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Mr Arrow,

I write to you in response to your letter, dated the 8th of March 2023 pertaining to the Keyham inquest where several recommendations were made.

Further to your recommendation, whilst Dyfed Powys Police are assured that our processes are sufficiently robust to ensure public safety, in the interests of transparency and public safety, we will undertake a further review of decision files where firearms have been seized following any incident and subsequently returned to the holder, in accordance with the parameters as set out in the letter circulated by Chief Constable Debbie Tedds on the 24th March 2023.

In March 2022, a comprehensive review relating to decision making within the Firearms Licensing arena for Dyfed Powys Police was completed. This review was approved by Chief Officers. The review focused upon on decision making set against the APP and statutory guidance. There has been no requirement identified to make changes since this paper was approved.

In respect of matters surrounding training, Dyfed Powys Police engage in available training for Firearms Licensing Staff, however we welcome and support the recommendation of the Coroner to formalise a training programme to encompass all Firearms roles and responsibilities. We currently utilise the Firearm Enquiry Officer Course which is offered in West Yorkshire, and Devon and Cornwall. Our supervisors attend Firearms Conferences and CPD events and significant efforts are made to engage on a national basis. Furthermore, staff keep abreast of all national updates, legislation changes and national reports to ensure continuous professional development.

I sincerely hope that the information contained within this letter sufficiently explains the current position within force, in direct response to your recommendations.

Yours sincerely?



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