



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2567
We received your request on the 09/04/2024.

Request

You asked us:

1) The total number (headcount) of firearms officers employed by the force as of:

- a) 31 March 2022
- b) 31 March 2023
- c) 31 March 2024

2a) The number (headcount) of firearms officers who voluntarily surrendered their ticket/accreditation to carry firearms within the financial year 2022/23, but remained in service with the force

2b) For each instance, please list the month it was surrendered, the reason and whether the individual has since returned to holding a ticket/accreditation

3a) The number (headcount) of firearms officers who voluntarily surrendered their ticket/accreditation to carry firearms within the financial year 2023/24, but remained in service with the force

3b) For each instance, please list the month it was surrendered, the reason and whether the individual has since returned to holding a ticket/accreditation NB These numbers should include all firearms officers, whether or not they are operationally deployable. If one firearms officer happened to volunteer their ticket more than once in a financial year, please count this as one for questions 2a and 3a, but list the circumstances separately in questions 2b and 3b.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Question 1

Date	Headcount of Firearms Officers
31 st March 2022	148
31 st March 2023	129
31 st March 2024	116

Question 2

One officer surrendered their accreditation and has not returned to holding it.

Question 3

Two officers surrendered their accreditation and have not returned to holding it.

Due to the low numbers and likelihood of the information identifying and disclosing personal information about individuals, the remaining information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.