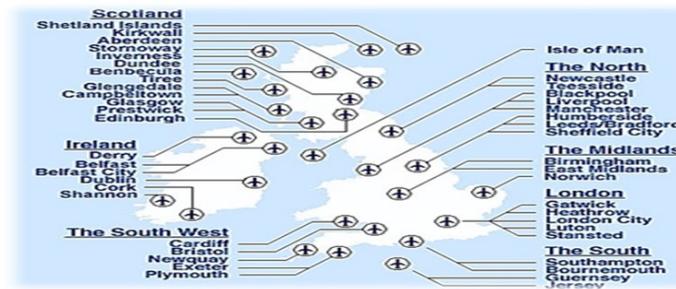


UK AIRPORTS



MAP OF MAJOR, REGIONAL AND LOCAL AIRPORTS IN THE UK



Major International Airports



- Manchester
- Glasgow
- Birmingham
- London Gatwick
- London Stanstead

“Airports provide access to and interlink regional, national and international markets. This makes investment in existing or new airport infrastructure essential to economic development. Traditionally, airports were owned, managed and operated by governments but there has been a worldwide trend towards private sector involvement with varying degrees of private ownership and responsibilities, including the use of public-private partnership (PPP) models” (Ppp.worldbank.org, 2009).

Major International Airports are usually the largest airports in the United Kingdom. These airports have direct services to other airports and handles airlines for passengers and cargos. They serve as Hubs for direct and non-direct flights, having route networks of international, domestic, long-haul, and short-haul routes. These airports passenger facilities are normally larger than the other types of airports and they are generally owned by private partnership groups (Slideshare.net, 2015).

Regional Airports



- Bristol International
- Liverpool John Lennon
- Newcastle International
- Belfast International
- Aberdeen International

Regional airports mainly operate flights within the country rather than having international flights (Dictionary.cambridge.org, 2016). Their route networks are short-haul with a small amount of long haul services as well as charter and domestic services.

Local Airports



- Inverness
- City of Derry
- Blackpool
- Northwich International
- Humberside

Local Airports otherwise known as Domestic Airports operates flights within the country. They offer domestic services and sometimes offer short-haul services. Some may also offer charter services (Hutchinson, 2016).

P6: Compare the operating characteristics of different types of airports.

Types of Airports	Ownership	Route network	Number of Passengers in 2015	Cargo Tonnes In 2015	Operational Functions	Passenger Facilities and services	Number & types of Airlines
Major Eg. Manchester Airport	The Manchester Airports Group (MAG)	International Long-Haul Short-Haul Domestic Hub & Spokes Point-point	23.1M	100, 021	Terminals, Runways and also have Handling Agents	*Conference room, *Trolley, *Free WI-FI, *Faith and worship	64 Eg. Emirates Airbus A380
Regional Airport Eg. Bristol International Airport (BRS)	Ontarion Teachers' Pension (Group)	Long-Haul Short-Haul Domestic	6.7M	0	Terminal Runways	*Meeting and conference rooms *WIFI *Trolley *Services Children Area	18 Eg. Aer lingus (ATR42,72)
Local Airports Eg. Blackpool Airport	Balfour Beatty (Group)	Domestic Short-haul	33 494	0	Handling Agents Air Traffic Control	*Car Rental *Refuelling *RFFS Rescue *Fire Fighting service	1 Eg. Hanger 3

M2: Discuss why an airline might base its operation from a particular airport

Most Airports are in partnership with IATA, who is in charge of Airlines Operations in the United Kingdom. When a code sharing agreement is in place with IATA by airlines or airports, they eventually become one, wanting to work together and this is a result in why many airlines hubs at a particular airport. Manchesterairport (2016), states that Manchester Airport handles 22 million passengers yearly, more than 60 airlines having direct flights to the airport. Having a large scale of employment rate in a country where an airport is situated could be a major factor why airlines or other airports want to partner with Manchester. The Airport also has a multi-modal ground transport, integrated motor way and other operational systems which many airports do not have. Major airports always have a lot of passenger facilities and most of them offer cargo services. Airports like these always attract travellers, investors and airline owners. These are some reason/factors why an airline might base its operations at a particular airport; the employment rate in the country, facilities within an airport and the country's population in which an airport is located.