

Firearms Licensing

2026/27 Quarter 1



Guidance Notes

This data relates to the previous 12 months leading up to 30 June 2026.

All data is taken directly from the National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS) and the measures and metrics seen within the report are created using this data within Power BI.

All of the metrics are based on the date the application was completed within the last 12 calendar months, and only includes grant and renewal data for shotguns, firearms and Registered Firearms Dealers (RFDs). Some metrics update daily and are correct as of the day the report is produced rather than the last day of the previous completed full month, but these are not performance metrics.

Excluded from the data are any applications that were withdrawn, or where an application is received and completed in the same day, known as a 1-day turn around. A 1-day turn around includes re-prints for lost or stolen certificates and the issuing of temporary permits, which dilutes a true average turnaround time of forces.

The following metrics are correct on the day the report is run.

- Total certificates
- Total open applications in NFLMS / Outstanding applications
- Oldest application date

The renewals due data is based on the expiry date of existing certificates but is specifically based on the number of individuals due for renewal, not the number of certificates that are due.

On the bottom right and left of the forces page, the blue bars show how many applications have been completed within a specific calendar month, and the red line shows how many of those applications completed were done so within 4 months of the application being received. Where there is no red line for a month, it means that there were no applications completed within 4 months during that period.

The NPCC Firearms Licensing Portfolio expects all forces to place firearm, shotgun and RFD grant and renewal applications onto NFLMS within a few days after receipt to ensure accurate recording of data. Equally, NFLMS should only be updated to show 'granted' when the new certificate is ready for print and onward forwarding to the applicant.

A national project is now underway to design and develop a new system for firearms licensing. This will be known as the National Firearms Licensing Portal (NFLP) and amongst many benefits, will significantly improve the production and delivery of management information.



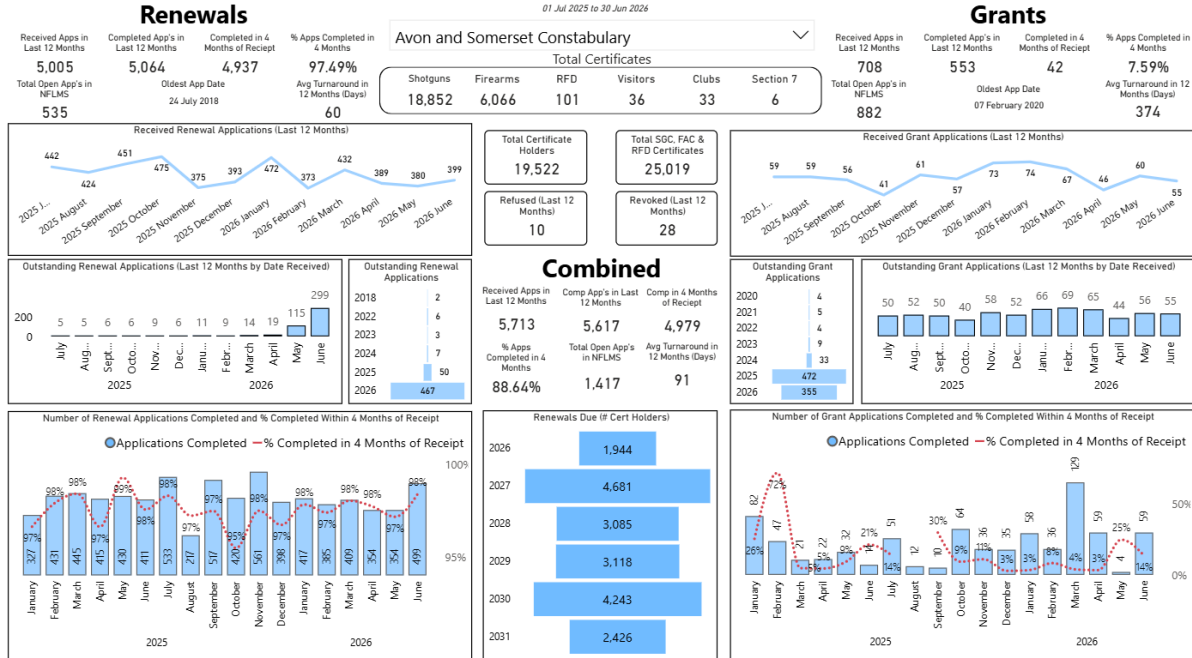
Headlines

Application Force Name	Total Certificate Holders	Total Shotgun, Firearms and RFD Certificates	Applications Received in 12 Months (Grants & Renewals)	Completed in Last 12 Months (Grants & Renewals)	Completed within SLA (Grants & Renewals)	Percentage Completed within SLA (Grants & Renewals)	Percentage Completed within SLA (Grants)	Percentage Completed within SLA (Renewals)	Temporary Permits
Avon & Somerset	19522	25019	5713	5617	4979	88.64%	7.59%	97.49%	6
Bedfordshire	4495	5422	1340	1312	503	38.34%	33.33%	38.73%	173
Cambridgeshire	8813	10821	2758	2643	1128	42.68%	42.75%	42.67%	276
Cheshire	9555	1188	2337	2317	2293	98.96%	95.59%	99.69%	3
City of London	31	36	7	10	6	60.00%	75.00%	50.00%	0
Cleveland	2759	3713	739	733	697	95.09%	80.85%	98.48%	0
Cumbria	7904	10704	2333	2444	2383	97.50%	91.01%	98.61%	2
Derbyshire	10859	13794	3059	3097	2993	96.64%	98.34%	96.33%	0
Devon & Cornwall	24656	33454	7733	7296	6112	83.77%	26.40%	93.09%	0
Dorset	8409	11126	2386	2185	757	34.65%	23.64%	35.23%	1
Durham	4876	6683	1184	807	376	46.59%	13.08%	51.71%	175
Dyfed-Powys	12047	16167	3280	3305	3121	94.43%	82.09%	97.12%	5
Essex	17609	21562	4067	3262	2640	80.93%	36.59%	86.59%	211
Gloucestershire	9420	11704	2411	2395	1941	81.04%	9.22%	91.06%	6
GMP	5813	7402	1714	1474	1305	88.53%	78.72%	91.51%	2
Gwent	4323	5618	1521	1150	810	70.43%	20.59%	75.29%	0
Hampshire	18541	22668	4533	3888	2764	71.09%	24.37%	79.47%	20
Hertfordshire	7339	8857	2194	2227	1093	49.08%	39.57%	50.20%	206
Humberside	7999	9677	2380	2381	844	35.45%	6.47%	40.80%	1007
Kent	18174	22834	4453	4714	4355	92.38%	71.41%	96.19%	0
Lancashire	10333	13087	2823	2540	2138	84.17%	20.80%	96.84%	0
Leicestershire	9882	11931	2583	2373	1990	83.86%	16.35%	94.31%	0
Lincolnshire	11620	15014	3755	2992	2841	94.95%	71.53%	98.91%	3
Merseyside	2762	3489	696	724	715	98.76%	95.11%	100.00%	4
Met Police	19032	21963	4988	5167	3305	63.96%	11.40%	78.56%	9
Norfolk	16942	21074	4821	4232	2036	48.11%	16.78%	50.43%	11
North Wales	8948	11380	2446	2646	2228	84.20%	67.32%	87.04%	2
North Yorkshire	16888	22733	4302	4551	4099	90.07%	42.68%	98.15%	19
Northamptonshire	8475	10508	2103	1995	1426	71.48%	38.55%	76.74%	88
Northumbria	7686	10385	2543	1963	348	17.73%	6.35%	18.51%	182
Nottinghamshire	7126	8737	2058	1988	1863	93.71%	80.59%	96.08%	1
South Wales	5138	6822	1475	1485	1080	72.73%	25.99%	81.16%	0
South Yorkshire	7231	9181	1962	1764	1631	92.46%	78.57%	96.80%	0
Staffordshire	12410	15008	3439	3040	1614	53.09%	37.92%	56.51%	248
Suffolk	13252	16807	3871	3568	871	24.41%	10.38%	24.84%	52
Surrey	10953	11845	2725	2203	424	19.25%	20.05%	19.09%	193
Sussex	16233	21099	5007	4444	1164	26.19%	28.21%	25.84%	141
TVP	21929	26666	5383	5080	4638	91.30%	85.07%	92.61%	11
Warwickshire	7236	9090	2174	1317	657	49.89%	22.31%	52.68%	194
West Mercia	22795	29226	5365	6296	4634	73.60%	19.96%	89.70%	24
West Midlands	6981	8294	1885	1666	568	34.09%	10.71%	40.00%	167
West Yorkshire	9389	11905	2558	2908	1308	44.98%	30.81%	49.59%	3
Wiltshire	12221	15439	3313	3480	2750	79.02%	28.28%	92.87%	4

