

EasyJet takes £15m hit from London airport drone chaos

January 22 2019



EasyJet said it lost £5.0 million in revenue and took a hit of £10 million on passenger costs because of closure of London's Gatwick Airport by reported sightings of drones

British no-frills airline EasyJet on Tuesday said closure of London's Gatwick Airport before Christmas caused by reported sightings of drones had cost the group £15 million (\$19.2 million, 17 million euros).

EasyJet said it had lost £5.0 million in revenue and taken a hit of £10 million on [passenger](#) costs.

"EasyJet has made a good start to the 2019 financial year with robust customer demand and ancillary sales, driving solid revenue generation," chief executive Johan Lundgren said in a trading update.

"This was underpinned by good operating and on-time performance across the network, with the exception of the disruption caused by the Gatwick closures due to drone sightings," he added.

Britain's second-busiest airport shut down for 36 hours in the week leading up to Christmas because of repeated reports of [drone](#) sightings, affecting 140,000 passengers, the majority being EasyJet customers.

EasyJet on Tuesday said about 82,000 of its passengers had been affected by the Gatwick closure after the airline was forced to cancel 400 flights.

© 2019 AFP

Citation: EasyJet takes £15m hit from London airport drone chaos (2019, January 22) retrieved 15 July 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2019-01-easyjet-15m-london-airport-drone.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.