

**Aircraft type and registration:** Robinson R22 G-BKXH (light single engined helicopter)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1981

**Date and time (GMT):** 23 July 1985 at 1803 hrs

**Location:** Stapleford Tawney Airfield

**Type of flight:** Training

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — None

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Aircraft destroyed

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 46 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 2418 hours (of which 193 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot-in-command.

During a period of dual instruction the student pilot began to establish the helicopter in the hover whilst it was facing into the wind. After the left skid had become airborne the helicopter continued to rotate about its right skid, which remained in contact with the ground. The instructor, taking over control, attempted to level the aircraft by application of full left cyclic control. He was, however, unable to prevent the helicopter rolling onto its right hand side and sustaining irreparable damage.

The instructor considers it possible that the student, being unused to such a pronounced inclination to the right whilst hovering, had attempted to steady himself by pulling on the collective pitch lever. It is thus possible that the collective lever was further raised, causing the helicopter to continue its roll onto its side.