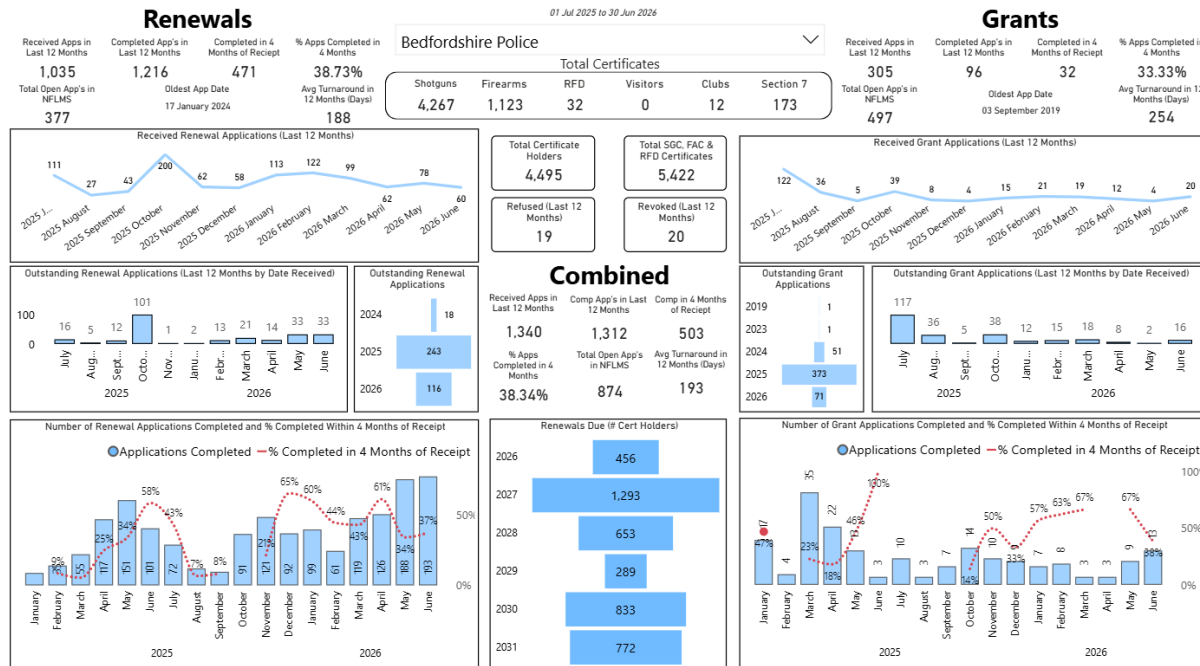


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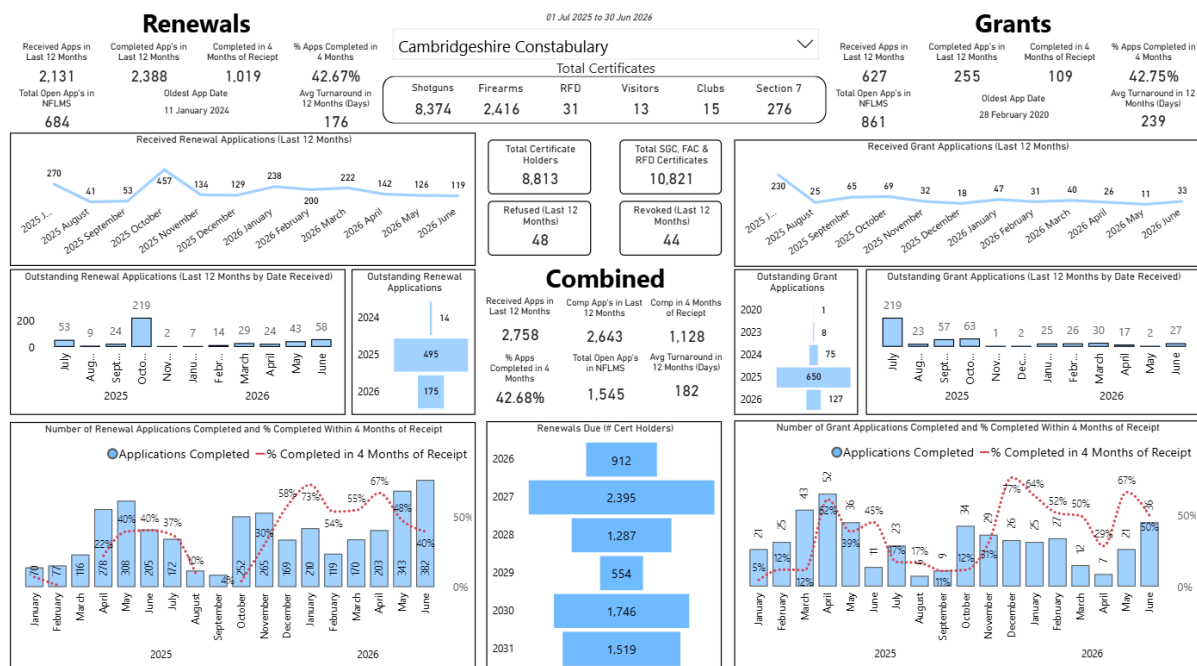
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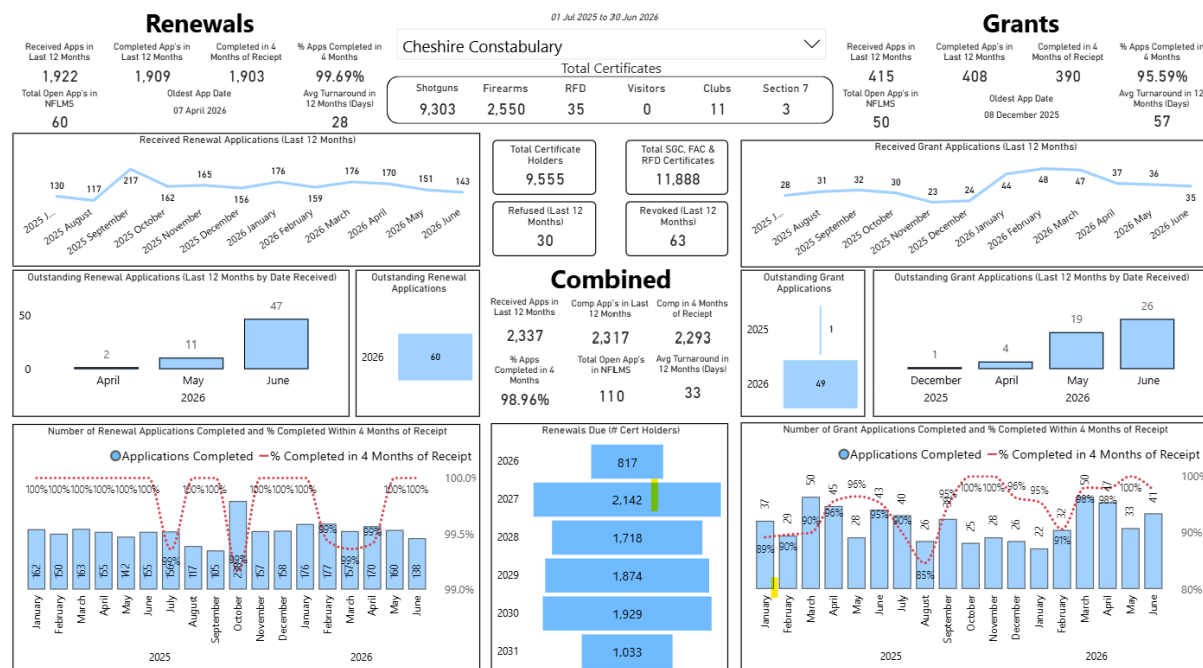
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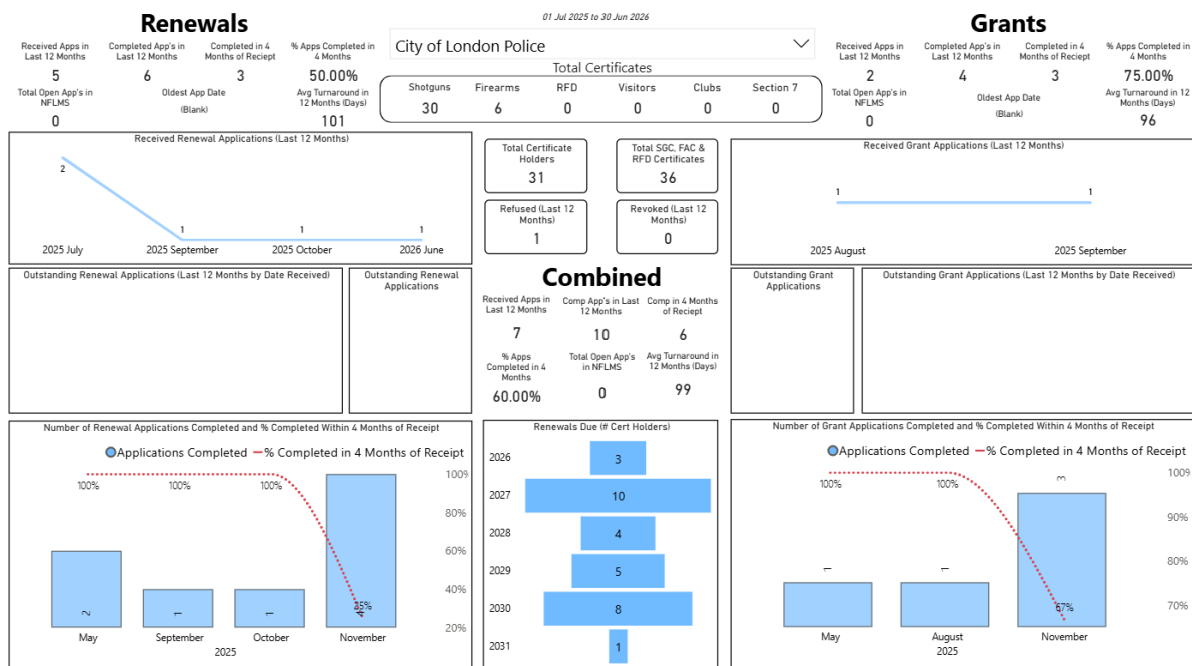
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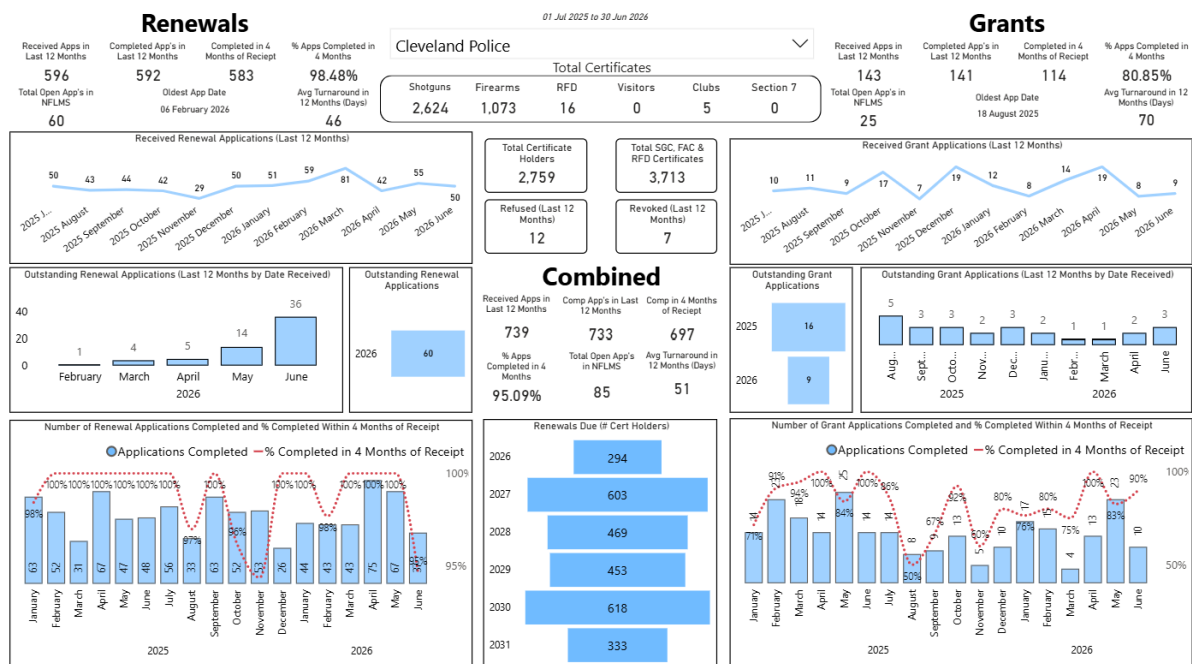
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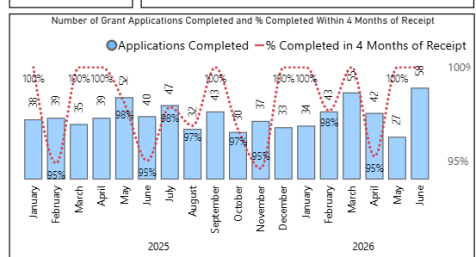


