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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:06/08/2024

2024/712 - firearms/shotgun licences

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. How many firearms/shotgun licences were granted by North Wales Police in 2022?

2022-

Firearm grants- 110

Firearm renewals- 594

Shotgun grants- 213

Shotgun renewals- 1649

2. How many firearms/shotgun licences were granted by North Wales Police in 2023?

2023

Firearm grants- 108

Firearm renewals- 358

Shotgun grants- 217

Shotgun renewals- 839

3. How many firearms/shotgun licences have been granted by North Wales Police from 1 Jan 24 to 30 June 24?

01/01/24 – 30/06/2024

Firearm grants- 57

Firearm renewals- 162

Shotgun grants- 127

Shotgun renewals- 553

4. In each of the years how many firearms/shotgun licences have been revoked on medical grounds?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have had a number of certificates revoked but cannot determine which were revoked on medical grounds without going through each and every one. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

5. How many general practitioners (GP) do North Wales Police liaise with in relation to firearms/shotgun licence applications?

We deal with/liaise with all of the surgeries within North Wales.

6. Of the above number listed in answer 5 – how many GPs are not signed up to the voluntary GP protocol of notification of medical condition as described in para 2.25 of the statutory guidance for chief officer of police on firearms licencing or could be considered conscientious objectors in relation to completing the medical proforma or applying the firearms marker to medical records.

Not held/recorded.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 05/08/2024