

Pre-release access to Firearm and shotgun certificates in England and Wales, financial year ending 31 March 2015



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Colleagues given access to early drafts and provisional data for quality assurance purposes

In addition to staff responsible for the production and publication of the statistics, the following colleagues had access to early drafts and provisional data for quality assurance purposes:

- Grade 7s (2) and SEO, Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit
- Central Administrator of National Firearms Licensing Management System

Colleagues given access to the finalised publication, embargoed, for information (24 hours in advance of publication)

In addition to staff responsible for the production and publication of the statistics, the following Home Office colleagues had access to the finalised publication to allow Ministers and their officials to respond completely when questions arose at the time of release:

- Home Secretary
- Special Advisers (3)
- Principal Private Secretary to Home Secretary
- Private Secretary to Home Secretary
- Home Secretary's Policy Advisor
- Minister for Policing, Crime and Criminal Justice and Victims
- Private Secretary to Minister for Policing, Crime and Criminal Justice and Victims
- Lords Minister
- Permanent Secretary
- Assistant Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary
- Director General, Crime and Policing Group
- Head of Unit, Grade 7s (2) and SEOs (2), Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit
- Central Administrator of National Firearms Licensing Management System
- Senior Information Officer and Press Officer, Community Safety Desk

The finalised publication was also shared with the following colleagues in the National Police Chiefs' Council:

- Lead on Firearms and Explosives Licensing
- Press Officer