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CAA Safety Policy

The CAA exists to protect the public from unacceptable potential harm when they encounter aviation. Principally as consumers who might be exposed to unacceptable safety risk, abuse of market power or companies failing to deliver their statutory consumer rights, but also as citizens who might be exposed to the environmental impact of aviation.

We do this in the context of the Better Regulation principles: Proportionality, Accountability, Consistency, Transparency and Targeting. These principles are crucial because they guide how we view the potential for harm and assess the appropriateness of different interventions. They also highlight the critical importance of effective communication with the industry we regulate and the public we seek to protect.

That is why I am committed to continue to embed and refine the performance based approach to safety regulation by the CAA. Key to this will be an ever-improving understanding of aviation safety risks and emerging technology, that are intelligence driven and supported by robust risk management governance. We will share our understanding of the aviation safety risks with the industry and work, together, to reduce those risks to a mutually acceptable level.

Within the CAA, I am ultimately accountable to the Board for the effective regulation and oversight of UK aviation safety. I am directly supported in this by the Group Director of SARG (GDSAR), but aviation safety is not confined to SARG; everyone in the CAA has a part of it alongside those who conduct safety oversight activities.



That is why we will be clear where accountabilities and responsibilities for safety outcomes are held. I encourage all colleagues to report aviation safety concerns even if it is not part of their direct responsibility. I will ensure that the CAA has the will, ability, drive and capacity to execute our core oversight role and to strive for continuous improvement of safety for the UK public on a targeted basis that is wholly consistent with better regulation principles.

That is also why I am committed to the ongoing promotion and development of an engaged safety culture across the CAA. How we do things is important and the CAA competency framework will shape the behaviours to be demonstrated as we continue to innovate and lead the way in regulation. We will strive to learn from all that we do. We will share those lessons with other organisations and regulators and in turn learn from their experiences. We will create a roadmap to drive and measure our improvement in safety maturity and we will honestly assess our results and the way we achieve them.

I am committed to the ongoing promotion of a just culture across the aviation sector, including the regulator. It is vital that all CAA Colleagues feel able to, and want to report safety concerns. I am determined that together we take the next step in improving aviation safety and we can do this by linking this safety policy to your daily activities and continuing to take pride in your contribution to the CAA's purpose in society. Our continued efforts will ensure success which will mean safety improvement, better regulation for industry and better partnerships with all whom we work, not least, ICAO, EASA and other national Authorities. Most importantly, it will mean better assurance of the continued safety of the UK public.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Moriarty'.

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