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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013185/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please provide the following information:

- 1. The average time from application to grant of a firearm certificate in the calendar year 2023***
- 2. The average time from application to grant of a shotgun certificate in the calendar year 2023***

Although the Home Office publishes annual statistics on firearm licensing, the information I am requesting is not included in these statistics and therefore not already publicly available.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 – The average turnaround time for a firearm grant in 2023 was 220 days.

Question 2 – The average turnaround time for a shotgun grant in 2023 was 265 days.