



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03215

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Registered Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information relating to names of Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers in full;
- fully exempt information in relation to addresses pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Question

I am presently working on a project which requires a listing of the following and under the Freedom of Information I was informed that I could request this from yourselves.

List of all Registered Shooting Clubs in N.Ireland and addresses

List of all Registered Firearms Dealers in N.Ireland (RFD) and addresses

Answer

Please see the tables at the end of this correspondence detailing Registered Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers in N. Ireland.

The addresses of the Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers have not been disclosed.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Section 38(1)(a)(b) Health & Safety

Section 38 is a qualified, prejudice-based exemption, and this means that it is the Public Authority's responsibility to evidence the Harm and the Public Interest Test.

Harm

Releasing address details of Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers could identify the location of quantities of firearms and ammunition leaving them vulnerable to burglary/theft by criminal elements. In many instances these organisations operate from home addresses. Disclosing this information has the potential to put the owners' personal safety and property at risk.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release

Releasing the information would promote openness and transparency.

Factors Favouring Retention

The PSNI will not disclose any information which may increase the risk of harm to any individual. To highlight the specific locations of these organisations could potentially place individuals and property at risk.

Decision

Disclosure of addresses relating to Registered Shooting Clubs and Firearms Dealers into the public domain could put the owners and their premises at risk of attack. Identifying the location of quantities of firearms and ammunition could leave them vulnerable to burglary/theft by criminal elements. This could potentially endanger the occupants of the premises. The safety of individuals is of paramount importance and the PSNI will not divulge any information which could put lives or property at risk.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act is a disclosure to the world in general, not just to the individual applicant.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

FIREARMS CLUBS as at 28.09.11

2390 SQUADRON ATC - BELFAST ROYAL ACADEMY RFL CLUB
2ND (NORTHERN IRELAND BATTALION) ARMY CADET FORCE
AREA 17 AIR PISTOL CLUB
BALLYDOUGAN HOUSE SHOOTING CLUB
BALLYMENA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
BANGOR AND DISTRICT SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB
BANGOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL CCF AIR RIFLE CLUB
BELFAST HARBOUR POLICE RIFLE CLUB
BELFAST HOME GUARD RIFLE CLUB
BRACKEN PROJECTILE CLUB
BREADY AIR RIFLE CLUB
BRITISH DEER SOCIETY NI BRANCH
CAMPBELL COLLEGE CCF RIFLE CLUB
CLANDEBOYE,BANGOR & DIST USC RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
CO LONDONDERRY XB RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
COMBER RIFLE CLUB
CREEVEDONNELL AIR RIFLE CLUB
CUAN AND DISTRICT SHOOTING AND RECREATION CLUB
CULNADY AIR RIFLE CLUB
DOWNPATRICK RIFLE CLUB
DOWNSHIRE RIFLE CLUB
DRUMBANAGHER SPORTING RIFLE CLUB
DRUMHIRK RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
DUNGANNON RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
DUNNYBOE TARGET CLUB
EAST ANTRIM RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
EX SERVICES PISTOL AND RIFLE CLUB
FORTWILLIAM HOME GUARD RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
FOYLE & LONDONDERRY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
KELLS RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
KIRLISH RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
LAGHEY SMALL BORE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
LANGFORD LODGE SPORTS CLUB

LEOPOLD STREET RIFLE CLUB
LISNALEA ROD AND GUN CLUB
LOUGHBRICKLAND RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
MARALIN RIFLE CLUB
MICHELIN ATHLETIC RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
MID-ANTRIM RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
MONEYMORE AIR RIFLE CLUB
MOWILLIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB
NEWTOWNARDS AND DISTRICT SHOOTING CLUB
NI FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE TARGET SHOOTING CLUB
NORTH ANTRIM RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
NORTH WEST RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN IRELAND CLASSIC RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOC.
NORTHERN IRELAND TARGET SPORTS ASSOCIATION
OMAGH DISTRICT USCA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
ORRITOR RIFLE CLUB
PSNI RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
ROCKPORT SCHOOL RIFLE CLUB
ROE VALLEY RIFLE CLUB
ROE VALLEY TARGET CLUB
ROYAL SCHOOL DUNGANNON RIFLE CLUB
SESKINORE HARRIERS AIR PISTOL CLUB
SHERRYGROOM RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
SHORTS RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
STRANGFORD L.W. & C.A. AIR RIFLE CLUB
THE BASC NORTHERN IRELAND GUN CLUB
ULSTER RIFLE ASSOCIATION
ULSTER SMALL ARMS SHOOTING CLUB
WESTERN AREA MEDICAL TARGET SHOOTING CLUB

