CHC provides Helicopter search and rescue (SAR) service for the Irish Coast Guard (IRCG). CHC's SAR operations in Ireland utilize the S61N Helicopter in a primary use for marine rescue operations. Covering the Atlantic Ocean, Irish, and Celtic seas, to a range of 200 nautical miles. However, it is frequently called to assist in cliff, mountains, inland waterways and isolated inshore areas, for the recovery of trauma or ill causalities, or to assist ground units in searches. The helicopter is a very versatile machine. When used in co-ordination with ground teams, much time and effort can be saved. The helicopter is another tool in the rescuers armory that the search manager can call on.

The S61N Helicopter may stay airborne for up to 5 hours. It is equipped with a primary fast speed 300' winching hoist, and one other back-up hoist. Its avionics system entails an auto hover system, GPS moving map, night sun light system, and other multi functional displays.

Each Helicopter carries PHECC registered Paramedics, and comparable medical equipment. The Helicopter stations are located at Shannon, Waterford, Dublin and Sligo on a 24/7/365 call-out ability. They are at the disposal of the IRCG. Each Helicopters station respond to an average of 120 rescue calls a year.

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