

## **P-04-395 Wales Air Ambulance should receive government funding**

### **Petition wording:**

For more than 10 years, Wales Air Ambulance has responded to over 15,000 calls, providing an essential service to the people of Wales, and often probably saved lives that would have been lost if road-based ambulances had been relied upon. The Air Ambulance has been entirely funded by donations from the generous people of Wales, but the service is now such an essential part of our emergency services that it should be funded by the Welsh Assembly. This will be even more important if some of the proposed changes to A & E services at some hospitals are carried out, causing some of the people of Wales, particularly in mid Wales, having to travel up to 1½ hours by road to their nearest A&E department, a situation which would be life-threatening and unacceptable. We call on the Welsh Assembly to provide the necessary funding to ensure that the Wales Air Ambulance can continue providing its first-rate and essential service to the people of Wales and the many visitors to the country

**Petition raised by:** Leslie Mark Wilkins

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**Number of signatures:** 63