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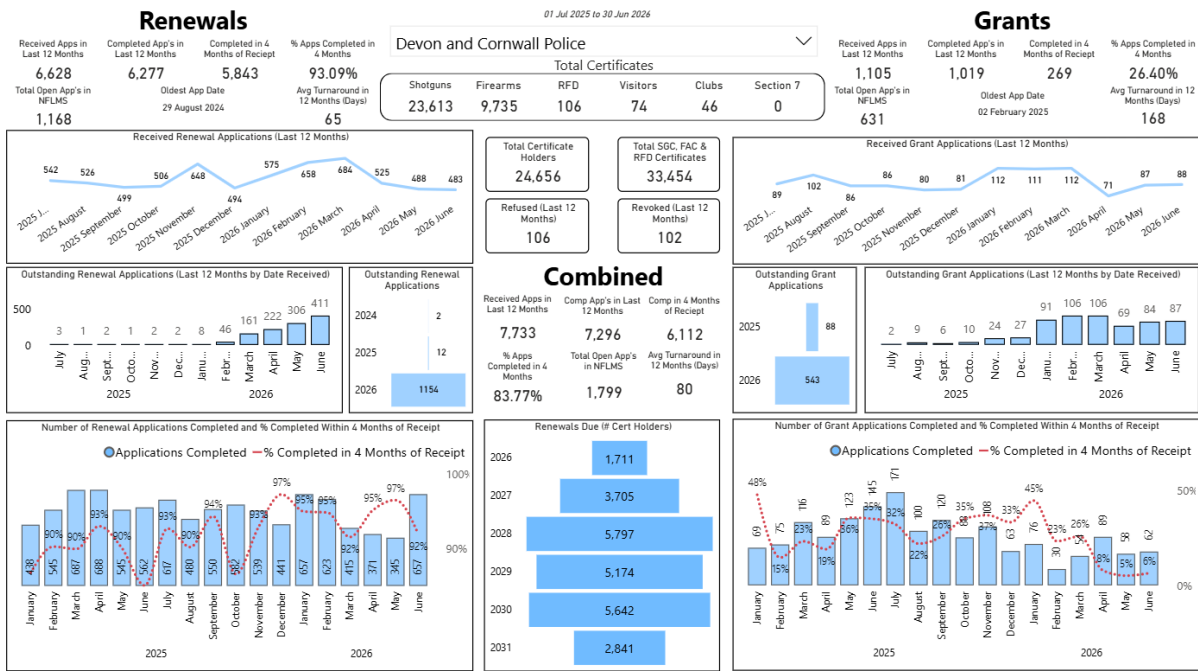


