

9 July 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information on indoor and outdoor firing ranges in our Council area

I am writing in response to your request made on 10 May 2019 asking for information on indoor and outdoor firing ranges in our Council area. I advise that the answers provided only apply to firing ranges which are situated in Council Buildings or on Council Land. We have no information on any other firing ranges in our Council area. The answers to your questions raised are as follows:

1. How many firing ranges in your Council area have both indoor and outdoor facilities?

There are no facilities that are both indoor or outdoor firing ranges on Council Land.

2. How many solely indoor firing ranges are there in your Council area?

There are two solely indoor firing ranges in Council Leased Buildings.

3. How many solely outdoor firing ranges are there in your Council area?

There are three solely outdoor firing ranges on Leased Council Land.

4. How often are the firing ranges inspected by Council officers and/or Police?

The firing ranges are not inspected by the Council. As they are on Leased Council Land or in Leased Council Buildings, and it is the lessee's responsibility to ensure regulatory requirements are met. We have no knowledge of when or if the Police inspect the property.

5. What is your Council's regime for assessing shooters' and range officers' exposure to lead at the firing ranges?

As the properties are leased, the Council does not undertake any assessments. This is the responsibility of the club.

6. Does your Council require measures at firing ranges to mitigate the effects of lead exposure? What are these measures and how are they reported by the range and enforced by the Council?

It is the clubs' responsibility to meet any regulatory requirements.

7. What is the protocol for Council inspection of firing ranges, for example, is there a checklist or similar, used by the Council officers to assess the firing range? If so, could you please supply a copy?

The Council does not undertake inspections.

8. Could you please supply copies of all reports relating to firearms and firing ranges written by or received by the Council over the last three years?

To the best of our knowledge we are not aware of any reports on this matter.

Yours faithfully



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