

Mr Kevin McCandless
[REDACTED]

Date: 7 August 2025
Reference: F0007519

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 4 August 2025, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

Request Details: I was interested in the level of reported crimes aboard airplanes that registered in the United Kingdom, both occurring in British airspace and internationally (but not in other countries' jurisdiction.) If the CAA hold statistics on the type and frequency and location for the last year on record, I would greatly appreciate seeing them.

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that following a review of held information it has been determined that the CAA holds no information within scope of the above request.

Whilst there is the reporting mechanism known as Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR data), this primarily relates to safety data. Therefore, whilst MOR data may hold information relating to disruptive passengers (which may then lead to criminal reports) or other aviation based safety incidents (for example, but not limited to, laser pointers) this is held for the purposes of improving aviation safety and not the recording of potential criminal acts.

Furthermore, MOR data is not, generally, releasable to members of the public by way of an FOIA request. If you consider that you require information potentially held in MOR data for the purpose of maintaining or improving aviation safety, you are able to make an application to the CAA on that basis using the form at www.caa.co.uk/srg1605.

Alternatively, the SRG1604 form, which is aimed at industry, (including aviation professionals) and is released on a subscription basis, is available at the following link:

SRG1604: Application for Monthly MOR Listings | UK Civil Aviation Authority

May I suggest, if you have not already done so, that you contact the National Police Chief Council as relevant information with respect to criminal acts would most likely be held by the police.

As a separate and unique public authority I am unsure as to how additional information they would hold or be in a position to release to you:

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If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Email: foi.requests@caa.co.uk

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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely
Communications & Engagement Team
Information Rights Specialist
Civil Aviation Authority



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CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged.
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and when necessary consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and if necessary the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.
- An internal review cannot address issues outside of the scope of the original request.

- You, as the applicant, may raise concerns as to why you think the CAA (and any exemptions relied upon) were incorrect in our application of the terms of the FOIA.
- The internal review mechanism should not be used to raise additional further requests for information; this should be done by way of another first stage information request.