



Ministry
of Defence

DE&S Secretariat (Land Equipment & ISTAR)
Maple 0A
#2043
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol BS34 8JH



Your Reference:

Our Reference: FOI2015/05984

Date: 7th July 2015

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2015, further to your request of 4 June 2015 (FOI2015/04942) and my response of 2 July 2015. Your request on 4 June 2015 was for the following information:

“Therefore, I request any documents or other sources of information that relate to the MoD’s plans to replace and/or upgrade the primary radar surveillance systems (under the MARSHALL contract or otherwise) at the following locations:

- *RAF Coningsby*
- *RAF Cranwell*
- *RAF Wittering*
- *RAF Marham*
- *RAF Waddington*
- *RAF Leuchars*
- *RAF Lossiemouth*
- *RAF Spadeadam (Dead Water Fell)*
- *RAF Spadeadam (Berry Hill)*
- *RAF Leeming*
- *RAF Linton-on-Ouse*

This information should include the planned time of upgrade and / or replacement, the estimated time to undertake the replacement / upgrade at each site and whether the works shall entail the refurbishment of the existing Watchman PSR or its replacement with a new PSR.”

After my response of 2 July 2015 (to FOI 2015/09492), you narrowed your request to the following information:

“the planned time of upgrade and/or replacement, the estimated time to undertake the upgrade and/or replacement at each site and whether the works shall entail the refurbishment of the existing Watchman radar or its replacement with a new radar”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found in the table below, noting that:

- a) All of the dates in the table below are subject to change in accordance with the Marshall Contract, but they are correct as of 10/06/15.
- b) RAF Leuchars is undergoing an assessment to determine its inclusion within the Marshall Contract. Until this assessment concludes, the site will continue to be safeguarded.
- c) RAF Leeming shall continue to be safeguarded by the MOD, and therefore remains within the windfarm mitigation requirement.

	Planned time of upgrade/replacement	Estimated time to undertake the replacement/upgrade	Refurbishment of the existing Watchman PSR or its replacement with a new PSR
RAF Coningsby	22/03/2019	116 days	new PSR
RAF Cranwell	19/09/2019	116 days	new PSR
RAF Wittering	02/03/2021	121 days	new PSR
RAF Waddington	Decommissioned 12/09/2019	NA	NA
RAF Marham	22/11/2017	116 days	new PSR
RAF Leuchars	There is not a planned time of upgrade or replacement	NA	NA
RAF Lossiemouth	06/04/2020	121 days	new PSR
RAF Spadeadam (Dead Water Fell)	22/09/2016	121 days	new PSR
RAF Spadeadam (Berry Hill)	12/10/2018	121 days	new PSR
RAF Leeming	Decommissioned 17/02/2021	NA	NA
RAF Linton-on-Ouse	24/02/2021	116 days	new PSR

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

