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Our ref: HQ/PA/000184/20
Your ref:

21 January 2020

Dear S Rhosier,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 15 January 2020. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<p><i>1. What policies, provisions, legislation and procedures are used by your force for guidance and adherence when deciding to approve an application for any form of Firearms License, including where minors will gain access to Firearms?</i></p> <p><i>2. When deciding to approve an application for any form of Firearms License, is there a legislative, procedural or policy requirement that the applicant's employment must require use of a Firearm in order to obtain a license or are licenses available to all meeting the stipulations of Firearms legislation regardless of the purpose to which they would put a Firearm, e.g. sport shooting?</i></p> <p><i>3. When persons are convicted of crimes of violence such as assault or unlawful killing of wildlife or any animal, what cross-checks/policies, provisions, legislation and procedures does your force have in place for guidance and adherence when deciding to withdraw any form of Firearms License</i></p>	<p>In response to your questions 1., 2. and 3.:</p> <p>The Thames Valley Police Firearms Licensing Department reviews each case (application) on its merits in accordance with the relevant legislation (Firearms Act 1968), force policy, Firearms Licensing APP and the Home Office Guidance (firearms licensing). Home Office guidance, of all kinds, is there to encourage practice across all forces. However, in some cases it may be necessary and reasonable for forces to depart from the guidance. It is for us, in the local force, to ensure that we have all reasonably available information, in advance of issuing a certificate, properly to discharge our responsibility to protect life.</p> <p>Please see links below (both the TVP and Gov.uk websites) for further info: https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ar/applyregister/fao/af/apply-firearm-</p>



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<i>issued to said person(s)?</i>	shotgun-explosives-certificate/firearms-application-guidance-notes/ https://www.gov.uk/guidance/firearms-licensing-police-guidance
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Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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