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2024/563 - firearms and shotgun holders

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Can you give me the figures on how many people are firearms and shotgun holders in the area covered by your police force?

We currently have 2,797 firearm certificate holders and 9,325 shotgun certificate holders in North Wales. These figures do fluctuate due to new application being processed and also cancellations and revocations. This the figure as of 29/05/2024,

2. How many firearms offences have there been over the past 5 years in the area covered by your department?

Firearms offence data is published by ONS.

[Offences involving the use of weapons: data tables - Office for National Statistics](#)

3. Gwent Police has launched a new initiative called Project Titanium which focuses on trying to crack down on guns being used in domestic abuse situations. It aims to strengthen gun licensing processes. I wanted to know your police forces in Wales would adopt this project. Also, how do you measure whether their gun licensing processes are thorough enough?

North Wales Police adhere to both statutory and non-statutory Home Office guidance which already provides clear guidance , particularly in relation to domestic abuse. Project Titanium is currently being discussed nationally with national policing leads and the College of Policing and we will be awaiting the results of the consultation.

North Wales Police have undertaken informal interviews with partners/spouses of applicants for a numbers of years, prior to the development of Project Titanium. There is no formal measure of thoroughness, but, NWP as already stated ,follows Home Office guidance and also the College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice (APP) with our Assistant Chief Constable responsible for the associated governance as per APP.

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