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Our reference: FOI_26_0516

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Date: 12/06/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0516

On 01/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

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

Current estimated processing times for:

1. New shotgun certificate applications
2. New firearm certificate applications
3. Shotgun certificate renewals
4. Firearm certificate renewals
5. Variations

6. The current number of:
 - 6a) Shotgun certificate holders within your force area
 - 6b) Firearm certificate holders within your force area

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.

Please see the response to your request below.

1. In relation to new shotgun certificate applications, from point of application it can take up to 21 months to complete the application.
2. In relation to new firearms certificate applications, from point of application it can take up to 21 months to complete the application.
3. In relation to shotgun certificate renewals, from point of renewal it can take up to 2 months to complete the renewal application.
4. In relation to firearms certificate renewals, from point of renewal it can take up to 2 months to complete the renewal application.
5. In relation to variations, it can take 14 days to be processed.
6. The current number of:
 - 6a) Shotgun certificate holders within your force area
9957
 - 6b) Firearm certificate holders within your force area
2615

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary