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### **3.5m passenger milestone reached at Leeds Bradford Airport ahead of busiest winter programme.**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016:** Leeds Bradford Airport has recorded its busiest ever 12 months, with more than 3.5m passengers travelling through the terminal since September 2015.

The latest figures show that the summer 2016 season has also seen an increase in passenger numbers; rising by more than 50,000 passengers compared to the same period in 2015.

Leeds Bradford Airport currently offers flights to 75 direct destinations across 23 countries; alongside offering four hub services to Heathrow, Amsterdam, Dublin and Barcelona which connect to hundreds more worldwide. LBA will once again be one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK in 2017, with 17 leading airlines and tour operators offering an expanded choice of flights and holidays.

**Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director, said:** "We are very proud of this important achievement - marking another milestone in the airport's history. The wider choice and additional frequencies to destinations available from Leeds Bradford Airport over the summer season has enabled us to welcome 3.5m passengers and we're really pleased.

"Demand for air travel to and from the Leeds City Region and across Yorkshire is high and we continue to be committed to widening the choice of leisure and business routes in 2017. Meanwhile, our terminal team look forward to delivering the very best customer service to ensure everybody's journey is pleasant as we continue to invest in our facilities over the winter period."

The forthcoming winter season will offer the widest programme of flights and holidays that have ever been available from LBA - six brand new winter destinations will commence operating to Berlin, Vilnius, Warsaw, Bratislava, Guernsey and Newquay with Jet2, Ryanair and Flybe.

This winter also sees return of easyJet for its annual ski programme to Geneva, as well as special Jet2 departures to New York and a range of European Christmas markets. Specialist tour operators will be once again operating flights to see the wonderful Northern Lights and magical Lapland.

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