



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0385

On 05/04/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Would you please be able to tell me:

1. How many gun certificates issued by your force are currently in effect?
2. How many new certificates have been approved in the past 12 months (from today, April 5)?
3. How many applications have been rejected in the past year?
4. How many have been revoked, and could I please have a breakdown of the reasons?
5. How many times have gun(s) been taken off someone and subsequently returned in the past year?
6. How many cases are you aware of where someone with a gun certificate has committed, or is alleged to have committed, a firearm offence in the past year?
7. How many cases are you aware of where someone with a gun certificate has committed, or is alleged to have committed, any other type of offence in the past year?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

I can confirm the following information:

1. 2,600 Firearms Certificates (FAC) and 10,196 Shotgun Certificates
2. 69 FAC and 220 Shotgun
3. 1 FAC and 16 Shotgun
4. 6 FAC have been revoked, reasons range from Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, fail to notify change of address, fail to declare convictions, making indecent photos. 22 for Shotgun the reasons range from false application, fail to declare medical history, missing person, tried to commit suicide, fail to notify change of address, drink/drive, reported for serious assaults and regular use of cocaine.
5. A system is in place whereby a Superintendent will review these on a case by case basis to ensure that the guns can be handed back where appropriate.
6. This has resulted in a zero (0) result
7. When a certificate holder comes to police attention a review is conducted as to their suitability to remain a certificate holder. A Superintendent will conduct a full review and make a final decision as to whether or not the guns and certificate can be returned.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,