

# Job Description of County/District Air Adviser



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## Introduction

Advisers are appointed by District or County/Area Executives to advise the appropriate Commissioners on all forms of air activities in which could develop young people mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Advisers are not required to be technically qualified but a knowledge and interest in aviation is important.

Advisers need not be Members of the Association, but must be subject to The Scout Association's confidential enquiry process and Criminal Records Bureau check. They must be aware of the Association's Child Protection policy and be provided with a copy of the yellow card "Young People First". This is available from the Scout Information Centre.

## Role

The role of the Adviser is to be pro-active in fostering the wish of Members to participate in air activities. They should advise Leaders on the suitability of different air activities, which could help the mental and physical capabilities of the young people concerned.

This is partly achieved through the use of the Association's authorisation schemes and by meeting with Leaders, attending District meetings and promotional events.

## Qualification

- To have a clear understanding of the physical and mental limitations of young people and a knowledge of the Purpose and Method of The Scout Association.
- To be a sufficiently mature and responsible person to advise firmly against over-ambitious plans and should be able to offer suitable alternatives. It is anticipated that a degree of maturity would be required for this role.

- To have a good all-round knowledge of general aviation or one specific air activity in all its aspects. [Note – this requirement could be relaxed for a District Adviser but enthusiasm in the promotion of air activities is important].
- To have a working knowledge of the requirements of the current Air Navigation Order and Joint Air Regulations Operations as applied to general aviation.
- To have a natural desire and ability to practically promote air activities.
- To have the ability to organise training courses, weekend meets, etc.
- To establish contacts with relevant local air activity providers and organisations.
- To be able to administer, if required, the Air Authorisation Scheme (including assessments) and to oversee the work of Advisers appointed by District [Note – this requirement applies only to County/Area Advisers].
- To be fully conversant with the factsheets available from the Information Centre on air activities.
- To ensure that all air activities in their area are duly notified to the Headquarters Information Centre as required by POR.
- It is highly desirable **but not essential** that Advisers should hold a Private or Commercial Pilot's Licence or similar qualification applicable to Gliding, Paragliding, etc. and should have a Scouting background (though not necessarily in a warranted capacity).

## District Advisers

District Advisers do not have a direct role in the Activity Authorisation procedure but must understand the importance of its use. The active

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presence of a District Adviser as part of the District Team means that quick on the spot advice is available to all personnel in the District considering taking part in or needing advice on any air matter. Such advice should reduce the workload on Leaders and ensure that application forms for any air activity contain all relevant information.