

# List of medical repatriation companies in the UK

# Prepared by Consular Directorate in London

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The purpose of this list is to provide as much relevant information to enable British nationals to make better-informed decisions. Our lists are **not recommendations and should not be treated as such**.

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This list is in alphabetical order.

#### **AMBU-TRANS LTD**

450 Bath Road, Longford, Heathrow, London, UB7 0EB

Tel: +44 (0) 20 3868 7513

Email: info@ambu-trans.co.uk; Website: www.ambu-trans.co.uk

- They are a Medical Repatriation company.
- They offer a "Bed-to-Bed" service.
- They provide long distance Road Ambulance Repatriation; Medical Escorts for commercial flights; and Air Ambulances.
- They operate worldwide.
- All their Medical Staff are registered under their own individual regulatory authority. Within the UK Doctors GMC, Nurses NMC, Paramedics – HCPC.
- They have a fleet of their own modern Ambulances fully equipped to ICU standards.
- They have a full range of FAA approved Portable Medical Equipment including Oxygen Concentrators for use on commercial and private aircraft flights.
- All common European languages are spoken in-house, including: English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish,
- They do not offer a free service.

#### **AXA Assistance (UK) Ltd**

The Quadrangle, 106-118 Station Rd, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1PX

Tel: 0203 3284 0879

#### www.axa-assistance.co.uk

- They are an insurance company with an assistance department that specializes in medical repatriation
- They do not offer national assistance but can offer private international assistance
- They offer repatriation from any country the FCO has deemed safe to visit
- They have offices in Canada, USA, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Panama, Chile, Mauritius, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, France, UK, Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Greece, Turkey, Russia, India, China, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Japan
- Their service is available in the local languages of these offices
- They offer medical team repatriation services, emergency evacuation services
- They are registered with FCA in the UK
- They do not offer a free service

#### **Capital Air Ambulance**

Hangar 68 Exeter International Airport, Devon, EX5 2BD

Tel: +44 (0)1392 350020

www.capitalairambulance.co.uk

- They are a medical repatriation company
- Through their sister company (British International Helicopters) they can arrange transport by helicopter, sea (ferry/ship/hovercraft), and ground transport (road ambulance or train)
- They serve every part of Great Britain and Ireland, including all surrounding islands with suitable airports
- The operate worldwide
- The following languages are spoken in-house: Arabic, English, Filipino (Tagalog), French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Sinhalese, Spanish, Swahili, Tamil, Welsh
- They have accredited partners in North America, Africa, India, Singapore, Thailand and the Caribbean
- Capital has specialist medical equipment, including neonatal incubators, infant 'baby pods', and adult intensive care stretchers
- They carry comprehensive life-support items (ventilators, monitors, 'bedside' laboratory analysers, infusers), orthopaedic equipment (splints, spinal mattresses, stretchers, immobilisers), cardiac care items (defibrillators/pacemakers, cardiac monitors), and medications and fluids
- They offer specialist neonatal care and paediatrics, a service for victims of major trauma, spinal patients, burns patients, obstetric (pregnancy and post-natal) care, psychiatry, coronary (heart) care, palliative (end of life) care, and bespoke management of passengers with pre-existing disabilities and special needs
- Capital is fully accredited by EURAMI (the European AeroMedical Institute), a global regulator of air ambulance standards
- Capital is registered with the CQC (Quality Care Commission), England's regulator of health care
- They do not offer a free service but works with a children's charity which may be able to help fund the repatriation of uninsured families with an ill or injured child or an unexpected early delivery of a premature baby

#### **EMS Ambulance Service**

Unit 3 Marton Mills, Sawley Street, Skipton, BD23 1SX

Tel: 01535 670 648

info@eventmedic.co.uk, www.eventmedic.co.uk

- They are involved in the UK leg of overseas repatriations
- They supply Transport for Transplant services throughout the UK and Ireland, including arranging short notice air travel for retrieval teams
- They provide long distance road repatriation
- They provide medical escorts for commercial flights and long distance road repatriation (Doctor, Nurse, Paramedic, Mental Health Nurse or EMT escort)
- They assist in arranging Air Ambulance Repatriation
- They operate worldwide
- They have Thai, Urdu, Spanish, German and French speakers
- They provide Bariatric, HDU, Stretcher and Medicar vehicles
- They are registered and inspected by the Care Quality Commission, are members of the British Ambulance Association, are ISO 9001 registered and hold full commercial liability insurance, including medical indemnity

## Flight Medic

Needham Hill House, 99 Main Street, Kinoulton, Nottinghamshire. NG12 3EL

Tel: +44 (0) 115 871 81 61 (24 hour, 365 days a year)

#### www.flightmedic.uk

- They are a repatriation company
- They are based in the UK and serve the whole of the UK
- They arrange repatriations from all over the world
- They have a satellite office in Phuket, Thailand
- Their staff speak English, Spanish and Thai
- They are able to offer specialist security escorting services world wide from a team of former UK Special Forces Close Protection staff
- All their staff are registered health care professionals who hold clinical registration with the relevant regulatory body for their profession
- They do not offer a pro bono service but they can work with an individual raise the funds either through crowd funding or other sources and offer them the most competitive quote

