

Information Note



DG MAA has convened a Service Inquiry (SI) into the crash of a Red Arrows Hawk T1 in which the pilot, Flt Lt Jon Egging, was tragically killed. The aircraft crashed around 1km south east of Bournemouth airport at 1347 hrs on Saturday 20 August 2011, shortly after the Red Arrows had finished a display at the Bournemouth Air Festival.

The SI Panel will be led by a RAF Wing Commander who will act as President. He will be assisted by an aviation engineer from the British Army and an experienced RAF Hawk pilot. The SI will also be supported by the MAA's Military Air Accident Investigation Branch (MAAIB), who will assist with the technical investigation. The MAAIB deployed immediately to the accident scene on Saturday afternoon, where they worked closely with the local emergency services to quickly secure the scene of the crash in order to collect and maintain the integrity of vulnerable and perishable evidence.

The aim of the SI will be to establish the cause of the accident through a thorough investigation and to make recommendations to prevent recurrence; at this stage, it is too early to determine what that cause might be. In the interest of safety and until the cause has become clearer, AOC 22 (Trg) Group, as the relevant Operational Duty Holder, has paused all Hawk operations, including RAF Aerobatic Team displays.