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Southend's RNLI Hovercraft Is Launched To Child With Cut Feet.

Southend on sea's RNLI Lifeboat Station volunteers are again urging people to be more vigilant whilst enjoying themselves at the seaside, after the search and rescue hovercraft, was launched at 13.40hrs from the inshore boathouse to a child with cut feet.

The volunteer crew made their way to the casualty who wasn't far from the shore on the shellfish beds just east of the pier. He was picked up and ferried safely ashore to the inshore boathouse where he was met by the Southend Coastguard Team to be given safety advice and first aid.

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For more information and photos on Southend on sea lifeboat station go to www.southendlifeboat.org

Key facts about the RNLI: The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates 237 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland with 4,700 lifeboat crew and has more than 1,300 lifeguards on over 220 beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 140,000 lives.

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