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XXXX – Via email



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Our ref: FOI 2026-502

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th May regarding firearms.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our response):

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 **Average 4.2 months (137 days)**
- New firearm certificate applications **Average 4.2 months (137 days)**
- Shotgun certificate renewals **Average 2 months (61 days)**
- Firearm certificate renewals **Average 2 months (61 days)**
- Variations **Average 2 weeks (16 days)**

The current number of:

- Shotgun certificate holders within your force area **11,989**
- Firearm certificate holders within your force area **3,489**

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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