

24 June 2026

FOI Ref 22939

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to firearms and shotgun certificate applications within your force area.

Please provide the most up-to-date information available for:

Current estimated processing times for:

- New shotgun certificate applications
- New firearm certificate applications
- Shotgun certificate renewals
- Firearm certificate renewals
- Variations

The current number of:

- Shotgun certificate holders within your force area
- Firearm certificate holders within your force area

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please provide the information that can be supplied within the limit.

SP received your request on 01/06/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below SP's response.

SP holds/does not the following requested information.

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- New firearm certificate applications
- Shotgun certificate renewals
- Firearm certificate renewals
- Variations

The current number of:

- Shotgun certificate holders within your force area



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- Firearm certificate holders within your force area – **Unknown.***

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.

*The FOI team have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within SP. However, following all attempts, a satisfactory response from the data holders with which to provide a response to your request has not been received. 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

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with this response you can contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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