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NORTH WALES POLICE

Response Date:04/11/2026

2026/1173 - Firearms Licenses

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Application processing times

Please provide the average processing time in calendar days for applications completed during the reporting period for each of the following:

- New shotgun certificate grants 81 days
- New firearm certificate grants 99 days
- Shotgun certificate renewals 61 days
- Firearm certificate renewals 71 days
- Firearm certificate variations 1 for 1 = 12 days Add on 9 days

Where actual average processing times are not recorded, please provide the force's current estimated processing times for each category and, where possible, explain how those estimates are calculated.

Please clearly distinguish between actual recorded averages and estimated waiting/processing times.

2. Application volumes

For each of the five application categories above, please provide:

- Number of applications received between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026

- shotgun certificate grants 137 + 41 co term shotgun grant
- firearm certificate grants 61
- Shotgun certificate renewals 681 + 299 co term renewal
- Firearm certificate renewals 319
- Firearm certificate variations 73 1 for 1, 67 Add on

- Number of applications completed between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026

- shotgun certificate grants 68 + 23 co term shotgun grant
- firearm certificate grants 37
- Shotgun certificate renewals 385 + 190 co term renewal
- Firearm certificate renewals 199
- Firearm certificate variations 68 1 for 1, 63 Add on

- Number of applications awaiting a decision as at 30 September 2026

- shotgun certificate grants 35 + 10 co term shotgun grant
- firearm certificate grants 13
- Shotgun certificate renewals 142 + 66 co term renewal
- Firearm certificate renewals 71
- Firearm certificate variations 1 1 for 1, Add on 0

3. Outstanding applications and backlogs

Please confirm the total number of outstanding shotgun and firearm certificate applications as at 30 September 2026.

Firearm Grant Total 12
- Less than 3 months 5
- 3-6 months 7
- 6-12 months 0
- More than 12 months 0

Firearm Renewal Total 70
- Less than 3 months 39
- 3-6 months 29
- 6-12 months 2
- More than 12 months 0

Shotgun Grant Total 35

- Less than 3 months 24
- 3-6 months 11
- 6-12 months 0
- More than 12 months 0

Shotgun Renewal 141

- Less than 3 months 117
- 3-6 months 24
- 6-12 months 0
- More than 12 months 0

4. Service standards

Please confirm the force's current target processing times for:

- New grants – As per NPCC guidance 120 days
- Renewals - As per NPCC guidance 120 days
- Variations – Force KPI 90 days

Where recorded, please also provide the percentage of applications completed within those target times during the reporting period. – Not recorded

5. Online and postal applications

Please confirm whether the force currently accepts online applications for:

- New grants – Yes
- Renewals – Yes
- Variations – Yes

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