

Edinburgh airport passenger numbers still on the up



Strong domestic performance in January means an 11% rise in Edinburgh Airport passenger numbers

Passenger numbers at Edinburgh Airport increased by over 11% in January, with a surge in domestic traffic seeing over 580,000 passengers travel through the terminal.

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International traffic saw an increase of 14.3% on January 2013, with a total of 264,682 passengers.

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, said: "We've enjoyed a strong start to 2014 with our domestic carriers seeing a steady increase in passenger numbers in January.



"The introduction of Virgin Atlantic's Little Red service to Heathrow has seen an extra 25,000 passengers travel through Edinburgh Airport compared to the same time last year.

"We've also performed well internationally, with Lufthansa doubling their daily service to Frankfurt during the winter season and the new European services from easyJet seeing their passenger numbers increase 12% from January 2013.

"We've hit the ground running for 2014 and are gearing up for what promises to be a very busy few months, with thousands of French rugby fans arriving in March and over a dozen new

routes launching in the spring. We're confident we can continue to provide our passengers with a great airport experience."

Welcoming the news of the rise Colin Keir MSP said "Once again Edinburgh Airport is proving to be a shining light within the local business community. An 11.5% rise in passengers in January show that Edinburgh is a place to do business or just visit. With new routes being announced on a regular basis as well as increased frequency of services from carriers already flying from the capital, Edinburgh Airport isn't just an economic driver for Edinburgh but also for Scotland."

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