

Injured gorge walker airlifted to hospital after complex rescue

At around 12.50pm Dyfed Powys police requested air support from HM Coastguard's ARCC (air rescue coordination centre) after a gorge walker was reported to have fallen 20ft into shallow water near the Sgwd Gwladus waterfall in the Brecon Beacons national park.

As the helicopter arrived close to the scene, members of the public who were with the casualty alerted the coastguard helicopter to their exact position by using their mobile phone camera flashes.

The HM Coastguard St Athan helicopter was joined by the central beacons and western beacons mountain rescue teams and a hazardous area response team in what turned out to be a complex rescue involving the helicopter hovering high above the heavily wooded tree line in the steep-sided valley.

The winchman paramedic was lowered down to the casualty from 220ft using the aircraft hoist. The injured man, who had sustained a serious leg injury, was then treated on scene and placed onto the stretcher, before being recovered via another high winch.

The casualty was flown to Swansea hospital where we wish him a speedy recovery.

[Rescue](#)

Suffragan Bishop of Dover: 28 June 2019

The Queen has approved the appointment of the Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, BPhil Ed, Hon LLD, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons and Priest in Charge of St Mary-at-Hill, in the Diocese of London to the Suffragan See of Dover, in the Diocese of Canterbury, in succession to the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, MA, who resigned on 31st May 2019.

Rose was born and raised in Jamaica. She was educated at Montego Bay High School for Girls and later at Birmingham University. She trained with the Church Army and was commissioned in 1982 as an Evangelist; she later trained for ordination at Queens Theological College on their part-time course, ordained deacon in 1991 and ordained priest in 1994 serving her title at St Matthew's Church, Willenhall Road in the Diocese of Lichfield.

For sixteen and a half years she served as a priest in Hackney (Holy Trinity with St Philip, Dalston and All Saints, Haggerston). In 2007 she was appointed as a Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen and in 2010, she became the first woman appointed to the position of the 79th Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. In November 2014, she took on the additional responsibility as Priest in Charge of city Church, St Mary-at-Hill near Monument. She is an Honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral and a Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey.

She has previously served as a member of the General Synod of the Church of England and also as one of the Panel of Chairs of the Synod. She has twice represented the Church of England at the World Council of Churches (in Zimbabwe & Brazil); she served as its priest representative on the Anglican Consultative Council for 9 years. She also served as a Selection Secretary for the Church of England, helping to select men and women seeking to test their vocation to the ministry. She does numerous preaching and speaking engagements nationally (and occasionally overseas). She was a member of the Broadcasting Standards Commission and has wide experience of media engagement including some religious broadcasting.

She is married to The Reverend Kenneth Wilkin, a Prison Chaplain and they have three adult children.

[Chancellor urges global action to tackle antimicrobial resistance crisis](#)

The health and economic prosperity of future generations is at risk unless we act urgently to address antimicrobial resistance, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond will say today during the first ever joint meeting of G20 Finance and Health Ministers in Osaka, Japan (28 June).

It is estimated that drug-resistant bugs are to blame for 700,000 deaths worldwide each year, and this figure is predicted to rise to 10 million by 2050 if urgent action is not taken. It is also predicted that by 2050 antimicrobial resistance will cause a loss of between 1.1% and 3.8% from annual global (GDP).

During the meeting the Chancellor will stress that this issue is not only a matter for health ministers, but finance ministers too, and that world leaders need to work together to improve incentives for businesses to develop new antibiotics. He will also say that the World Bank and other multilateral development banks need to better understand the risks and impacts of antimicrobial resistance, and take these into account when making investments.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond said:

This week's G20 is unique in that it brings together Finance and Health Ministers from around the world for the first time to discuss global health security and action on collectively tackling antimicrobial resistance.

G20 countries have hugely benefited from advanced medicines and have a responsibility to act urgently on an issue that could kill more people than cancer by 2050.

The UK will continue to lead the fight against antimicrobial resistance and will argue in the G20 for additional funding for research and innovative financing models to incentivise businesses to produce new drugs.

Established drugs are showing increasing resistance to infection, but developing new antibiotics is a long and expensive process. New drugs must compete with much cheaper generic ones already in use, and any new antibiotic must be used in accordance with strong guidance to preserve their effectiveness, meaning there is often little financial incentive for businesses to produce them. The Chancellor will go on to say that because of these conditions, the market is failing to develop the new and essential antibiotics we need.

Although world leaders have repeatedly recognised the need to address the problem, progress has been limited.

The UK has been leading the fight against antibiotic resistance. In January this year the government launched a 20-year vision and 5-year national action plan for how the UK will contribute to containing and controlling antimicrobial resistance by 2040. The plan includes the trial of a new way of paying companies for their drugs based on how valuable their medicines are to the NHS rather than on the quantity of antibiotics used, to better incentivise the development of new drugs. Last year, the government also committed £32 million funding for research centres to explore new ways to inform prescribing and identify patterns of resistance.

Last week the Department of Health and Social Care also announced that it would be retaining the world-leading expertise of outgoing Chief Medical Officer Professor Dame Sally Davies, as the UK's Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance.

In the margins of the G20 Summit, the Chancellor will also meet with several other Finance Ministers, including his US, French, and German counterparts, to discuss trade and investment.

Further Information

AMR 5-year action plan

In January the government published a 20-year vision and 5-year national action plan for how the UK will contribute to containing and controlling antimicrobial resistance by 2040. The plans include targets, such as:

1. cutting the number of drug-resistant infections by 10% (5,000 infections) by 2025
2. reducing the use of antibiotics in humans by a further 15% by 2024
3. preventing at least 15,000 patients from contracting infections as a result of their healthcare each year by 2024

A major focus of the plan is to make sure current antibiotics stay effective by reducing the number of resistant infections and supporting clinicians to prescribe appropriately.

As part of the plan the pharmaceutical industry is also expected to take more responsibility for tackling antibiotic resistance. NICE and NHS England are testing an innovative new reimbursement model that will pay pharmaceutical companies based on a NICE-led health technology assessment of how valuable their medicines are to the NHS, rather than on the quantity of antibiotics used. The value is estimated by NICE through an adapted 'Health Technology Assessment' with information from health economic modelling and expert opinion.

Since 2014, the UK has cut the amount of antibiotics it uses in humans by more than 7% and sales of antibiotics for use in food-producing animals have dropped by 40%. But the number of drug-resistant bloodstream infections have increased by 35% from 2013 to 2017. Without effective antibiotics, straightforward, everyday operations like caesarean sections or hip replacements could become too dangerous to perform.

Research & Development

The government continues to deliver a record increase to Research and Development funding with an additional £7 billion by 2022 through the National Productivity Investment Fund.

[Edition 19: News from the Adjudicator](#)

I am delighted to be able to report back to you all so soon after my sixth annual conference which was a day of high points. I welcomed two additional designated retailers – Ocado and B&M – to their first conference, YouGov reported on the largest ever response to my survey and the conference audience was larger than at any of the previous five. My [Annual Report and Accounts](#) and the [conference presentations](#) are now available. Please take the time to read them. [I am also hosting a short webinar](#) for those that could not attend.

2018 survey results

Starting with a short recap of the survey results, a record 1,417 direct suppliers completed the survey out of a total of 1,556 responses. I am extremely grateful for such a high number of responses as it provides me with valuable information and allows me and the retailers to focus our attention on some very specific issues. Overall, the survey showed continuing improvement in retailer behaviour. For the second year running only four out of 10 suppliers reported having experienced an issue at any point during the year – a significant result in a year when two new retailers were added to those I regulate. This is very much down to the positive work and engagement by retailers and their Code Compliance Officers – my thanks to them.

Last year's top concern for suppliers – delay in payments – fell from 19% to 13% of suppliers having experienced a delay at any point in the year, in a period when the retailers' response to the issue was under formal GCA monitoring. Forecasting is now the issue most reported by suppliers – and that, too, has continued to decline. In addition, Co-operative Group Limited topped the table as the biggest improver after significant GCA scrutiny during a year-long investigation in which I found that the retailer had breached the Code. Co-op should be really pleased that the steps it has been taking to improve things are already being noticed by suppliers.

Driving effective compliance risk management

The theme of the conference was Driving Effective Compliance Risk Management, reflecting my priority for my final year as GCA. I will be working with each of the 12 regulated retailers to ensure all their practices, systems and behaviours are designed and structured to meet their obligations under the Groceries Supply Code of Practice.

I want them to build for themselves a whole-organisation approach to Code compliance. This puts their compliance management thinking into their overall governance structures, their legal and audit functions as well as their internal systems and processes, into their training and their communication with suppliers. This is the best way to make sure that breaches of the Code don't happen and if they do, that they are quickly picked up and put right. It means retailers doing the right thing not only because that is what is required of them, but because it makes good business sense.

Forensic audits

When I took on the role of GCA, the biggest issue was forensic auditing with 45% of suppliers reporting concern in my 2014 survey. I tackled it by [agreeing a voluntary commitment with eight out of the 10 retailers](#) to limit forensic audits on a reciprocal basis to the current year plus two. This year only 7% of suppliers reported forensic audits as an issue of concern. I am delighted that Ocado and Waitrose have both now agreed to make this voluntary commitment, too.

Christine Tacon

Statutory Review of the GCA

On 20 June the Government launched the statutory review of the GCA covering the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2019. The GCA encourages suppliers and other interested parties to respond to the review that will consider how the GCA has used its powers and how effective it has been. [The review is open until 12 September 2019 and you can respond online.](#)

At last year's conference Christine Tacon announced that she would be formally monitoring the progress the original 10 retailers were making on delay in payments, forecasting and promotions.

She asked the retailers to provide her with detailed information in March, including the number and value of invoices in dispute, how retailers identified the root causes of issues, and the average length of time it took to resolve queries about invoices. Retailers also had to describe how they were following the [GCA best practice statement on forecasting and promotions.](#)

The retailers reported having learned a lot from this exercise and most have decided to change one or more of their existing processes or to monitor new information to ensure compliance. They all agreed there is more they could do and the GCA has discussed with each of them specific areas in which they may fall short. Two retailers' practices will continue to be monitored by the GCA under business as usual. Christine Tacon has stressed that retailers must sort out any disputes over payments quickly and tackle the root causes of any payment issues.

In the area of forecasting the Adjudicator reports that all retailers are working on improving communications with suppliers and improving systems to achieve better forecasts.

She is also working with the additional designated retailers – Ocado and B&M – on all the Top Issues, prioritising delay in payments and forecasting.

Meet the CCO

Jo West, CCO for Ocado Group Limited, has answered News from the Adjudicator's questions about her role at the retailer. She is keen that all the retailer's suppliers and employees know who to contact to get the help they need on Code matters.

Contact Jo at GSCOP@ocado.com

[Read about how Ocado has embraced the Code and is making changes and what she hopes to achieve over the next 12 months.](#)

Save the Date

- 3 July 2019 – GCA Webinar Join Christine Tacon as she provides an update on her work and answers suppliers' questions about the Code. The webinar will take place between 11am and 11:30am, with time for questions afterwards. [Register your interest.](#)
- 17 July 2019 – Fruit Focus
Christine will be speaking at this major event for the fruit industry held at the East Malling Research Centre in Kent. Her speaking slot is at 1pm and she will be talking on supplier rights and understanding the Code. See www.fruitfocus.co.uk for more information.
- 30 July 2019 – International Cheese & Dairy Awards
Christine will be judging an award and speaking to suppliers during the trade day of this Nantwich event for the dairy industry. She will tour the Cheese marquee and is available to meet suppliers. [More details at International Cheese & Dairy Awards.](#)

Inviting the GCA to supplier events

Christine Tacon is keen to attend as many supplier events as her diary allows. If you would like to invite her to explain her work and priorities and speak to suppliers please email enquiries@groceriescode.gov.uk.

[Youth Mobility Scheme 2019 for Japanese Nationals – 2nd ballot](#)

There are 1000 places in total available Japanese nationals in 2019. This has been split into two ballots, one in January and one in July, A total of 800 applicants were selected for the first ballot in January 2019. The second ballot in July 2019 will be opened for the remainder of places. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

If you would like to apply for the scheme you should send one email (only) to: JapanYMS2019.ballotrequest@fco.gov.uk between Wednesday 10 July 2019, 12:00 pm (Japan time) to Friday 12 July 2019, 12:00 pm (Japan time). The email header or subject line must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport. This must be

written in English only. For example: ASATO Yoko – 31/01/1985 – Passport123456789.

In the main text of your email you should include the following and must be written in English:

- Name;
- Date of birth;
- Passport Number;
- Home and mobile phone number.

The email account will be open for 48 hours only and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt.

When the email account has closed, the remaining amount of applicants will be chosen at random by UKVI. A second email will be sent to you on Friday 19 July if you have been chosen to apply. This email will confirm acceptance and further instructions on how to make an appointment, along with documentary evidence required to apply for your entry clearance.

Please note successful applicants must prepare on-line applications and on-line credit card payments no later than 30 September 2019. Failure to submit your payment on-line by this date will automatically remove your name from the list and your allocation will be retracted. After you have paid on-line you have 90 days to submit your paperwork for consideration.

If you are living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme 2019 in the UK. An email will be sent to unsuccessful customers on Monday 22 July to inform them they have not been chosen and that no further action is required.