

One of the most serious threats in air transportation today is an in-flight fire. Cabin crew and flight crew actions are the primary line of defence in such an occurrence. It is therefore essential that they have the most appropriate training to deal with the threat.

The UK CAA considered it timely to review overall cabin crew training needs to ensure that cabin crew have the most appropriate skills to match current and future fire threats. RGW Cherry & Associates Limited were contracted to carry out this review and make recommendations to them with regard to any perceived deficiencies in current training practice.

The broad objectives of this study were to evaluate current and possible future issues, and identify potential improvements to existing fire training in order to ensure that cabin crew have the most appropriate training and procedures to match current and likely fire threats. The study included an analysis of past accidents and incidents, oversaw current fire training practice, and elicited feedback from crews and trainers by means of an on-line questionnaire.