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Safety Recommendation:

CHCI should introduce, and regularly review, a Helicopter Flight Data Monitoring programme, to support its SMS and personnel in identifying and addressing operating issues and trends to optimise safety margins within its operation.

Response:

On 01 February 2022, and in subsequent engagement with the AAIU, the Operator provided the following response to this Safety Recommendation:

"A Helicopter Flight Data Monitoring (FDM) Programme is now active and fully implemented within the Operator. All crews have access to the quarterly FDM newsletter providing feedback on the programme. The programme aligns with the FDM programme that is run successfully in the parent company and is fully supported within the country, as well as by the central team.

Output from the quarterly FDM Review Group meetings are documented and recorded in the company's safety management system. The key metrics from FDM are also included in the standing management reviews."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU Notes the Operator's response of 01 February 2022.

In addition the Investigation notes that, in relation to the Safety Recommendations made to the Operator, the IAA informed the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications that 'the IAA will track these recommendations and ensure that they are appropriately implemented.'

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation to be 'Implemented-Closed'.