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Mr. Ian M Arrow
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Dear Mr. Arrow

REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

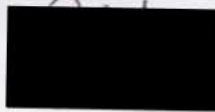

I write with reference to your report to all Chief Constables in England and Wales following the tragic deaths in Keyham on the 12 August 2021.


Following the incident, the Home Office requested that all Chief Constables carry out a full review of all certificates that had been seized, surrendered, revoked or refused in the previous 12 months and subsequently approved. To provide reassurance, the review conducted in South Wales Police in October 2021 was peer reviewed by the firearms licensing managers in Avon & Somerset and Gwent Police with a positive outcome.

Your request to conduct a further review over a 5-year period is underway and has identified approximately 1300 records where certificate holders were subject of a suitability review. Each record is being checked to establish if certificates were seized, surrendered, revoked or refused and subsequently approved. Once this preliminary work has been completed, we will then be in a position to provide a timescale for completion of the review.

Additionally, since 2021, South Wales Police and Gwent Police have been working together to establish best practice and align processes across both forces. Monthly continuous improvement meetings take place and regular peer reviews are conducted. Where matters of concern are identified, a case will be referred to a different force for external scrutiny. We are in the process of arranging an annual peer assessment for a set number of cases to test and evaluate our approval to firearms licensing.

Yours sincerely



Chief Constable

Copied to:  Chief Constable, Gwent Police



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