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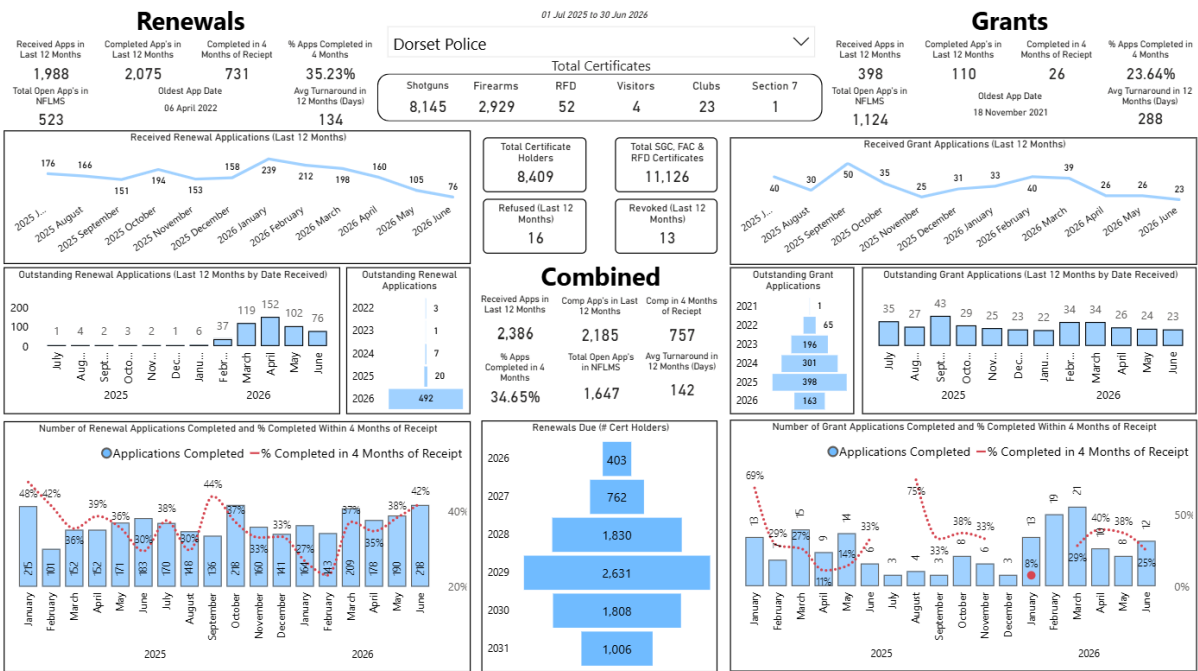
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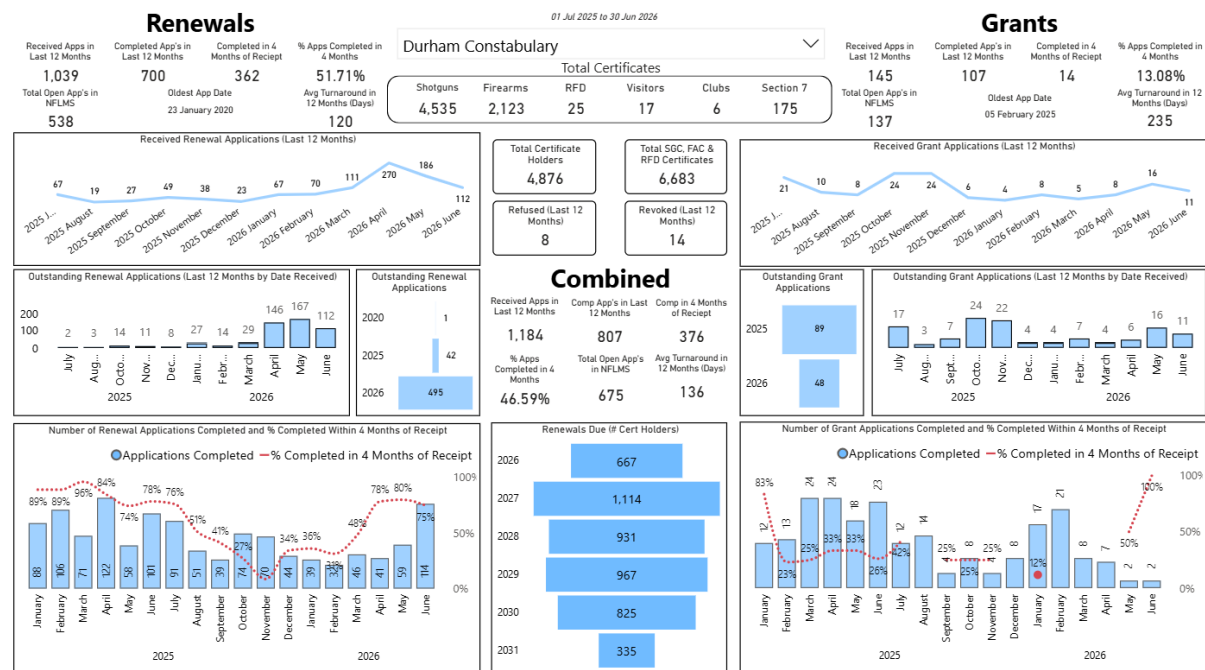
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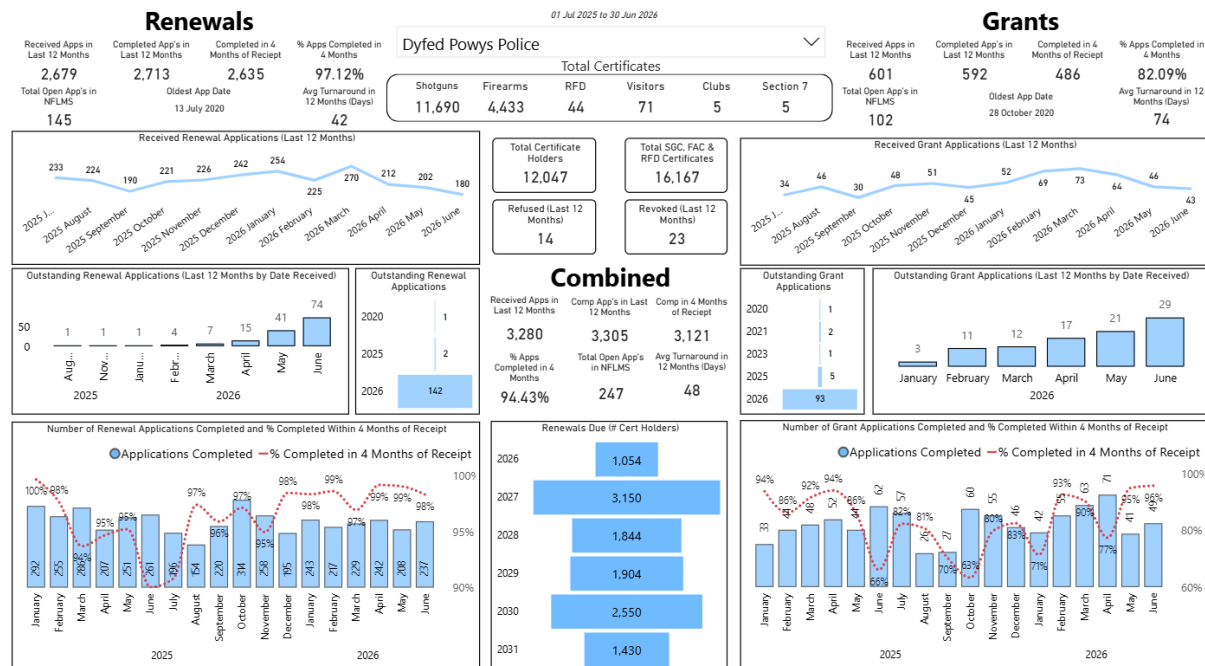
