

23 October 2024

FOI Ref 17221

Request - You asked us the following:

Could you please provide the following information:

1. The average time (in days) from application to grant of a firearm certificate in the calendar year 2023
2. The average time (in days) from application to grant of a shotgun certificate in the calendar year 2023

Although the Home Office publishes annual statistics on firearm licensing (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/firearm-and-shotgun-certificates-april-2023-to-march-2024/statistics-on-firearm-and-shotgun-certificates-england-and-wales-april-2023-to-march-2024>), the information I am requesting is not included in these statistics and therefore not already publicly available.

We received your request on 03/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

1. The average time (in days) from application to grant of a firearm certificate in the calendar year 2023 - **Unknown, please see below.**
2. The average time (in days) from application to grant of a shotgun certificate in the calendar year 2023 - **Unknown, please see below.**

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

We have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within the force. However, following all attempts, unfortunately, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request. We are therefore closing this request.

Next Steps

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively you may wish to contact them via post and The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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