

Ascent Managing Director's Air Safety Statement – 2018

As a partner in UKMFTS, Ascent Flight Training is focused on the safe delivery of a world-class military flying training system for UK military aircrew. All levels of management and all employees are accountable for the delivery of the highest level of aviation safety.

Air Safety is critical to our business; Ascent is committed to implementing, developing and improving strategies, management systems and processes to ensure that all our aviation activities uphold the highest level of safety performance.

Our commitment is to:

- a) Consider Air Safety within all that we do, be it the delivery of flying training, the construction of our courses, the selection and management of Ascent suppliers, or the day to day management of Ascent and its employees;
- b) Develop and embed a positive and just safety culture, in all of Ascent's activities, that recognizes the importance and value of effective aviation safety management and acknowledges at all times that safety is paramount;
- c) Actively develop our safety processes to ensure they fully meet our responsibilities as a Duty Holder Facing Organization (DHFO);
- d) Actively contribute to the Duty Holder's risk management process by providing suitable barriers where possible and undertaking independent assurance checks of all of our activities;
- e) Comply with and wherever possible exceed the legislative and regulatory safety requirements and standards;
- f) Ensure that all staff understand their clearly defined accountabilities and responsibilities for the delivery of safe aviation activities;
- g) Ensure staff are provided with adequate and appropriate aviation safety information and training and are only allocated tasks commensurate with their skills;
- h) Consult, listen and respond openly to all proposed improvements, through Air Safety Information Management System (ASIMS), Defence Aviation Error Management System (DAEMS) and Safety Culture surveys. We will openly report all aspects of our safety performance and recognise those who contribute to improvements in safety performance and continually strive to improve; and
- i) In collaboration with our UKMFTS partners, having developed the risk pictures and constructed the Air System Safety Cases for the relevant Duty Holders, continue to manage the Operating risks through auditable and evidence-based methodologies for the in-service aircraft and develop the strategies for the aircraft entering service this year.

The purpose of this Air Safety Statement is to emphasise the enduring and explicit commitment of Ascent Flight Training to recognise that safety considerations must be afforded the highest priority in order to preserve life and safely deliver a world-class military flying training system.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Boden".

Dave Boden
Managing Director
Ascent Flight Training