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Dear Mr Douglas,

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2022 requesting the following information:

- "Could you provide me the various current training pipeline(s) for the following in weeks (and flying hours where appropriate)
- 1) The current flying training pipelines from elementary through to ocu for fast jet, multi engine and rotary wing pilots (RAF/RN/AAC)
- 2) RAF Weapon Systems Officers pipeline(s) from the end of Initial Officer Training until the OCUs
- 3) RAF Weapon System Operators pipeline(s) from the end of the Direct Entrant Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Course until the OCUs."

You later clarified this request on 1 November 2022 to the following information;

- 1) for the flying training modules and their hours it would be the as timetabled under the current contract.
- 2) For "From Elementary", that would be from the beginning of Elementary Flying Training
- 3) For "through to OCU" and "until the OCU", I'm not requesting information on the training times at the OCU, only the UKMFTS elements of flying training.

I am treating this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In response, please find attached to this letter two infographics which illustrate the current flying training pipelines for Rotary and Fixed Wing aircraft. Flying hours are set out in both synthetic and live hours where appropriate.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note that the timescales provided for each course are indicative only of the expected duration, and a number of variables can affect the actual time taken, such as leave, availability of equipment required, and weather conditions.

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

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Yours sincerely,

DE&S Secretariat.