

FOI 14364 Increased fees for firearms licenses

Request:

1. Will your police force/constabulary be ring-fencing the extra income from the latest firearms licensing fee increase to the firearms licensing functions?
2. What improvements will you be asking the Chief constable to make to streamline the system and reduce delays in grant and renewal?
3. Will you be looking to ensure the chief constable recruits additional staff to reduce backlogs and provide better service, even to those who are under suitability review?

Schedule of Response Information:

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) holds part of the information requested. Please see the information below.

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Searches were conducted to locate information relevant to your request. This is to inform you that I cannot identify any recorded information held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that satisfied this part of your request. We do not hold this information as no decision has been made at this time.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 only requires the provision of recorded information and does not oblige a public authority to create information in order to comply with a request.

2. What improvements will you be asking the Chief constable to make to streamline the system and reduce delays in grant and renewal?

The Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to closely monitor the performance of the Firearms and Explosives Licensing Unit however the Chief Constable, by law, has unfettered operational independence and it is not within the remit of the Police and Crime Commissioner to instruct the Chief Constable on how to run Devon and Cornwall Police.

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If you wish to understand how the Chief Constable will be operating the Firearms and Explosives Licensing Unit, then you can make a Freedom of Information request directly to Devon and Cornwall Police via the following link: [Request information about the police | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)



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