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Aircraft Type and Registration: Robinson R22 Beta, G-BPYH

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-B2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1989

Date and Time (UTC): 4 August 1989 at 1535 hrs

Location: Nottingham Airport

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Slight damage to aft cross tube and tail boom

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 53 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: Fixed wing: 53 hours
Rotary wing: 34 hours (of which 34 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was to practise hover to hover transitions followed by circuits. This was to be his second solo exercise following an earlier dual lesson with his instructor. The wind was westerly at 8 to 10 kt. As he lifted the helicopter into the hover, the pilot lost control in yaw and the helicopter landed heavily with some yawing movement. It came to rest upright with slight damage to the landing gear and tail boom.