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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016973/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to firearms and shotgun certificate applications within your force area.

Please provide the most up-to-date information available for:

Current estimated processing times for:

- New shotgun certificate applications***
- New firearm certificate applications***
- Shotgun certificate renewals***
- Firearm certificate renewals***
- Variations***

The current number of:

- Shotgun certificate holders within your force area***
- Firearm certificate holders within your force area***

Result of Searches

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

Current estimated processing times for:

- New shotgun certificate applications – 98 days
- New firearms certificate applications – 99 days

- Shotgun certificate renewals – 98 days
- Firearms certificate renewals – 101 days
- Variations – 1 for 1 is 3 days, new 7 days

The current number of:

- Shotgun certificate holders within GMP area – 5,760
- Firearm certificate holders within GMP area – 1,866