



The RAF prepares to welcome its latest aircraft on to the Force.



Boeing's P-8A Poseidon is a multi-role maritime patrol aircraft, equipped with sensors and weapons systems for anti-submarine warfare, as well as surveillance and search and rescue missions. Pilots, Weapons System Officers and Weapons Systems Operators have entered the aircraft simulator and flying phase of their six-month course.

Meanwhile engineering personnel are similarly progressing through their course at Naval Air Station Jacksonville in Florida. The personnel, from CXX Squadron at RAF Lossiemouth, are being trained by a mix of US Navy and RAF P-8A 'seedcorn' one-way exchange instructors on a course, which covers a substantial range of topics. This includes being trained to fly at medium and low level over the sea, so that the mission crew can train in Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare. With the P-8A squadron numbers chosen, the type will operate from RAF Lossiemouth, where infrastructure is being prepared for its arrival around 2020. The Poseidon is based on the Boeing 737-800NG aircraft, the supply chain for which is already supported by UK industry, providing several hundred direct UK jobs.



Quick Reaction Alert Keeps the UK Skies Safe

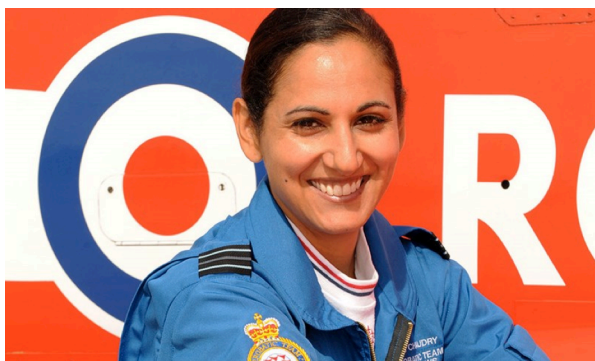


RAF Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) is the fast-acting response to threats from the air over its sovereign territories. Once again Typhoon fighter aircraft scrambled from RAF Lossiemouth, with an RAF Voyager from RAF Brize Norton, to monitor two Russian Blackjacks approaching UK airspace. The RAF worked closely with NATO partners to monitor the Russian aircraft as they passed through a variety of international airspace before they were intercepted over the North Sea.

Our fighters escorted them from the UK's area of interest and ensured that they did not enter UK sovereign airspace. The RAF routinely identify, intercept and escort Russian aircraft that transit international airspace within proximity to the UK's area of interest and continue to be on call every day.



New Recruiting Year is Here



Join the Royal Air Force and you will get much more than just a job – you'll have opportunities that no other employer can hope to match. From worldwide travels to lifelong friendships, life in the RAF is a unique experience.

You work normal five-day weeks and have evenings and weekends to yourself. That said, regulars are not nine-to-fivers; they do what's needed to get the job done, which could mean working around the clock, going on a mission at a moment's notice, or transferring to a new location.

The RAF recognises the value of a person's ability no matter their gender, colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origins, background, religion or belief, sexual orientation or marital status or civil partnership. We believe the talents and skills of individuals from different groups make for a more efficient RAF.

We do everything we can to cater to your personal requirements, including religion. Religious counsellors are on hand and you will never be too far from a multi-faith prayer facility. We'll adapt your uniform, catering and duty roster to meet your religious requirements, where possible.



Most employers obsess over qualifications and ignore qualities, put experience above potential and have a very narrow range of jobs options on offer.

A career in the RAF is about discovering your natural talent and working out together what makes you valuable, productive and happy.

As the summer term starts so does the new recruiting year. The RAF are looking this year for approximately 2500 well-motivated, capable and enthusiastic individuals at all levels to become part of the team. With a large variety of roles to choose from there is something to suit most people. Take a look at our website to see if there is anything you might fancy becoming an expert in. Alternatively visit one of the Armed Forces Careers Officer in the region – located in Gloucester, Birmingham and Newcastle-Under-Lyme - to chat about the opportunities

