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Dear Mr Arrow,

**RE: Preventing Future Deaths (PFD) Notice**

I write in response to your report, sent to all Chief Constables, dated the 8th of March 2023, following the Inquests into the shootings at Keyham in August 2021.

I would like to detail the plans for review which Nottinghamshire Police have put in place in response to that report.

Our response is based largely on the correspondence you will have received from Chief Constable [REDACTED], which outlines guidance for police forces across the UK to aid their approach and response:

- We have identified a dedicated resource to undertake the review. All reviews will be undertaken through the lens of the current (February 2023) Home Office Statutory Guidance.
- We will prioritise cases where firearms have been seized or surrendered to police pending a review of suitability to have a licence, but then subsequently returned. We will then review those cases that have been refused or revoked and subsequently returned.
- We have already commenced the review and are working backwards from 1st April 2023 for a period of 4 years. We have started by reviewing the most recent decisions first.
- We will not review cases in years 4 to 5, as these are (to differing degrees) moving naturally toward the normal 5-yearly renewal process (which will be undertaken against current standards.) I am content with this approach, because we do not have a significant backlog for renewal applications, nor many temporary licences.
- We will not fully re-review those licences from the 12-month period that were completed as part of the 2021 review. I had oversight of that review and am compelled by its thoroughness at the time. To repeat this work now would impact our capacity (and pace) to undertake the other years that are now in need of review. Instead, and to provide me with additional reassurance, I have commissioned a re – review of a sample of those cases which is to be conducted independently, by a neighbouring police force.

- All the above will be completed over the next six months and by 2 October 2023.

As the portfolio lead for firearms licensing within Nottinghamshire, I will maintain a personal oversight of these reviews and on receipt of the resultant reports, will provide the scrutiny required to identify where improvements can be made.

I trust this approach provides the reassurance you require and demonstrates our commitment and support to fully meet the requirements of your prevention of future death notice.

Yours sincerely

  
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