

**Aircraft type and registration:** Sikorsky S61N G-BIHH

**No & Type of engines:** Two General Electric CT 58-140-1 turbine engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1974

**Date and time (UTC):** 24 June 1986 at 1125 hrs

**Location:** Aberdeen Airport

**Type of flight:** Airline Non Scheduled Passenger

**Persons on board:** Crew — 2                      Passengers — 18

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

**Nature of damage:** Slight damage to keel surface and rear of sponsons

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopter)

**Commander's Age:** 29 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 1016 hours (of which 63 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the commander.

The aircraft had flown from the Piper Field in the North Sea and the co-pilot carried out an ILS approach to runway 35 at Aberdeen. During the ILS the workload on the captain was high and at one stage it was necessary for him to take control of the aircraft.

At 400 feet the captain saw the runway lights to his left and instructed the co-pilot to continue the approach visually. In view of the tail wind component the captain told the co-pilot to turn right and make a landing into wind. When the helicopter was in the hover at about 10 feet, ATC called for a change to ground control frequency.

As the helicopter descended in the hover the captain saw persons on the ground waving and he noticed an excessive nose down attitude. He took control immediately but he was too late to prevent the underside of the aircraft coming into contact with the ground. After regaining the hover the captain lowered the undercarriage and made a normal landing.