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RAF Hawk jet and 100 Squadron visit Leeds Bradford Airport

Friday June 24th: An RAF Hawk jet from RAF Leeming visited Leeds Bradford Airport today, when operations staff at the airport heard from representatives of 100 Squadron.

The Hawk jet, piloted by Squadron Leader Adam Collins, arrived at Leeds Bradford at around 10am, after which the RAF crew met with operations staff, including air traffic control team members and the airport's fire service.

The visit was routine and planned, as part of the ongoing working relationship to further enhance the way the two parties work together when RAF aircraft pass through airspace regulated by the Air Traffic Control team at Leeds Bradford Airport.

Alan Siddoway, Head of Air Traffic Control Services, said: "It's imperative that we work closely with RAF Leeming and it has been fantastic to welcome the team here today as part of mutual operational training. It's been a really interesting morning for us all, further developing our systems in order to work together seamlessly.

"It has also been really special to see the RAF Hawk jet on the ground here at Leeds Bradford, to see an aircraft such as this up close is fascinating. I'd like to thank the team for their work and time taken out of the busy schedule today and we look forward to seeing RAF Leeming 100 squadron members again soon."

The visit today follows on from a joint training session at Leeds Bradford Airport for controllers and assistants, to continually focus on keeping the airspace around Leeds operationally safe.

Sqn Ldr Collins, Executive Officer at 100 Squadron, said: "Leeming and LBA ATC already have strong links, this visit will enable a greater understanding of military operations and how we may be integrated with civilian traffic."





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