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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 October 2019 asking for information about UK military aircraft. Specifically, you requested the following information:

*"I am interested in the tail numbers and squadron assignments as of 1 October 2019 of the following Royal Air Force aircraft: Puma, Chinook, Voyager, Atlas, Globemaster, Hercules, P-8A, Leonardo GrandNew, BAe146, Hawker Beechcraft Corp King Air Shadow, Sentinel, E-3D, and RC135?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). 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. Details of Voyager, Leonardo GrandNew, BAe 146, Sentinel and Shadow as at 1 October 2019 are attached at Annex.

Under Section 21 of the Act (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) you should note that details of Puma, Chinook, Atlas A440M, C-17 Globemaster, C-130J Hercules, E-3D Sentry and RC135W Rivet Joint as at 30 August 2019 were released in response to a previous FOI request and are available on the MOD website at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-released-by-mod-week-commencing-11-november-2019>

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that the sustainment fleet includes aircraft in planned maintenance, storage or undergoing modification programmes. Additionally, some aircraft may be organised into pools from which aircraft can be drawn, rather than permanently allotted to specific squadrons. You may also wish to note that a civilian registered Voyager aircraft, G-VYGJ is currently providing a scheduled service from RAF Brize Norton to the Falkland Islands on behalf of


the MOD. The RAF received its first Poseidon aircraft (tail number ZP801) on 31 October 2019 which will initially be operated by 120 Squadron.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours faithfully

  
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