



Freedom of Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: HC/00516/17

KEYWORD: Operational Policing

Request	Response
1. How many Section 7 Temporary Permits are currently issued to certificate holders as a result of renewals not being processed before the certificate expired?	1. None
2. How many Section 7 Temporary Permits, distinguishing between firearm certificates and shot gun certificates, were issued in 2016?	2. Firearms – 170 Shotgun – 390.
3. How many certificate holders are currently in possession of firearms/shot guns without a certificate because their certificate has expired and no Section 7 Temporary Permit has been issued?	3. 12* <i>*Please note: this is the cumulative total over a number of years. The most common examples of these scenarios are: The holder has died and guns have been disposed prior to the death, (but we have not received notification of this); The holder has gone abroad and not notified us.</i> <i><u>In all of these cases all available enquiries have been carried out and, where necessary, intelligence has been circulated to other forces and law enforcement agencies. A system of periodic review is in place, where all cases are re-visited and previous and new lines of enquiry are considered and actioned and any circulations are refreshed.</u></i>
4. What is the average turnaround time, expressed in working days, that it takes the department from receipt of applications to issue of the certificate for the following four licences? a. Shotgun Licence Grant b. Shotgun Licence Renewal c. Firearm Licence Grant d. Firearm Licence Renewal	4. Averages are not valid under FOI as it requires the creation of information. FOI is for recorded information held at the time a request is made. However, please see the force's Service Level Agreements, which can be found at: https://www.hampshire.police.uk/services/firearms-and-explosives-licensing/