



## **Press Release**

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# **Volunteer doctors and paramedics join forces with medical service to boost critical care in the East Midlands**

Two Nottingham-based medical organisations have announced a new partnership to strengthen frontline care, expand response capacity, and improve outcomes for patients.

East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme (EMICS), the independent charity providing hospital-level care at the scene of emergencies, has partnered with Central Medical Services (CMS) to increase its operational capabilities including providing an additional critical care car, ordering drugs and restocking medical bags.

In 2024, its volunteer doctors responded to 954 life-threatening “red” calls, an average of three emergencies every day, bringing lifesaving interventions such as performing emergency roadside surgeries or restarting hearts before patients reach hospital.

With one EMICS critical care car already based at Highfields Fire Station, CMS will loan an additional critical care car to EMICS, enabling the charity to attend more callouts and reach patients faster. CMS will also contribute practical support including logistical expertise.

EMICS currently supports communities across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, and Lincolnshire.

EMICS Chair of Trustees, Dr Matt Woods said the move, which would see the organisation still retaining their independence, would deliver "the best care possible care to more patients than before".

Dr Woods added:

"As we take forward this new collaborative approach, we look forward to working with CMS, forging new working relationships and sharing best practices. Importantly, EMICS remains entirely independent and continues to rely 100% on public donations. CMS's support provides vital practical help without changing our financial independence."

Ian Johnson from CMS said:

"At CMS, we share EMICS' commitment to delivering lifesaving care and we believe patients should always be at the heart of decision-making. By providing vehicles and operational support, we are proud to enable EMICS volunteers to do what they do best, saving lives in the communities we all serve."

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### **About CMS**

Central Medical Services is a provider of 999 front line Ambulance provision to the NHS within the East Midlands and Nationally, alongside specialist event medical services across the UK along with a widescale pre-hospital care service and patient transport. committed to improving patient care through practical solutions.

### **About EMICS**

At EMICS (East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme), we are committed to providing Critical Care across the East Midlands, 24/7, 365 days a year. Our mission is to save lives and improve patient outcomes through advanced pre-hospital care.

Our highly skilled team of volunteer clinicians (doctors and paramedics) respond to a diverse range of emergencies. Many also serve with regional air-ambulance services or as strategic medical advisors to the ambulance service, bringing extensive experience and expertise to EMICS.

As a vital part of the East Midlands emergency response network, our volunteers generously give their time and expertise, driven by a commitment to their community. Through their dedication, we continue to enhance the pre-hospital care available in the region.

For more information about EMICS and our impact, visit [www.emics.org](http://www.emics.org).

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