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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 24 August 2020 asking for RAF documentation. Specifically, you requested the following information:

".....how many weeks per year the Wigg Knowe satellite site and the Larriston Fell satellite site have been used for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020."

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 full information in scope of your request is not held in the format requested, however, some limited information is held.

Under Section 16 (Advice and assistance) of the Act, you may wish to note that there is no routine defence requirement to record deployments to local sites associated with RAF Spadeadam and records do not generally separate out activity between central and satellite sites that sit outside the RAF Spadeadam range complex.

That being said, on occasions our reporting will sometimes reference individual areas of the range complex. However, you may also wish to note that it is likely these are an underestimate of the full totals of actual usage for each site that went unrecorded. By reviewing these partial records, I can confirm that between 2015 and 2020 Wigg Knowe was used on at least 26 separate occasions, whilst Larriston Fell was used on at least 6 separate occasions.


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

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Yours faithfully


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