



Your reference:

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0970

On 04/10/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following for each year from 2018/19 separately:

- (i) Total number of firearm licenses revoked & reasons given for these revocations
- (ii) Total number of shotgun licenses revoked & reasons given for these revocations

If possible could the request be refined to the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years?

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.

Firearms License Revocations:

Year	Total
2021-22	6
2022-23	6

Shotgun License Revocations:

Year	Total
2021-22	25
2022-23	21

Following receipt of your request, enquiries were made with the relevant team. Whilst they are able to provide the number of revocations, they have been unable to provide the individual reasons for the revocations. They have however provided a list of reasons for revocation that may be applied. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and further information may be available via Home Office publications.

- Domestic Abuse
- Attempt Suicide, including suicidal thoughts
- Mental health
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Drink/Drive offences
- Fail to declare relevant medical information
- Fail to declare previous criminal history
- Fail to notify change of address
- Fail to comply with conditions of certificate(s)
- Insecure guns
- Associations

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

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

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Yours sincerely,

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