

SERIOUS INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	MD 900 Explorer, G-SASH	
No & Type of Engines:	2 Pratt & Whitney Canada PW206E turboshaft engines	
Year of Manufacture:	2000	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 June 2011 at 0828 hrs	
Location:	Leeds Bradford Airport	
Type of Flight:	Commercial Air Transport (Non-Revenue)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 2	Passengers - 2
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	None	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	50 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	5,973 hours (of which 298 were on type) Last 90 days - 25 hours Last 28 days - 6 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further investigations by AAIB	

On lifting to the hover, the downwash from the helicopter pushed one parked light aircraft into another.

The helicopter, an Air Ambulance, was on a routine positioning flight from Leeds Bradford Airport to Bagby Airfield, North Yorkshire. It had been positioned, by ground handling staff, on a designated helicopter landing spot which was 18 m away from, and upwind of, the West Apron on which several light aircraft were parked. Shortly after the pilot lifted the helicopter into the hover, the downwash caused a parked light aircraft to begin moving. After the parked aircraft had turned through

180°, its port wing wedged under the wing of an aircraft parked next to it, causing minor damage to both aircraft. The pilot, and the Duty Airside Safety Unit Officer who attended the incident, both reported that none of the light aircraft on the West Apron were chocked at the time of the incident.

Since this incident, aircraft parking arrangements at Leeds Bradford Airport have been reviewed and air ambulance helicopters no longer use the West Apron area.