

Second generation UK search and rescue aviation programme (UKSAR2G)

There is a new page for all information on UKSAR2G. Please follow this [link](#). Information on this page will be updated as the programme evolves.

The MCA, through HM Coastguard, provides a national 24-hour maritime and coastal search and rescue (SAR) emergency response service throughout the UK.

HM Coastguard provides support to all blue light emergency services, as well as other government departments and agencies, through the deployment of its search and rescue helicopters and planes.

Since 2013, the UKSAR helicopter service has been delivered by Bristow helicopters ltd. From ten strategically located bases around the UK, rescuing over 4,500 people since the service started in 2015. This contract is due to finish in 2024.

UKSAR2G is the second-generation programme that will take account of how the current UKSAR helicopter service has evolved and will seek to understand other emergency services' requirements and needs to shape a highly collaborative and innovative solution. UKSAR2G will work from first principles to develop a more tailored and modern means of delivering vital search and rescue capabilities in a more cost-efficient and innovative way.

Procurement timetable

Procurement activity	Dates
Market engagement (details about how to register for engagement will be published on the portal)	March 2020 to October 2020*
Publication of the OJEU notice	January – March 2021*
Procurement cycle (precise procurement procedure to be confirmed)	January 2021 to December 2022*
Contract award	December 2022*
Service commencement	30th September 2024*

* These dates are currently indicative and are subject to changes

Procurement portal

A procurement portal is being developed, where interested parties can register and gain access to documents relating to the procurement.

Further information

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If you have any questions and queries, please contact UKSAR2G@mcga.gov.uk

In this [video](#) Damien Oliver, Commercial & Programmes Director at the MCA and the Senior Responsible Owner of the UKSAR2G programme, offers some more insight into the programme and its objectives

An online event for industry has been held by those overseeing the second generation UK Search and Rescue aviation programme (UKSAR2G). For those unable to be present, we have included the [video](#) of the event.