

Jones wants answers on air ambulance

Yvonne Jones wants to know why a child's life was put at risk this weekend, while health officials were confused about who should be treating the young boy.

The leader of the Liberal Opposition says government needs to explain why the five-year-old boy wasn't tended to immediately when he went into a coma this weekend.

"The family was eventually told that no air ambulance team could be made available; and after four hours, the child was transported to St. John's with a Grand Falls-Windsor physician on an air search and rescue craft that was ill-suited for such transport," Jones says.

The La Scie family is entitled to an

explanation, she says.

The air ambulance program is mandated to provide air transport for patients requiring emergency care who cannot be transported by a commercial airline or by road ambulance because of urgency or remoteness of location.

"This family showed courage by speaking out on how this lack of service placed their child's life in greater danger ... but their compelling reason for coming forward is the hope that such an ordeal will never occur to another family. This is a grave concern that needs to be immediately addressed by this government," Jones said.