

NATS INSTALLS ELECTRONIC FLIGHT STRIPS AT NEWCASTLE

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Newcastle International Airport has become the latest UK airport to transition to using state-of-the-art electronic flight progress strips.

Moving from traditional paper to electronic flight strips will offer major efficiency benefits for Newcastle, allowing for the seamless sharing of operational data across the entire airport.

Aircraft can now be given departure clearances electronically, reducing controller and pilot workload, while aircraft on and off-stand status data can be shared almost instantly helping to speed up decision making.

Air traffic services company, NATS was selected by competitive tender to work with Newcastle to deliver the project, with the smooth transition marking the end of a successful 12 months.

The project involved NATS designing a unique interface for Newcastle's controllers, allowing it to take into account the airport's specific requirements, while working to ensure seamless integration with the UK's wider air traffic network.

Nat Clark, Engineering Manager Newcastle International Airport said: "The programme has been a great success and now sees Newcastle International Airport fully integrated into the en-route network enabling us to provide a more efficient service to our [airlines](#) and passengers and help

future-proof the business.”

Iain Harris, NATS Engineering Services Director, said: “It has been great to be working closely with Newcastle International Airport again to jointly develop this solution to support their business into the future.”

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