

18 July 2025

FOI Ref 21511

Request - You asked us the following:

A) The number of firearm and/or shotgun certificates held by people under the age of 18, with a total number for each age.

(eg. 17-year-olds = 100 certificates, etc.)

B) If possible, a list of reasons for firearm ownership among non-adults, with a total number of certificates issued for each.

(eg. Sporting = 20 certificates, Collection = 10 certificates, etc.)

If part B is not possible, then data just for part A would satisfy this request.

We received your request on 27/6/2025 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.

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(eg. 17-year-olds = 100 certificates, etc.) – **Unknown.***
- B) If possible, a list of reasons for firearm ownership among non-adults, with a total number of certificates issued for each.
(eg. Sporting = 20 certificates, Collection = 10 certificates, etc.) – **Unknown.***

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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, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request. 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



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

If the complainant is dissatisfied following the handling of this Freedom of Information request, they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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