



UK AAIB LAUNCHES INVESTIGATION INTO FATAL KING AIR 200 CRASH

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UK investigators are examining how a Beechcraft **King Air 200 crashed** soon after taking off from Stapleford airport in Essex on 3 October, killing its two crew members.

The twin-engined turboprop, registration G-BYCP (*archive image below*), was owned and operated by the UK's largest charter and management company, London Executive Aviation (LEA).

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According to the operator, the King Air 200 lifted off from its Stapleford base at around 10:20 local time with the pilot and co-pilot at the controls. The eight-seat aircraft was on a positioning flight to the Royal Air Force's Brize Norton base in Oxfordshire – 65nm (120km) to the west – to pick up passengers.

“Almost immediately after take-off, the aircraft came down in a field close to Stapleford airport,” says LEA.

The executive-configured twin was one of the three King Air 200s in LEA's 20-strong business aircraft fleet. It was manufactured in 1981 and had its last scheduled maintenance inspection on 12 June, the operator confirms.

LEA describes the crew as “ highly experienced professional pilots”. The captain “had extensive experience of flying King Air aircraft”, it says “and was a flying examiner [with the UK Civil Aviation Authority]”.

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