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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0967

On 02/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022 and for 2023 to date, could you please tell me:

1. How many firearm licence holders in force area currently?
 - 2020:
 - 2021:
 - 2022:
 - 2023:
2. How many shotgun certificate holders in force area currently?
 - 2020:
 - 2021:
 - 2022:
 - 2023:
3. How many first time firearm licence applications were made?
 - 2020:
 - 2021:
 - 2022:
 - 2023:
4. How many first time firearm applications were unsuccessful?
 - 2020:
 - 2021:
 - 2022:
 - 2023:
5. How many first time shotgun licence applications were made?
 - 2020:
 - 2021:
 - 2022:
 - 2023:
6. How many first time shotgun applications were unsuccessful?
 - 2020:

- 2021:
- 2022:
- 2023:

7. What the average waiting time for the successful completion of a new firearms licence application process was in your area, ie, how long on average people waited between submitting their application and receiving their first licence (renewals excluded)?

- 2020:
- 2021:
- 2022:
- 2023:

8. What the average waiting time for a firearms licence renewal was in your area?

- 2020:
- 2021:
- 2022:
- 2023:

9. How many members of staff you employ to process firearms and shotgun licence applications?

- 2020:
- 2021:
- 2022:
- 2023:

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

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary systems to identify the information requested. Questions 1-6 are answered in the table below.

Question	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	628	554	466	219
2	2470	2213	1777	799
3	36	62	66	59
4	1	1	1	6
5	122	99	234	185
6	7	10	10	23

Question 7-8: This information is not recorded and there has been no time analysis carried out for this. We are therefore not able to answer these questions.

Question 9:

2020:

5 full time firearm enquiry officers

4.9 full time equivalent admin staff (not including Unit Head)

2021:

5 full time firearm enquiry officers

4.9 full time equivalent admin staff (not including Unit Head)

2022:

5 full time firearm enquiry officers

5.08 full time equivalent admin staff (not including Unit Head)

2023:

5 full time firearm enquiry officers

5.08 full time equivalent admin staff

1 x's full time 18 month contract (not including Unit Head)

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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