## **THE NEW EPTICA MULTICHANNEL CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STUDY**



Analysis of 100 leading UK companies, across 10 sectors How simple is it to get answers to routine customer questions via the web, email, Twitter and chat? How has this changed since 2012?

## **CAUTIOUS IMPROVEMENT** THE STATE OF UK CUSTOMER SERVICE

*UK* companies are struggling to deal with the rise of the consumer and the explosion in digital interactions.

## Twitter performance

Unsurprisingly Twitter was faster than email, proving to be eight times quicker, with an average response time of 8hrs and 37mins.



of companies had a Twitter handle



53% responded to a tweet



39% provided a successful answer



Twitter average successful response 8hrs 37mins



Email average successful response 61hrs 39mins

## Online customer improvement

Average % of questions answered by top 100 UK companies online

**63**% 2013 2012

8/10 sectors were slower when responding to questions via email

2013



2012

2011

Speed of email response



The fastest sector to answer was Entertainment, with an average response time of:

22 HOURS 19 MINUTES

Only 3/10 of these companies successfully answered the question.



In 40% of cases the customer would have needed to re-contact the company to receive an answer, showing that speed had been sacrificed to accuracy.



It took one electronics retailer

just 7 minutes

to successfully answer a question.

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Another, in the same sector,

took over 9 days

to answer the same question!



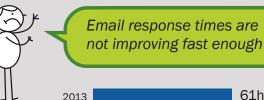
The slowest sector to answer was Banking, with an average response time of:

190 HOURS 17 MINUTES

The quickest bank took 22 hours to respond, and then asked that the customer call them!

Both the slowest two were over 400 hours - more than 16 days.







companies gave the same answer across two channels.





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