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Dear Ceri Gibbons

Thank you for your email of 9 December requesting the following information:

"Please provide

- 1. The number UK F-35 crashes (2012-present).
- 2. Dates and location of each crash.
- 3. Investigation reports for each crash."

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that since 2012, there has been one UK F-35 aircraft crash. The incident occurred on 17 November 2021, in the Mediterranean Sea. Investigations are currently being undertaken as part of the ongoing Service Inquiry.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, Ground 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.

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed Electronically)
Air command Secretariat