

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20180205**

**REQUEST**

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) For the years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 please can you provide the following information

1. How many gun licence applications did your police force receive for each of the years above?
2. How many of these applications were granted as successful
3. How many of these applications were for firearms?
4. How many of these applications were for shotguns?
5. The cost of a gun license
5. The total cost of the firearms licensing department for your police force
6. How much income did you receive - in total - from applicants to pay for the cost of the license?
7. How much did your police force have to pay to cover the total cost of gun licence applications?

**RESPONSE**

I contacted our Finance Department and Warrants & Firearms Unit for assistance with your request. The Warrants & Firearms Manager was able to provide the following information for Q1-5 and a Finance Officer returned with the other information:

Q - 1, 2, 3 & 4.

<i>Applications received by Firearms Licensing (financial years)</i>				
	<i>Firearms</i>		<i>Shotguns</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>
<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>325</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>1215</i>
<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>1613</i>
<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>1024</i>

<i>Applications received by Firearms Licensing (Calendar years)</i>				
	<i>Firearms</i>		<i>Shotguns</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>
<i>2015</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>391</i>	<i>1116</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>423</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>1694</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>428</i>	<i>1312</i>

<i>Applications Granted by Firearms Licensing (Financial Years)</i>				
	<i>Firearms</i>		<i>Shotguns</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Renewal</i>
<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>325</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>1215</i>
<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>432</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>1609</i>
<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>1022</i>

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<i>2015</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>1111</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>423</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>1692</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>1308</i>

Q5 -

Cost of a Gun License –

<http://southyorkshire.police.uk/about-us/our-organisation/departments/criminal-justice-administration-department/firearms-licensin-1>

Q5, 6 & 7

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
<b>TOTAL COST OF FIREARMS LICENSING DEPARTMENT</b>	£172,057.90	£213,488.91	£154,158.55
<b>LICENSE INCOME</b>	(£146,498.00)	(£141,491.50)	(£102,845.50)
	<b>£25,559.90</b>	<b>£71,997.41</b>	<b>£51,313.05</b>