FIREARMS DEALERS as at 28.09.11
A A MONTEITH & SONS
A BLUE LTD
ACJ GUNS
AIR TEC
AJS REPAIRS
ASHLEY GUN SALES & REPAIRS
BALLYCARRICKMADDY SHOOTING SCHOOL
BALLYREAGH COUNTRY SPORTS
BRADDELL (JOSEPH) & SON LTD
C A ANDERSON & CO
C F BEATTIE & SON
C J NICHOLAS & SONS
C.C. SHOOTING SUPPLIES
COUNTRY SPORTS
COUNTRY SPORTS & TACKLE
COUNTRY SPORTS, NEWTOWNARDS
CRAWFORD SPORTS
DAVID BROWN
DAVID HYNDMAN
DAVID MAWHINNEY
DENNETT OUTDOOR LTD
DERRYGONNELLY AUTOS
DESMOND MILLAR & SON
DONAL MCCLOY GUNS UNLIMITED
DUNHILL SPORTS SUPPLIES
E J CASSELLS
ERROL BAILIE SPORTING GUNS & AMMUNITION
F DOWLER LTD
FERNVALE COUNTRY SPORTS
FIELD & STREAM
FIREARMS UNLIMITED
FIREFLY
FOYMORE LODGE SHOOTING SCHOOL LTD
GROGGAN GUNS AND COUNTRY STORE

HARKIN LAWNMOWERS
HOLDEN AGRICULTURAL LTD
HOLLOW FARM SHOOTING GROUNDS
HOME, FIELD & STREAM
HOUSTONS COUNTRY GEAR
HUGHES SPORTS
HUTCHINSON'S
INTERSHOOT FIREARMS
J A LARMOUR & SONS
J GRAHAM & SONS (KILKEEL) LTD
JACK SMYTH ANGLING & OUTDOORS LTD
JAMES COBURN & SON LTD
JOHN ANDREW AGNEW
JOHN MURPHY
KILLYMORE GUNS
LAVIN GUNS
LIMAVADY HARDWARE COMPANY
LOUGH SHORE SHOOTING SUPPLIES
LOUGHVIEW GUNS
LUTTON'S GUN REPAIRS
MARTIN THOMAS HUGHES
MARYLAND COUNTRY SPORTS
MCCONNELL EQUIPMENT LTD
MCKERR MICA HARDWARE & GARDEN LTD
MCVEY BROTHERS
MELVIN TACKLE
MPL GUNS & AMMO
MYRA FIELD SPORTS
N C HARPUR
NELSON'S SPORTS CENTRE
NICHROME LIMITED
NOEL JOHNSTON
NORTH WEST COUNTRY SPORTS
O'NEILL COUNTRY SPORTS
ORCHARD GUNS
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

P E KYLE
R & R CARLISLE
R H BURKE & SONS
R J K CARSON
RANK RIFLES
RECOIL REDUCTION SERVICES NI
RIVERDALE SPORTS
ROBERT MCKENDRY
ROD AND LINE
S A TROTTER
SAMMY'S SHOOTING SUPPLIES
SAMUEL JOHNSTON
SINCLAIR HARDWARE
SMYTH'S ANGLING & OUTDOORS
SMYTH'S COUNTRY SPORTS
STEELE PRECISION ENGINEERING
STEWART & GIBSON LTD
STEWART & JAMES MICA HARDWARE LTD
STUART BOYD
T BEATTIE GUNS & AMMO
T GREER & SON
T J CARLISLE
T J DEVINE
T M MARTIN & SON
T R G GLASS
TAC-AMMO
TANNYOKY GUNS & AMMO
THALES AIR DEFENCE LTD
THE BELFAST ARMS COMPANY LIMITED
THE COUNTRYMAN
THE SHOOTIN SHAK
TRAP & FIELD SPORTS
VALLEY LEISURE & RURAL SUPPLIES LTD
W D FYFFE
W J KYLE
W M MURPHY

W P MCCULLOUGH GUNS
WALTHER IRELAND
WILLIAM JONES
WILLIS HARDWARE, GUNS & TACKLE
WOODLODGE GUNS
YOUNG GUNS