



Dear Community Councillors,

My name is Michael Hanratty, and I am the Highlands & Islands Community Fundraising Officer for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA). I am writing to invite your support in helping raise awareness of SCAA across your community and to explore opportunities for local engagement, including community talks, volunteering, and fundraising.

As Scotland's only charity air ambulance service, SCAA provides rapid access to emergency medical care for people in remote and rural areas when time is critical. In the past 12 months alone, 28% of SCAA's operations were carried out in the Highlands & Islands, underlining how important this lifesaving service is to communities across our region.

Community councils play an important role in connecting local residents, groups, and organisations, and I would welcome the opportunity to work with you to help share information about SCAA and identify ways your community might like to get involved. This could include raising awareness locally, supporting a fundraising activity, considering a donation, or helping us build a stronger network of supporters and volunteers in the area.

One simple way to get involved is by arranging a free SCAA talk for your local community. These talks are available for community groups, schools, and businesses, and offer an opportunity to learn more about the service, its impact, and how local people can support it.

If your council would be interested in a short conversation or in arranging a free talk, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do to support your community. I look forward to the opportunity to work together in support of this lifesaving service.

Kind regards,

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