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2025/414 - Firearms certificates and inspections

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know the number of firearms certificates issued over the past five years.

The number of new certificates issued.

The number of inspections. Can I have this broken down to inspections of new firearms certificate applications and renewal applications.

Can I have figures for the number of applications and refusals.

Can you break down the number of firearms held by type?

We have carried out a report for the last 5 years with the dates being 01/04/2020 to 01/04/2025 and the results are as follows:

Grants (brand new applications)-

Firearms- 491

Shotgun- 1029

Renewals-

Firearms- 2440

Shotguns- 6182

Refusals-

Firearms- 105

Shotguns- 185

With regards to the inspections, we aim to visit every grant and renewal. However, if they have recently been visited then we carry out a risk assessment.

Also, could I have information on the number of firearms offences investigated by your force where the weapon was legally held (or had a firearms certificate).

189 Firearms Offences have been submitted to Home Office for the last 5 Financial Years. Of these 17 had one linked nominal that has had a firearms/shotgun holder flag.

Can I also find out the number of legally held firearms reported stolen over that period.
8 occurrences with 12 firearms

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