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Dear Ms Male,

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 May 2022 about an RAF aircraft over Birmingham. Specifically, you requested the following:

"I am requesting information regarding a RAF A400 Airbus that was tracked and seen flying over Birmingham UK on the evening of the 16th of May 2022 at approximately 22.30hrs. The Airbus was at very low altitude and performing strange patterns over the area of Birmingham including performing a touch and go at Birmingham airport."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that an RAF Atlas A400M from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire was completing routine night-flying training in the Birmingham region. The RAF use a variety of locations around the UK for training as they provide complex airspace and differing challenges for our pilots to ensure we remain ready and able to deploy on global operations

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

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