

PRESS STATEMENT

Date 30th March 2008

Time 16.00

Issue Number 001

A Citation jet with five people on board has crashed whilst on its way back to Biggin Hill airport this afternoon.

The aircraft had departed from Biggin Hill and shortly afterwards the pilot made a call to say he was experiencing a problem and requested permission to land, but unfortunately crashed before reaching the airport.

Air traffic controllers alerted emergency services and Biggin Hill's own fire and rescue services also attended.

Biggin Hill Airport is a busy business aviation airport. Aircraft have been flying from Biggin Hill since 1920 and it has an excellent safety record.

Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) has been notified and Biggin Hill Airport will also undertake its own independent, investigation into the incident.

*The Citation is a short haul business jet used widely throughout the world for private and charter operations.

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