



Response Date: 26/03/2025

2025/371 - Firearms Licensing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

In accordance with section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are requesting information in relation to the following points:

- 1. The number of instances in which holders of a firearm or shotgun certificate have refused to surrender their firearm(s) and/or shotgun(s) when voluntarily requested to do so by your constabulary.**
- 2. In relation to (1), the subsequent action taken by your constabulary in each instance.**
- 3. The number of instances in which your constabulary has had to force entry (either with a warrant or under existing statutory powers) into the dwelling of a firearm or shotgun holder.**
- 4. The number of instances in which your constabulary has had to force entry (either with a warrant or under existing statutory powers) to a dwelling where it was suspected (reasonably or otherwise) that illegal firearms were present.**

We would appreciate data covering the longest period for which records are available. If the information is not available in the format requested, we would be grateful if you could provide any relevant alternative data.

North Wales Police do not collate the requested information.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To even comply with Section 1 (a) of the Freedom of Information Legislation (which is the duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority) would be 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 (2), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/03/2025