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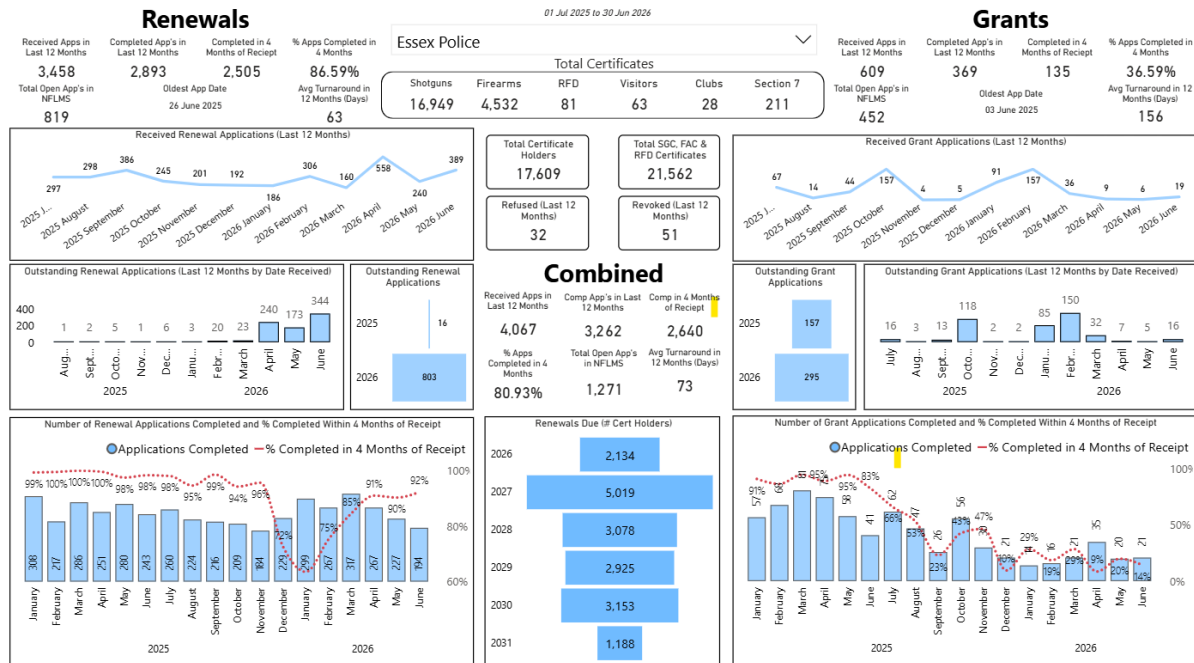
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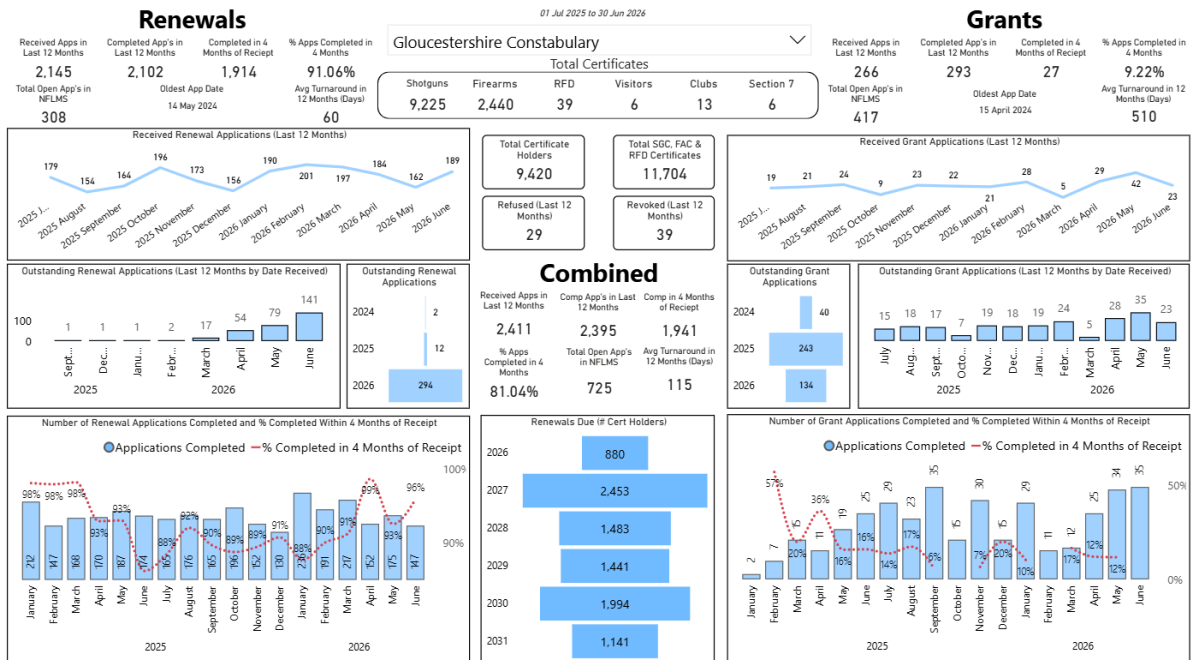
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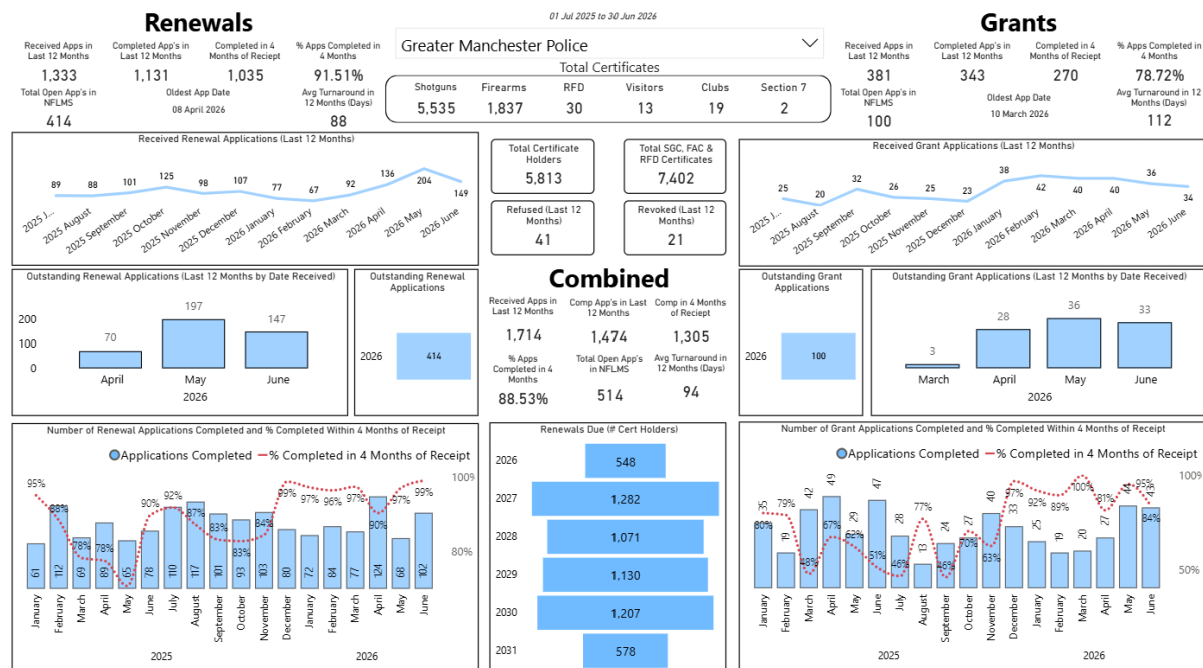
