

11 September 2015
Reference: F0002445

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 20 August 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

Could you please advise me on the number or reported bird strikes from Manchester Airport on 20th, 21st and 22nd July 2015 and also the airline involved and flight numbers.

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are able to provide the information below.

Incident reports are provided to the CAA under the terms of the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) scheme, as described under Article 226 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 (ANO). Each report made is reviewed and, where appropriate, further investigation carried out and action taken. If a birdstrike report has been submitted, which has either caused damage to the aircraft, or the birdstrike has resulted in a flight safety hazard, this would be reportable under the MOR scheme.

The CAA also administers an on-line birdstrike reporting scheme which is intended to record birdstrikes in UK airspace regardless of whether damage was caused to the aircraft, in accordance with Article 227 of the ANO. A birdstrike means any incident in flight in which there was reason to believe that the aircraft has been in collision with one or more birds.

The numbers of birdstrikes reported to the CAA within the scope of your request, in accordance with both Article 226 and Article 227 of the ANO, is provided in the table below.

Date	Confirmed birdstrikes	Total reports
20/07/2015	1	2
21/07/2015	1	2
22/07/2015	1	1
Total	3	5

We are, however, unable to provide details of the airline involved or the flight numbers. In order to preserve the open reporting culture, which is a vital component of the UK's

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excellent safety record, information which will identify an organisation and is provided to the CAA under either the MOR scheme or the birdstrike reporting scheme is exempt from disclosure under Section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA.

Section 44(1)(a) provides that information is exempt from disclosure if its disclosure is prohibited by, or under, any enactment. Under Section 23 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, information which relates to a particular person (which includes a company or organisation) and has been supplied to the CAA pursuant to an Air Navigation Order is prohibited from disclosure. A copy of this exemption can be found below.

For more information about the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting scheme, please refer to CAP382 which can be found at www.caa.co.uk/cap382.

Further information on birdstrikes occurring within the UK can be found on the [CAA's Birdstrike web page](#).

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:-

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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 in the attachment.

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
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Stevens'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager

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 and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- 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 consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with 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.

Freedom of Information Act: Section 44

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it-

- (a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,
- (b) is incompatible with any Community obligation, or
- (c) would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1).