



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 March 2017 asking for information about Russian or other aircraft being intercepted from North Yorkshire based military aircraft. You requested the following information:

*"A) The number of aircraft from North Yorkshire airbases that have intercepted Russian military aircraft in U.K controlled airspace and waters.*

*B) The number of times aircraft from North Yorkshire airbases have intercepted civilian/commercial aircraft from any other nation in UK controlled airspace and waters.  
(I would like this broken down by country of origin the intercepted aircraft flew from)*

*C) The number of times aircraft from North Yorkshire airbases have intercepted military aircraft from any other nation in UK controlled airspace and waters. (I would like this broken down by country of origin the intercepted aircraft flew from)*

*Across the following dates: 2015 2016 2017 (up to the most recent date)."*

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 not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that RAF Quick Reaction Alert Typhoon aircraft tasked with determining the identification of any aircraft approaching, or in, NATO monitored or national airspace without prior approval or not having identified themselves, are based at RAF Lossiemouth in Moray and RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. The last flight by an RAF aircraft in this role from RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire was in 2007.

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, 2nd 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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