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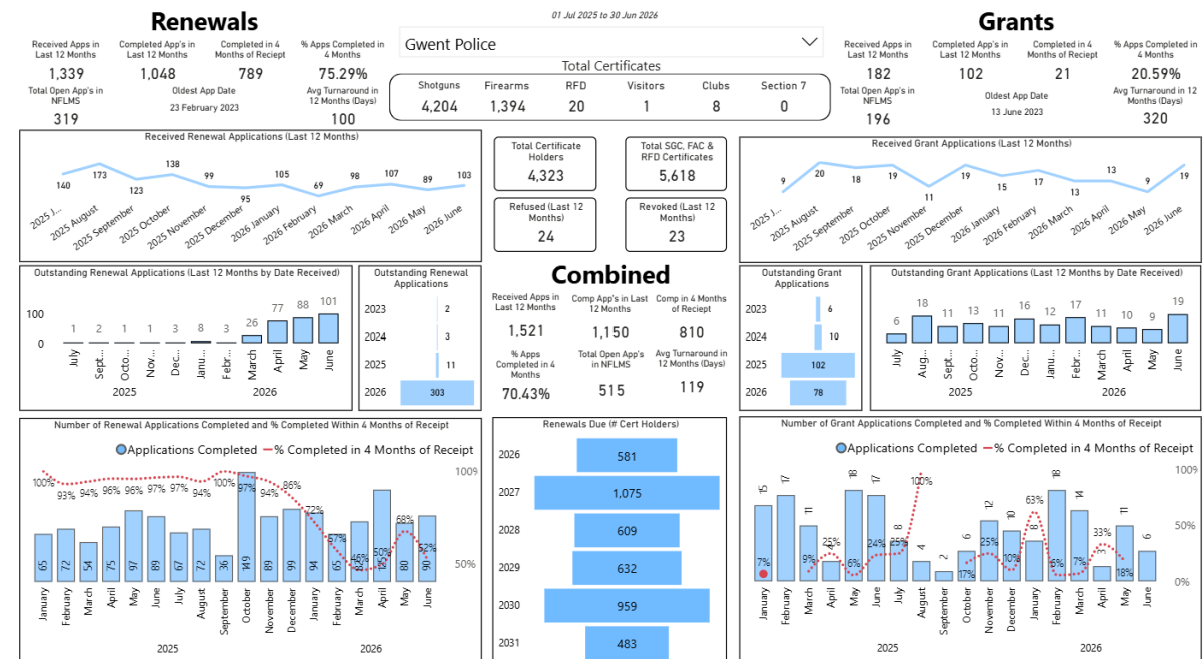
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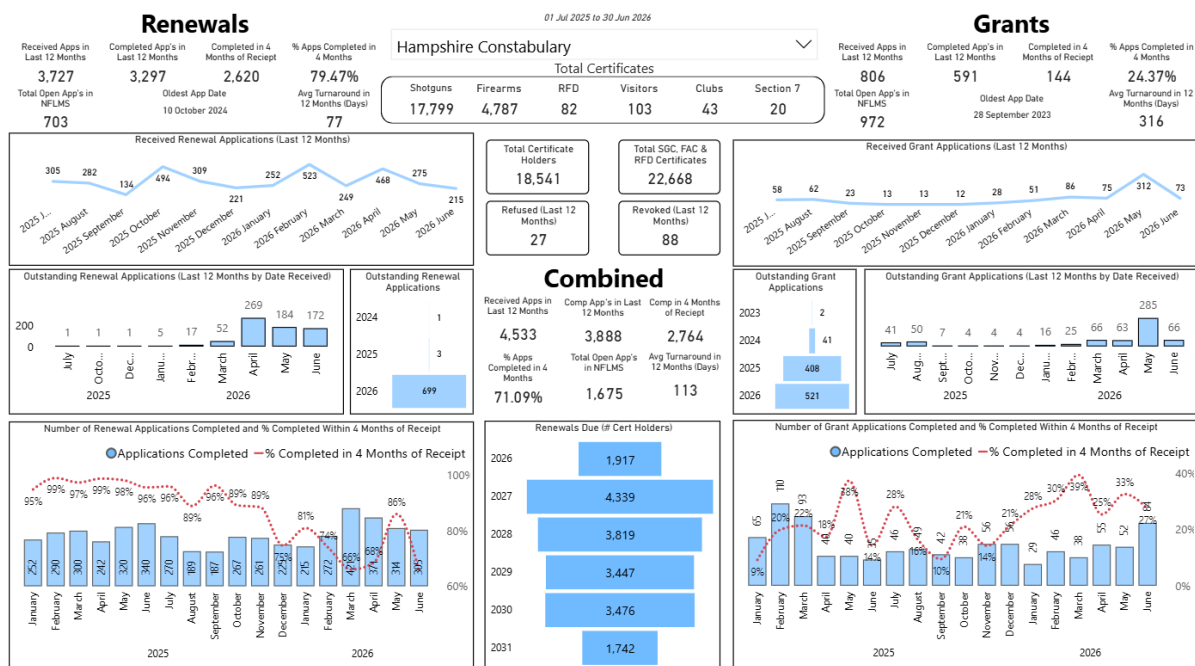
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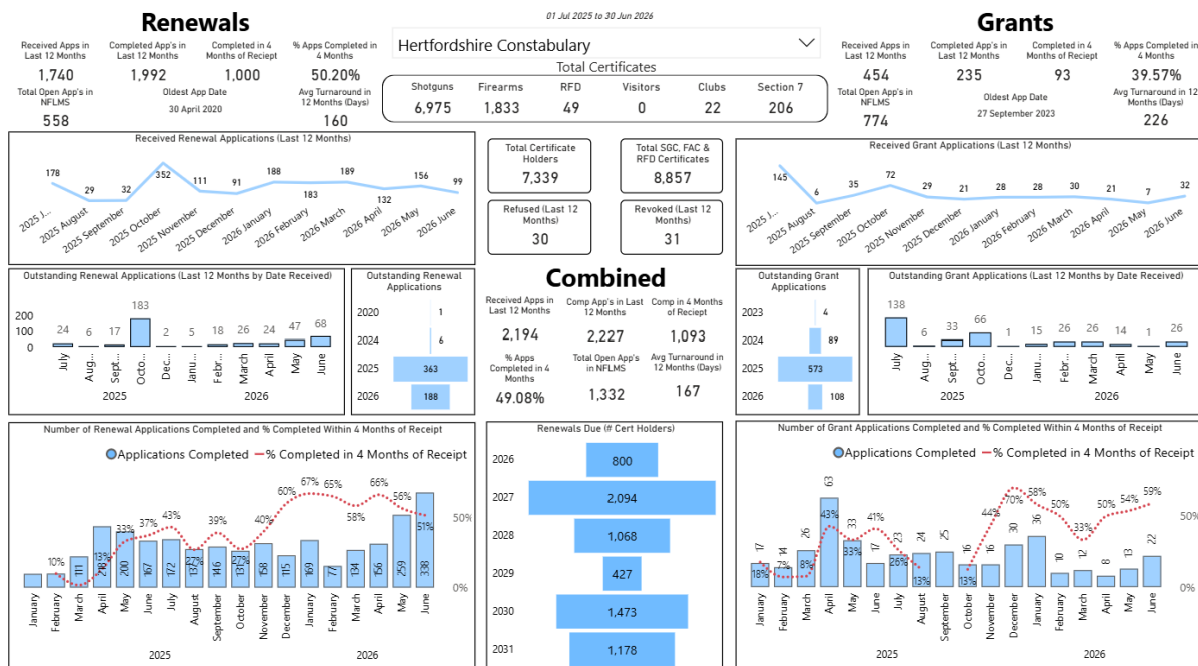
