increase awareness.

Helideck Equipment

- Review of the Master Minimum Helideck Equipment List underway.
- Minor updates expected.

Wellbeing

- Maintenance personnel wellbeing app in development; initial release expected early 2026.

Requests for Action:

- S92 operators to provide raw FDM data for offshore take-offs and landings.
- Feedback requested on the Wrong Deck Landing Report prior to potential update and reissue.

9. Step Change in Safety Update

Planning underway for 2026 activities.

Support confirmed for:

- PED education initiatives
- Workforce engagement via site manager forums (Q1 2026)

Additional initiatives:

- Human performance and safety leadership events
- Continuous improvement and Lean workshops

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10. AOB

Drones

- Increased activity noted in Europe.
- Continued monitoring required.

Aircraft Positioning on Helidecks

- Reports of aircraft being asked to reposition while on helidecks have re-emerged.
- Issue to be monitored and addressed through appropriate safety channels.