#### **Goldfinch Aviation Medical Care**

The Old Barn, King Lane Farm, King Lane, Leeds, LS17 5PS

Tel:+44 (0)113 2857990, Fax: +44 113 2857991

#### www.goldfinchmedical.co.uk

- They are a medical repatriation organisation.
- They operate worldwide.
- They liaise with airlines to gain permission for patients to fly.
- All escorts are registered with the relevant UK Professional bodies (General Medical Council / Nursing and Midwifery Council).
- They have medical transport equipment including oxygen concentrators.
- They use external language providers specialising in speaking with overseas medical carers.
- They can arrange air ambulances
- They can arrange road ambulances
- They offer a bed-to-bed service
- They do not offer a free service

#### **Hearts First Ambulance Service**

Unit L, Houndswood Gate, Harper Lane, Radlett WD7 7HU

Tel: 01923 894212

- They are a specialist Road/Ground Repatriation Service
- They cover all the UK and Western Europe (France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Poland, Czech Republic, Croatia, Italy, Switzerland, Malta, Spain, Portugal)
- Staff speak French, Spanish, Polish, Italian & German
- They have equipment for bariatric clients.
- They are a member of NAPAS National Association of Professional Ambulance Services
- They do not offer a free service, but do offer discounted pricing to private patients with no travel insurance

#### **Mediaviation Ltd**

Patricroft, Healey Road, Ossett, West Yorkshire, WF5 8LW

Tel: +44 (0) 845 094 8408, Fax +44 (0) 845 094 8409

info@mediaviation.com, www.mediaviation.com

- They operate a repatriation service providing medical escorts on commercial airlines.
- They have partners who supply private air ambulances
- They cover all regions within the UK
- They can arrange repatriations from any part of the world, except potential war zones
- They use translation services when needed
- They have specialist equipment and are able to access additional specialist resources depending on the requirement
- All their medical staff are registered under their own individual regulatory authority within the UK e.g. Doctors GMC, Nurses NMC and Paramedics HCPC
- They do not offer a free service but support the ARC (Aero Medical Repatriation Charity) which can in exceptional circumstances provide some financial assistance when arranging a repatriation from overseas (this does not include medical expenses incurred while abroad)

## **Medical Repatriations**

6 Hillside Terrace, Moffat, DG10 9RT

Tel: +44 (0) 7710 782789, Fax: +44 (0) 7053 671368

medicalrepatriations@gmail.com

- They offer a repatriation service to British nationals abroad
- They cover the whole of the UK
- They repatriate from anywhere worldwide
- They have fluent German, Spanish and Norwegian speakers
- They have access to stretches, oxygen and drugs to use in transfers
- They are affiliated to air ambulances and repatriation bodies and doctors and nurses are members of their respective regulatory bodies
- They do not offer a free service, but can help fundraise to aid payment

#### **Medical Rescue International**

Godwins Farm, Tichborne, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 0NA

Tel: +441962 735955, Fax: +441962 736089

admin@medrescint.com, www.medrescint.com

- They operate a medical repatriation service, contracting Air Ambulance aircraft when and if required.
- They serve all of the UK.
- They can arrange for repatriation from any country except North Korea.
- Their staff speak French, German, Russian and Hebrew.
- They specialise in repatriating mental health patients, patients with spinal problems, cardiac patients, and babies
- They do not offer a free service

## **Medicar European**

Hinxhill Estate, Hinxhill, Ashford, TN25 5NR

Tel: +44 (1233) 660999

operations@medicareuropean.co.uk, www.medicareuropean.co.uk

- They are a medical repatriation ambulance company
- They cover all areas of the UK
- They arrange repatriations from mainland Europe as well as the Balearics, Corsica, Sicily and Malta
- They are affiliated to the CQC and the National Association of Private Ambulance Services
- They do not offer a free service

## **SkyAngels**

AirHub Building 00 London, Oxford Airport, Oxford, OX5 1RA

Tel: +44 (0) 207 164 6718

ops@skyangelsairambulance.org.uk, www.skyangelsairambulance.org.uk

- They offer an international medical repatriation service as part of their air ambulance charity
- Their personnel contacts in most countries
- They have complete UK and International coverage
- · They can operate from 234 Countries
- They can offer a service in English, French, German, Arabic
- They have crews based in: United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Jordan, Italy, South Africa, Barbados, USA, Spain, Lebanon and France
- Their aircraft are equipped with life-ports, electric stretcher ramp, and are able to carry a mix of stretchers and up to 8 passengers
- They are able to offer medical escorts on airlines, ships and trains
- Their memberships includes AOPA, NEMSPA, AOAA, ACA, IAFCCP and the Charity Commission UK.
- They can offer a Pro Bono service to British Nationals (subject to FCO and SkyAngels Trustee/HQCrew approval, due diligence and charity funding)

## **Feedback Form for Customers**

If you do decide to use any of the repatriation organisation on this list, we would like to hear from you. While there is no obligation on your part to provide feedback on the services you receive, **any feedback you can give us is helpful.** 

Once completed, please return the form to the Consular Directorate in London by post to King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH, or by email to fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk, marking it for the attention of the Consular Directorate. Thank you for your help.

Name of organisation:

Date of contact:

1. Are any of the details on our list regarding this provider wrong? (e.g. address, telephone number, etc.)

2. What service did you need?

3. Why did you need this service?

Please circle the appropriate boxes below:				
4. How would you rate the value for money?				
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
5. How would you rate the professionalism of the staff?				
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
6. How would you rate the overall service received?				
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
7. Do you have any other comments?				
We would like to share this information with other customers but if you would prefer it not to be seen by others please tick the box				
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