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Mr. Franklin started his aviation career working in the maintenance Department of Air 2000, a UK-based airline operating Boeing 757 aircraft. He then joined the Royal Air Force, serving as a Maintenance Officer on the Tornado aircraft and then within various positions in aviation safety. He spent the last 6 years of his RAF career in the Military Aviation Authority. During this time he was responsible for the initial development and implementation of military Safety Management Systems. During this time he was the lead for occurrence reporting and safety investigation across all areas of military aviation. He was also responsible for developing safety promotion programmes. In 2006, Mr. Franklin was awarded an MBE from Her Majesty the Queen for his work in the field of Military Aviation Safety.

After leaving the RAF in 2011, he joined the European Aviation Safety Agency as Safety Analysis Coordinator responsible for the establishment of collaborative safety analysis initiatives between the National Aviation Authorities of the EASA Member States. This Network of Analysts helps 32 countries work together on joint analysis activities to create a shared understanding of the risk picture across Europe. The network has performed a number of high level studies including on Loss of Control precursors, mid-air collisions risks and helicopter emergency medical services.

In 2014, he became the Head of Safety Analysis and Performance. This team provides safety intelligence to support the European Safety Plan. It also leads collaborative safety risk management with NAAs and industry. Mr. Franklin has also been responsible for occurrence reporting and supporting the implementation of ECCAIRS. He is a member of the CAST/ICAO Common Taxonomy Team and also the ICAO Safety Indicator Study Group.

More recently, he has led the development of new Safety Risk Management processes. This has led to the creation of a number of domain Safety Risk Portfolios covering from commercial flight operations, offshore helicopter, general aviation and even balloons. These Safety Risk Portfolios identify the most important accident outcomes to be prevented and the causal safety issues. Analysis of these safety issues are then used to identify safety actions for the safety plan.

Mr. Franklin is also responsible for EASA's Safety Promotion programme, a key safety action in the European Safety Plan. The Safety Promotion Team deliver everything from large scale campaigns such as the recent European Campaign to Reduce Airspace Infringements to more routine outputs such as the EASA Annual Safety Review and flyers on safe drone operations.