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Dear

Thank you for your email of 17 August, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000; I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

In your email you requested the following information:

"I would like to know details of any accidents which resulted to injury of staff and military personnel based at RAF Spadeadam from January 2013 to date.

I would like the information broken down on a monthly basis, incident by incident. I would like a brief summary of the incident, of the injury and any follow up action as a result of the incident."

I can confirm that the MOD holds the information you have requested. Please find attached the details of accidents/incidents recorded by RAF Spadeadam.

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 this office 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment:

Accidents/incidents recorded at RAF Spadeadam – 1 January 2013 – 21 August 2014

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Date	Incident	Injury	Follow up action
Military personnel			
24 Jan 13	Slipped on ice on parade square.	Bruised right upper arm. Aggravated previous shoulder injury.	Parade square gritted.
22 Feb 13	Slipped on grass bank during battle exercise.	Face impacted tree branch causing laceration.	Taken to Carlisle Accident & Emergency, cut dressed with steri-strips.
04 Mar 13	Fell off trailer while attempting to jump off.	Back strain.	Advised to use proper dismount steps in future.
23 Apr 13	Sustained sport related injury.	Ligament and cartilage damage to right knee.	Treatment at local hospital.
20 May 13	Sustained sport related injury - walked into weight bar.	Bruising to shin and ankle.	Ice pack applied to reduce swelling.
15 June 13	Walked into trailer draw bar.	Bruising to right knee.	Advised to look where he is walking.
20 Oct 13	Sustained sport related injury.	Torn cartilage right knee.	Treatment at Haltwhistle and Carlisle hospitals.
21 Oct 13	Sustained injury to back removing pallets from un-official walk way.	Torn muscles centre and lower back.	Treatment by Station doctor, refresher training manual handling.
23 Oct 13	Sustained facial injury during crane operations.	Face impacted with crane hook.	Treatment at station medical centre, re-brief on crane lifting operations.
23 Mar 14	Contact with Enviro-fix during spillage clean up.	No adverse effects noted	Nil
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Civilian personnel			
19 Mar 13	Developed Repetitive Strain Injury symptoms.	Wrist and arm pain, finger deformity, pins and needles.	Work station assessment carried out, new chair, footrest and wrist rest provided. Desk area re-designed.
21 Mar 13	Fell off chair with loose seat.	Jarred left arm, bruising from impact on console, hurt back and bruised knees.	Replacement chair provided.
12 Nov 13	Walked into door jamb.	Sustained bruising to shoulder.	Not recorded.
Other (Contractors, Cadets, Firemen)			
3 Apr 13	Tripped over kerb running across parade square.	Both knees grazed, left knee minor cut, right knee swollen right arm grazed.	Advised to walk across parade square.
28 Oct 13	Sustained facial injury during breathing apparatus training exercise.	Breathing apparatus hose cut bridge of nose.	Treatment at station medical centre.
28 Oct 13	Suffered groin strain exiting training building.	Strain to left hand side of groin.	Not recorded.
22 Jan 14	Sustained minor burn from fogging unit.	Minor burn to palm of left hand.	Treat with cold water for 15 minutes, risk assessment reviewed.
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1 Apr 14	Received electric shock, working on threat system.	Not known, unable to interview individual.	Re-write of procedure. 'On the job' training.
28 Jul 14	Injured back opening forest gate.	Muscle strain lower back.	Forest gate hinging assy re-aligned.
11 Aug 14	Insect repellent in eye.	Eye washed several times.	Taken to Carlisle Hospital and discharged after eye checked.