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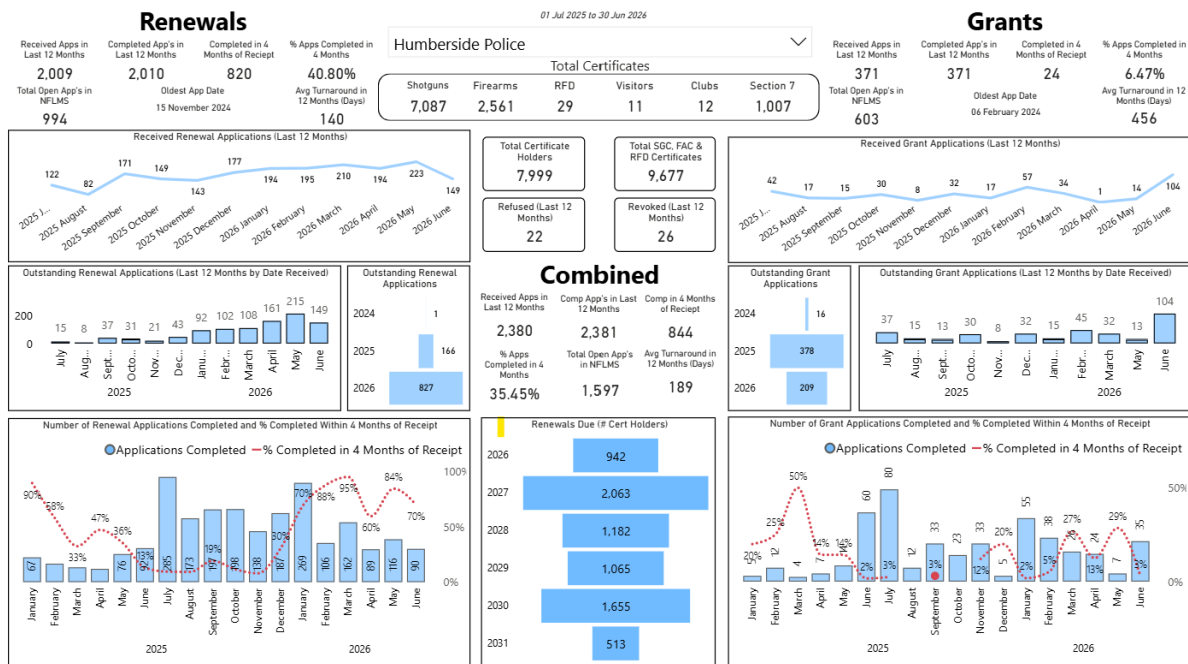
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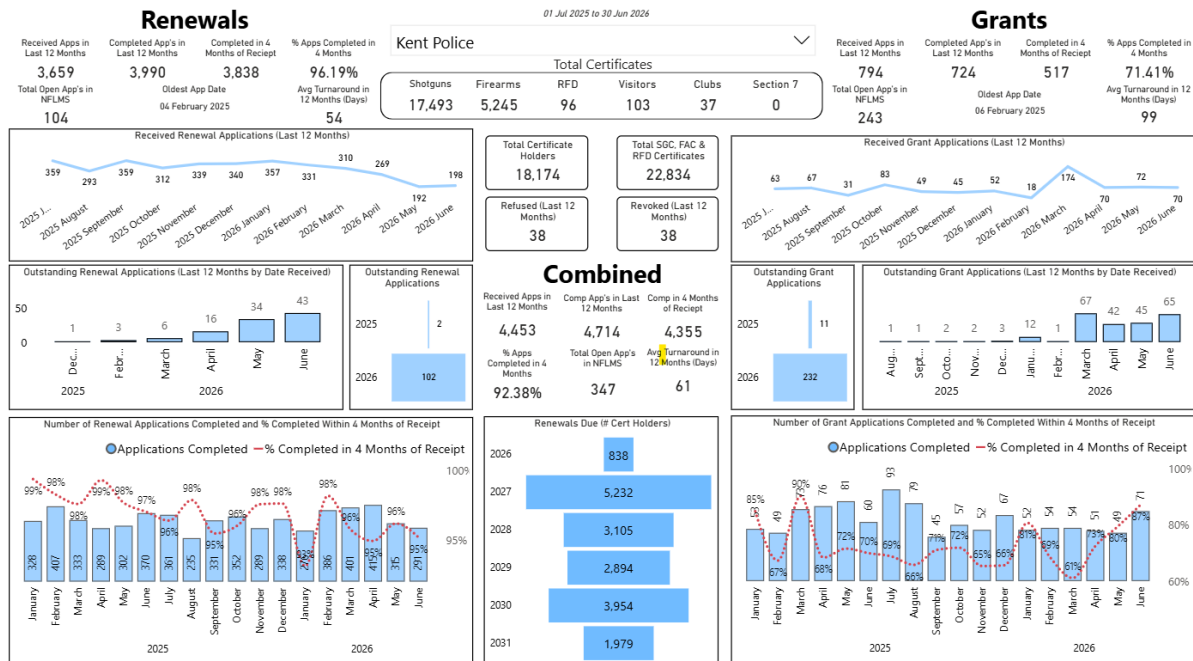
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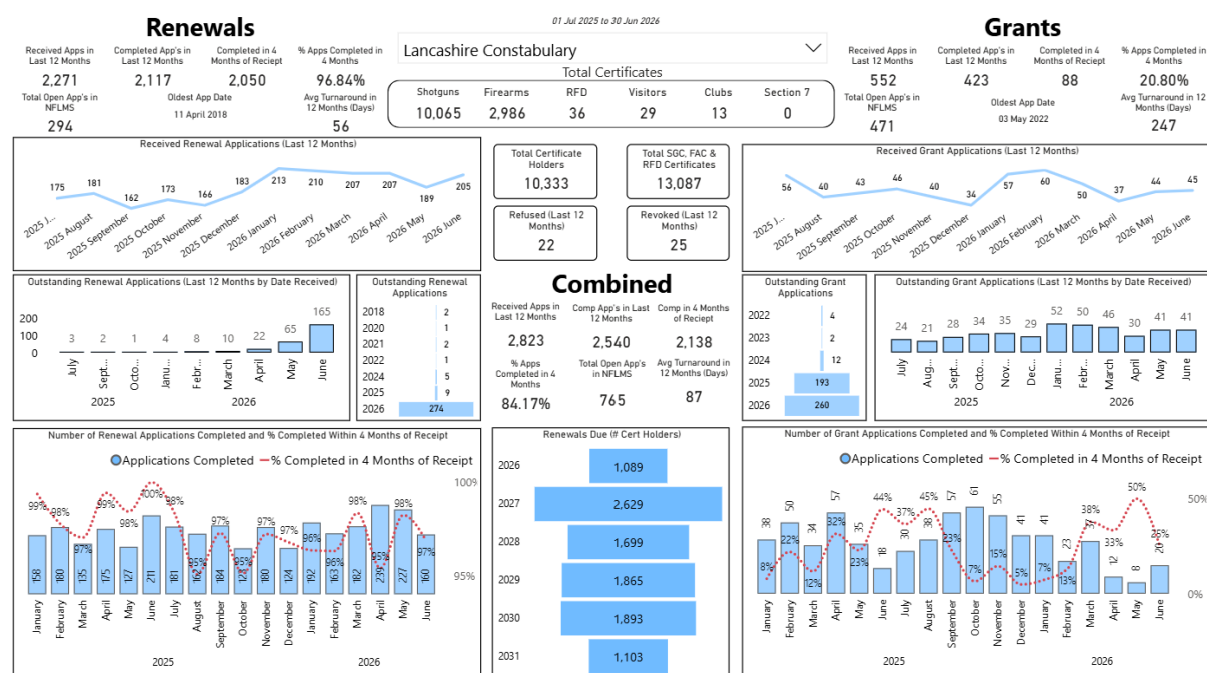
