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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013624/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/11/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please note this is a follow up request from 01/FOI/24/013599/B

I understand that GMP does not keep easily retrievable information regarding whether a shotgun or firearms licence application is granted for the first time or as a renewal.

Would it be possible to provide some of the information in a less-specific format? For instance, would it be within time and cost restraints for you to provide:

- 1. The total number of firearm licences granted each year for the last five years*
- 2. The total number of shotgun licences granted each year for the last five years*
- 3. The total number of firearm licences refused each year for the last five years*
- 4. The total number of shotgun licences refused each year for the last five years*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

We do hold the Grants and Renewals data. However, there may be people who have applied for a 'Grant' who have previously held a certificate in the past, therefore this new grant application may not be the first in their history. Therefore your initial request was refused on the 'first-time' criteria.

I have provided the data for Grants and Renewals separately included refusal for each.

Caveats

The data provided is what the system currently holds and included data between 01/01/2019 and 31/10/2024.

Data

Grants						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Firearm	21	37	44	49	53	136
Shotgun	63	84	202	124	167	242

Successful Renewals						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Firearm	65	273	322	308	374	302
Shotgun	165	945	1082	1063	864	569

Refusal						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Firearm	10	2	3	5	10	7
Shotgun	36	5	16	24	24	31
BOTH	5	1	3	5	7	5

Refusal - Renewals						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Firearm	1	6	3	1	1	2
Shotgun	7	3	8	3	8	4
BOTH	2	6	0	0	1	0