



Ogier boosts donation appeal for Guernsey's Flying Christine III

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The fundraising appeal for the refurbishment of the Bailiwick of Guernsey's marine ambulance, Flying Christine III, has been given a significant boost thanks to a generous donation of £2,000 from Ogier.

The firm's donation means the appeal, which was launched two weeks ago, has already reached £10,000 — half of its £20,000 target.

Ogier partner Martyn Baudains, who is a member of the firm's local CSR Committee, said: "The Flying Christine is a vital resource, delivering pre-hospital paramedic care and emergency transport for patients across the islands. In hearing of the charity's appeal, our local CSR Committee was keen to contribute. We hope that Guernsey's community will rally together to help Ambulance and Rescue raise the necessary funds for the refurbishment of the Flying Christine III."

Ambulance and Rescue Chief Executive Officer Mark Mapp said: "The Flying Christine III relies on charitable donations to continue its lifesaving work across the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organisations, we can keep the marine ambulance operational and keep our volunteer crew safe — even in the most challenging weather conditions — ensuring paramedic care reaches all corners of the Bailiwick. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ogier for their support, which moves us closer to our target and which will help us ensure the refurbishment can be completed."

He added: "We have received a number of donations ranging from small amounts to some of larger value. Every single donation makes a difference and is hugely appreciated. Without these funds, we simply wouldn't be able to safely deliver the high standard of care that our communities rely on."

Work on the Flying Christine III is already underway at the Diverse Marine boatyard in the Isle of Wight. The current project, which is the second phase of the 30-year refit, includes upgrading navigation and communication equipment, updating the clinical treatment area to bring it in line with modern infection control standards and improvements to the bodywork.

The purpose-built marine ambulance is due to return to service in Bailiwick waters in the spring, providing pre-hospital paramedic care for the islands.

While the Flying Christine is out of the water for maintenance, relief vessels will be used to maintain cover for the other islands under existing and well-rehearsed contingency plans.

Find out more about the appeal and how you can help at: www.ambulance.gg

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