

Response

In response to your recent FOI request relating to fixed odds betting terminals I am able to provide you with the following information.

Page 6 of our [Industry Statistics](#) publication provides an overview of gaming machines within all sectors and the GGY generated of each machine type by year, you will also find other sector specific information regarding gaming machines within the publication. The Gambling Commission became responsible for the regulation of betting operators in September 2007 when the Gambling Act 2005 came into force. We started to collect information from operators from late 2008 onwards so we do not hold information dating back further than the above.

In relation to your third question on the number of betting shops that have opened in Sheffield since 2002. As of September 2007 Licensing authorities have been responsible for the licensing of individual premises and therefore hold information relating to new betting premises licences granted. We publish information submitted by local authorities on a monthly basis in relation to the current stage of applications of gambling premises. This information can be found on our website in the following link. <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/Find-licensees.aspx>. It will not help you to track the number of betting shops in Sheffield over the period, but you might find the information about applications relevant nevertheless.

The monthly extracts from the live database are not retained by the commission however you may find the link below useful as it contains a number of historic extracts that that were created for various reasons between 2009 and 2015. https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/all_previous_premises_license_da#incoming-611361

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners' Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. To assist you with this request I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. I would like to know:

The total number of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals in the UK broken down by year since 2002.

The total annual gaming yield of these machines broken down by year since 2002.

The total number of licensed betting shops that have opened in Sheffield broken down by year since 2002.

I would be grateful of assistance under section 16 of the Act to ensure, for example, that my request does not breach the cost limit for the provision of free information. If this is the case, I would appreciate guidance so that I can adjust my request accordingly, or not proceed with some elements of it.

I have applied for this information because it is my understanding that it is not already in the public domain. If I am incorrect please could you confirm the information is available elsewhere and where I can acquire it.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material.