## Heathrow Airport

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To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what assessment he made of the study by the Small Area Health Statistics Unit at Imperial College, London, Aircraft noise and cardiovascular disease near Heathrow Airport in London, published on 8 October 2013. [173205]

Mr Goodwill

Mr Goodwill:The Government was aware of research associating exposure to aircraft noise with certain health effects such as cardiovascular disease. This latest study does not prove causality between aircraft noise exposure and these health risks, though it does add further evidence that this may be possible. Heart disease and stroke usually involve a combination of risk factors and it would not be possible to prove that a heart attack or stroke was caused by aircraft noise. The results of the study will be evaluated and, alongside other existing evidence, will be used to help inform our policy development.

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