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Scenario Training for Aircrew and Controllers [STAC] – General information

As part of ongoing training undertaken throughout NATS, there is a desire to expand the syllabi of TRUCE and the continuous professional development of operational staff. As part of this development SRG have approved the expansion of the licensing requirement of TRUCE to include more pilot/controller interface activities. These will include controllers joining with pilots to experience LOFTs, and a new workshop-based activity known as STAC.

STAC offers pilots and controllers a forum to jointly explore the risks and hazards inherent in emergency situations, and to promote mutual awareness of the protocols and options to be observed or considered.

The workshops will be facilitated by NATS TRM Specialists and airline CRM instructors and will follow structured discussions relating to:

- Communication issues within the flight-deck and externally with ATC agencies
- Sharing situation awareness in an emergency scenario within and between the two groups
- Issues of overload and decision making for both parties
- Handover issues between controllers, and sharing the situation within and between the aircraft crews
- The use of SOPs, including emergency quick reference checklists by both groups

The workshops will use actual emergency scenarios to help promote increased awareness by all participants of the separate and often competing demands on attention and responses in unusual and emergency situations.

The workshops will be held in a variety of venues including Swanwick, Farnborough and Gatwick.

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