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HM Senior Coroner Mr Philip Spinney
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22 January 2024

Dear Philip

I write further to Chief Constable [REDACTED] letter to you of 3 May 2023, which provided a response to your Regulation 28 Report issued following the Inquest touching the deaths of the five victims of the Keyham shooting on 12 August 2021.

That letter represented a formal response to the Prevent Future Deaths (PFD) report issued by HM Senior Coroner on 8 March 2023, in accordance with the requirements under Regulation 29 Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

Since the date of that response, further review work has been undertaken within our Firearms and Explosives Licencing Unit (FELU) and, as such, it is appropriate for me to provide you with this updated information, for completeness and transparency.

Within your Regulation 28 Report, you sought the following:

"... a further review of all certificates seized, refused, revoked or surrendered and then subsequently approved over the past five years may be required to be assured of public safety."

The response of 3 May 2023 confirmed that much of this review work had already been completed and provided the outcome of that work. However, one period remained outstanding, and this was the period 3 May 2018 – 31 December 2019 inclusive.

It was confirmed within the previous response that:

By October 2023 Devon and Cornwall Police will have reviewed cases using the same identification criteria used in the submission to the Home Secretary in 2021 and, importantly, reviewed using the standard applied during the remedial work that was completed prior to the inquest. We will prioritise the review of cases using the most recent statutory guidance for this period as follows:

- *Cases where firearms have been seized or surrendered to police pending a review of suitability to have a licence, but then subsequently returned. These will be reviewed with the most recent cases first (i.e., where the risk is closest to the current time).*
- *Cases where grants or renewals have been refused but where applicants have been successful at appeal.*

This work has now been completed using SharePoint Case Management System and data held on the National Firearms Licencing System (NFLMS).

A total of 611 licence holders were identified meeting the criteria above and have been subject to review.

Of the 611 cases, 11 of these cases identified internal processes which did not meet the expected standards and have been subject to further review. No ongoing risks were identified. As described during the Inquest, the processes surrounding such reviews within our FELU have improved significantly and I am confident that such examples would not occur again under the current regime.

There are no current risks requiring any remedial action and Devon and Cornwall Police FELU are confident we can identify any contemporary risk, with the new automated systems in place, and ongoing scrutiny in processes specific to grants, renewals and suitability assessments.

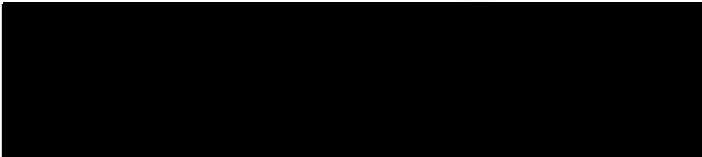
The following table contains the relevant data for ease of reference:

In the 20 months 03/05/2018 to 31/12/2019) how many shotgun and firearm certificates were:		How many of those removed were subsequently returned:	
Firearm removed from certificate holder by being seized, surrendered or revoked (by no. of certificate holders)	refused	of those with firearms that were seized or surrendered	of those revoked
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I trust the above additional information assists.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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