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An open letter to:

- Police Digital Service
- Home Office Firearms Policy Unit
- National Police Chief's Council
- Shooting Organisations

Subject: Support for Public Communication on the NFLMS Replacement Programme

FirearmsLicensing.Net works within the wider shooting community, providing information, guidance and support to certificate holders, clubs and shooting organisations across the UK. It is the only UK organisation that focuses exclusively on firearms licensing issues – an essential part of our sport.

Following the announcement that Palantir will be delivering the replacement for NFLMS, we believe there is an opportunity for constructive collaboration to help ensure that the shooting community receives accurate, consistent and reassuring information about what this transition means for them.

The selection of Palantir as a supplier has raised understandable concerns within the community, including the lack of early engagement with key stakeholders. Our intention is not to comment on procurement decisions or endorse any supplier. Rather, we aim to help ensure that the rollout of the new system is understood and that certificate holders receive clear guidance during the transition. Uncertainty around licensing systems can quickly lead to misinformation, anxiety and unnecessary pressure on both forces and applicants.

As one part of the wider shooting community, FirearmsLicensing.Net is willing to assist with sector-specific briefings, clear FAQs, accessible explanations of what the new system will and will not change, and consistent messaging to help reduce speculation and misinformation. This support is offered on a non-commercial basis to help ensure clear communication across the sector.

We also maintain an open, public-facing analysis space - **The Tower** - which provides factual updates and context on developments affecting the shooting community. This resource is available at <https://firearmslicensing.net/the-tower/> and is intended to support transparency and informed discussion across the sector.

We are sharing this letter with a number of shooting organisations so that they are aware that constructive engagement is being initiated and to support transparency across the community. This is not intended to speak on their behalf, but to help ensure that any future communication to certificate holders can be aligned, consistent and supportive of a smooth transition.

If this support would be of assistance, FirearmsLicensing.Net would be pleased to discuss how we can contribute.

Yours sincerely
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On behalf of [FirearmsLicensing.Net](https://firearmslicensing.net)