



UK Athletics – Registered Firearms Dealers  
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### **Starters - Newsletter No 1**

It is a little while now since we were given authority by the Secretary of State and Greater Manchester Police to become a Registered Firearms Dealership (RFD). So I thought you might all want an update?

The intention of this initiative is to assist the sport in retaining by purchase or donation those firearms that are currently used by Starters in athletics when they decide to retire or move on to other things whereby they do not require to keep the guns.

We can also assist in the purchase of firearms, which are held on temporary variations, and which are no longer required. Or simply to reduce the numbers that you hold if that suits you.

The Home Office have also agreed that we may purchase new guns provided that we do not exceed the overall numbers currently within the sport.

All that being said the systems have been put in place to also assist existing starters upgrade their current stock as guns become available as well as making guns available to new starters who have attained a level 3 qualification. I have circulated those RFD's who assist us with storage arrangements and I have the details of some handguns that are available.

What has occurred recently is that those starters who are disposing of handguns have found another starter to take them on who is then paying for the guns out of his own pocket. What we are suggesting can happen is that the arrangements can still be made but UKA will provide the finance and assume ownership of the handguns, which would then go out on permanent loan to the starter once he/she has signed our contract. I have placed a copy of the standard contract on the website should you wish to have a read.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My email address is [dbrown@ukathletics.org.uk](mailto:dbrown@ukathletics.org.uk)

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