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

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

Year of Manufacture: 1991

Date & Time (UTC): 29 December 1991 at 1542 hrs

Location: Etchinghill, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Wrinkling of tail boom and cabin structure together with splaying of the skids

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 44 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 128 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and additional telephone inquiries

The pilot was en-route from Headcorn to a private landing site at Acrise with a passenger who also held a PPL(H) but was more experienced on type. Before landing at Acrise, it was decided to make a practice landing in a field. On departing the field, the pilot decided to execute a running take-off. During this manoeuvre the helicopter slewed slightly to the right. The pilot considered that the helicopter was under control, but the passenger thought that the situation warranted him taking control and for a brief period both pilots were attempting to fly the aircraft. The pilot stated that at no time was control of the aircraft handed to his passenger and that the resulting confusion was the cause of the subsequent heavy landing.