

EasyJet takes £15m hit from London airport drone chaos

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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.

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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).

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"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.

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