

UPDATE

GP firearm checks - temporary measures for Covid-19

Police Scotland Firearms Licensing temporary measures for COVID-19

Police Scotland have reviewed their COVID-19 interim processes with regard to the grant and renewal of firearms applications.

We continue to accept a minimal amount of new grant applications for Firearms and Shotguns and are processing only those for essential employment purposes.

We are progressing all renewal enquiries and would seek to contact local GP practices where necessary.

Where practices have capacity to complete the GP response form, Police Scotland would appreciate if they could continue to do so. This will enable Police Scotland to manage this process without retrospective enquiry with GPs and support GP practices post COVID-19 by reducing the backlog that will develop. Individual participation is at the practice's discretion. If you are unable to complete the requested GP response form at this time, arrangements will be made to follow up in the future.

GPs should continue to contact Firearms Licensing where they identify any concerns in respect of their patients. Firearms Licensing continues to be a critical function for Police Scotland at this time.