FOI Request – FOI2223/06/18
I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 21 June 2023

Your Request
In the below request the phrase the phrase 'arms trade companies' relates to, but not limited to:
a company that is involved in any capacity in manufacturing (parts or complete), production, sales or exports of weapon systems (including small and light weapons, heavy and conventional weapons, and nuclear weapons) in one or more sectors (including dual-use purpose companies).

'Academic partnership **policy or statement**' refers to any commitment by the university to **exclude arms trade companies** from any of the following:

- Graduate schemes/apprenticeships/Careers fair appearances
- Directly sponsored PhDs or Studentships
- Public donations - sponsored buildings/libraries etc
- Company involvement in university departments - i.e. MoD Laboratories, EPSRC centres for doctoral research
- Dual employment of staff/management or lecturers - staff/management or lecturer employees who are also currently employed by an arms trade company

Please may I request any relevant policy or statement within the last five years. Please can these be broken down by year and categorised accordingly:
- Year of policy/statement release
- Name of senior management or council or committee that wrote or signed off the statement
- Name of the council or committee that oversees academic partnerships in any of the aforementioned capacities.

University's Response
Further to Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") we confirm that the information requested is held by the University of Sunderland (the "University").

The University's response is N/A – no current policies with any explicit reference to types of companies to exclude.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing sunfoi@sunderland.ac.uk.

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