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Aircraft: Agusta Bell 206 B G-WIZZ

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and time (GMT): 30 August 1982 at 12.45 hrs

Location: Leeds/Bradford Airport

Type of flight: Private (Pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 4

Injuries: Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to landing skids and tail boom

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 37 years

Commander's total flying experience: 74 hours (all of which were on type)

The helicopter with 400 lb of fuel and a full passenger load had flown from a landing site approximately 4 miles to the west of Leeds/Bradford Airport and had been cleared to land on the main apron at the airport. The wind was 280°/18 with gusts and a steep downward approach was made from a westerly direction. At approximately 300 feet the engine appeared to lose power and the pilot reported that the low rotor RPM audio warning sounded. The aircraft made a very heavy landing on the grass between the main runway and the apron but none of the occupants were injured. On subsequent examination the engine was found to be undamaged and capable of functioning normally.