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30 March 2017
Reference: F0003120

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 13 March 2017, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request:

'As part of a previous Fol response [Ref: F0002701] you provided me with details of the average holding times for planes at 10 different UK airports. Could you provide me with similar data for 2016?

Could you also provide me with any other data supplied to you by NATS for the most recent year which shows details of some of the longer holds at airports rather than just the annual average figure.'

Our response:

Under its licence NATS is required to send the CAA information on its performance and it does this by sending us quarterly Performance Reports. The information NATS provided in their October to December 2016 Performance Report is shown in the table below:

Airport	Average time held (minutes)
Heathrow	4.37
Gatwick	1.91
Stansted	0.59
Manchester	0.56
Birmingham	0.22
Luton	0.14
East Midlands	0.13
Edinburgh	0.17
Aberdeen	0.00

You have also requested information on longer holds at airports. We can confirm that this information is not held by the CAA and therefore, we are unable to provide the information you have requested.

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Telephone: 01293 768512. foi.requests@caa.co.uk

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:-

Caroline Chalk
Head of External Information Services
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
Gatwick
RH6 0YR

caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk

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

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely



Rihanne Stephen
Information Rights Officer

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.