

41st CIVIL AVIATION MEDICINE FORUM

Aviation House, Gatwick, Examination Room

1 March 2016 at 14.00 hours

MINUTES

Attendees	Mike Bagshaw – Honourable Company of Air Pilots Simon Brown – Monarch Nigel Dowdall – CAA Alan Downie – SAAME Ken Edgington - RAeS Sally Evans – CAA (Chair) Stephen Gibson - BGA Ewan Hutchison – CAA Martin Hudson – Thomas Cook Chris King – Centreline Aviation Medical Services Stuart Mitchell - CAA Tim Stevenson – easyJet Geoff Tothill - CAA Frank Voeten – BGA Liz Wilkinson – British Airways
1. Welcome	Dr Evans thanked everyone for their attendance
2. Apologies	David Gradwell Marcus Green – BBAC Kevin Herbert – AAME Simon Ledingham Paddy Yeoman – BMAA Richard Leigh - BMAA David Tallent - Brookdale AeMC Ralph McCready Peter Ward Rae Chang - NATS Note: Justin Flatt – Virgin Atlantic to be invited to subsequent meetings
3. Approval of Last Minutes 10 September 2015	Approved
4. Matters Arising	- Dr Evans had not been able to find medical representatives of BRA and BHAB. Closed - AME Associations provided feedback re audits. Closed - Fatigue – members had provided airline-specific information and Dr Evans had discussed the concerns with Head FO. Closed

<p>5. Medical Department Review</p>	<p>Dr Evans provided an update on the progress in implementing the outcome of the review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CAA AeMC closed on 29 Feb 16 - Project Board has commenced work intended to lead to a replacement for MARS/AME on line, with target implementation date of early 2018 <p>Dr Tothill discussed the plans for the AME capability project, including engagement and discussion with AMEs and the intention to develop and deliver the programme via an online platform.</p>
<p>6. Germanwings accident (SE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is expected that the BEA accident report will be published before the anniversary of the accident on 24 March - 150 delegates attended an EASA Medical Fitness Workshop in December 2015 and reviewed the preliminary concept papers developed by EASA following the Task Force recommendations - EASA has since developed draft concept papers and circulated these initially to key stakeholders for comment - Members discussed the proposals for the introduction of drug and alcohol testing; the importance of supporting measures such as education and peer support interventions was highlighted - Dr Evans has been working with the GMC on amendments to the guidance on public interest breach of confidentiality to include aviation / all safety critical workers
<p>7. EU Regulations.</p>	<p>EASA has amended its rulemaking and consultation procedures to reduce the time taken to introduce new regulation; the measures include the use of 'Operational Directives' for very urgent changes.</p> <p>Dr Mitchell provided an update on the EASA ATCO medical requirements. The latest date for implementation is 31 December 2016. The regulations are very similar to the current Euro Class 3 requirements, but there will be a training need for AMEs and work is ongoing to determine how best to deliver this.</p>
<p>8. Brief from Authority Medical Section (SM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing high level of workload - Stephanie Burns (change leader) is leading the IT project to support AMEs in carrying out Class One casework; facility to make pilots 'unfit' will be implemented first, but facility to allow AMEs to make pilots 'fit' will require further work - Work to allow Class One ECGs to be over-read by a local cardiologist is in its final stages, target for implementation is mid-April 2016
<p>9. Brief from Head of Oversight (EH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EH provided a summary of the current numbers of AMEs and AeMCs. - He also provided statistics on numbers of oversight visits conducted by the CAA Medical Department and the outcomes. - There has been a significant increase in the volume of oversight visits to ensure that the CAA is compliant with EASA requirements. New software has been introduced to manage the administrative requirements associated with this.

10. Brief from Head Aviation Health Unit (ND)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabin air contamination: ND supporting Legal in two ongoing Coroner Inquests, Richard Westgate (pilot) and Matthew Bass (cabin crew); recent media interest in Scotland triggered by a new documentary - ND providing support to DfT / PHE in developing the UK aviation response to the recent Zika outbreak - AHU to lead research work to address concerns about inhaled food allergy, particularly nuts, onboard aircraft; work will start with literature review in FY 2016-17
11. Air display review (SM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two reports published on CAA website so far - all display pilots will be required to have a medical certificate issued by AME - work looking at process to ensure that AME is aware that pilot is a display pilot - other 'pilot' aspects e .g. the role of human factors training also under review
12. Lasers (SE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Evans attended a useful cross-Departmental Government meeting to consider the problem of lasers - Variety of measures under consideration including those relating to police powers, import and sale of lasers, etc - BIS and Home Office leading - Principal concern is of risk to flight safety, not pilot eye injury
13. Safety concerns from members	<p>Dr Evans would like members to raise safety concerns with her as they arise.</p> <p>No new concerns were raised at the meeting</p>
14. Specialty of Aviation and Space Medicine	<p>Dept of Health has now approved the new specialty. Final step is incorporation into law – hoped that this will happen in early April 2016.</p> <p>Dr Evans is talking to the RCP about CPD accreditation for meetings etc.</p>
15. Any other business	
Dr Evans	EASA MEST inspection will take place the week of 9-13 May
Dr Hudson	<p>Raised concerns re potential impact of new working models for pilots.</p> <p>Dr Evans advised that the issues are being examined in an EASA New Business Models Working Group. The issues may also be considered in a CAA pilot performance project.</p>
Dr Edgington	<p>Expressed concern about the stability of the AME2 system.</p> <p>Dr Evans advised that IT have an urgent project to understand the problems and stabilise the system.</p>
Dr Hutchison	Working on a new document, 'Good Medical Practice for AMEs'. The draft will be circulated for comment.

Dr Wilkinson	<p>Has recently experienced difficulties in contacting AMAs, although no other concerns with service provided. Dr Evans advised that 20% of AMA work associated with 'unfit' and some 'fit' casework, so should improve once AMEs able to undertake this work.</p> <p>Question re implications of OCL limitation. Dr Mitchell advised that this limitation does not preclude a pilot who has the limitation operating with a Captain who is over 60 or has an OML.</p>
16. Dates of next meetings	6 September 2016, 7 March 2017