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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 28 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 04/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Advertising firearms for sale/transfer via the internet as part of a business but without the business owner actually owning the firearms (ie via Gunstar Guntrader etc) appears to be the subject of different interpretations and I am contacting the English Police Forces to obtain a firm view on how this is treated by the various Police Areas

Could you please advise what laws you apply to this type of activity, whether you would insist the Website owner held a RFD authority and needed to record all transfers and any dispensations that might be available to avoid this, or direct me to regulations which enable these websites to operate without the need for Dealer authorisation.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

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dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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