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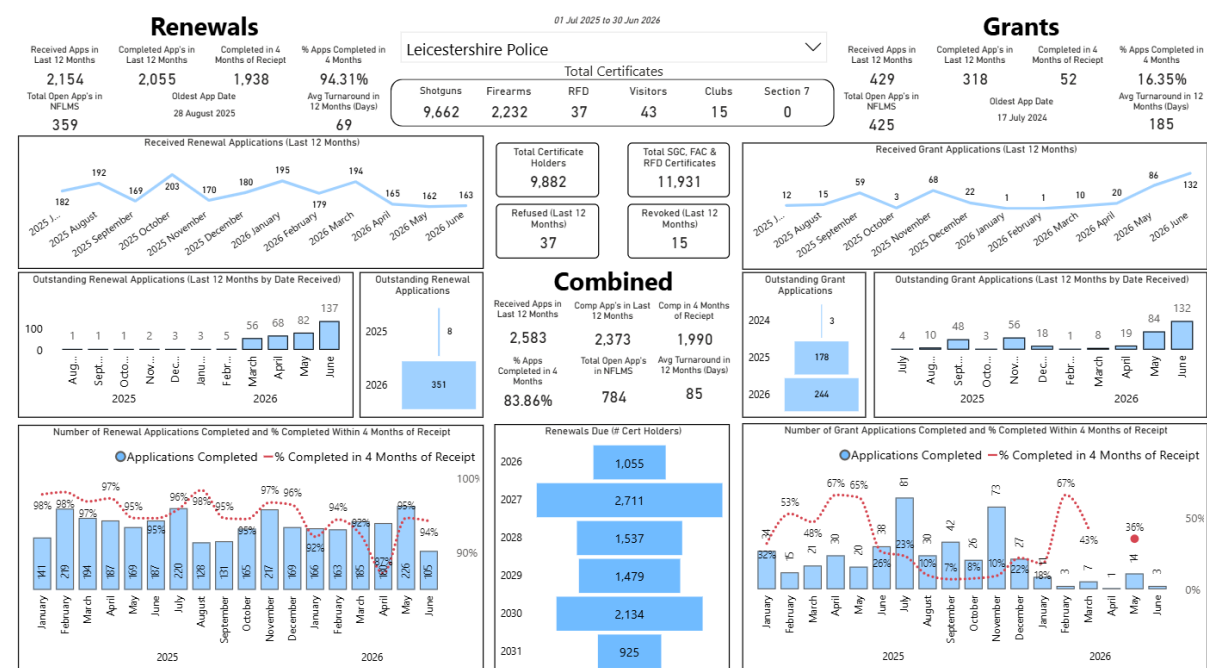
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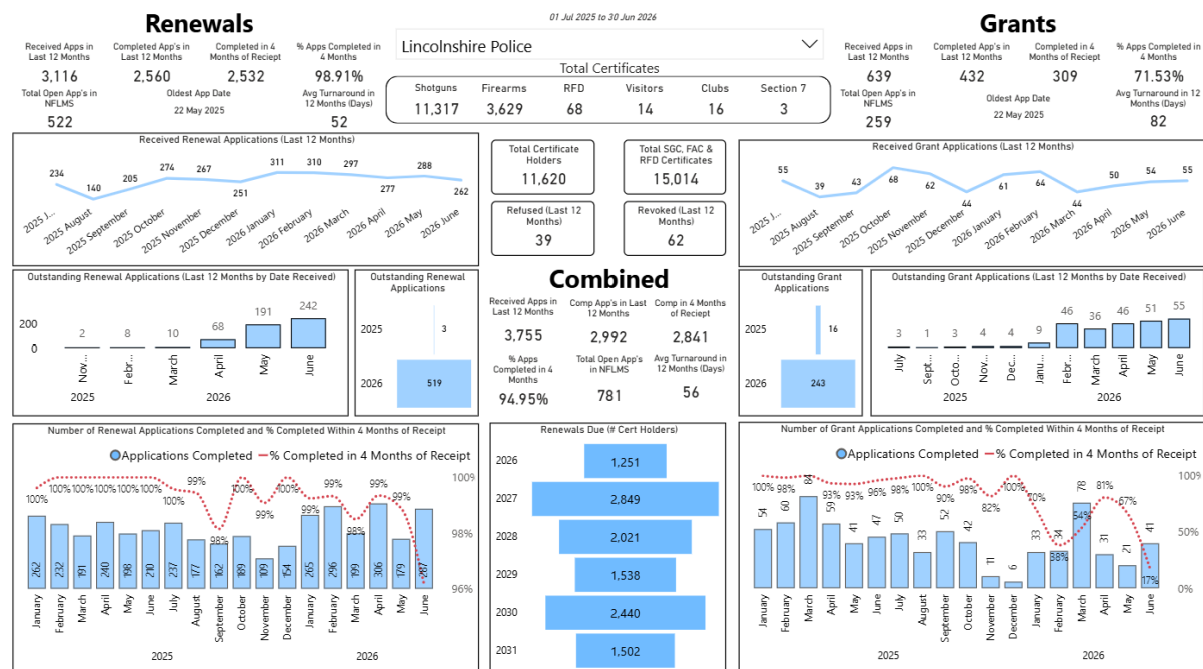


Please note for transparency that Leicestershire have confirmed previous delays adding grant applications to NFLMS.

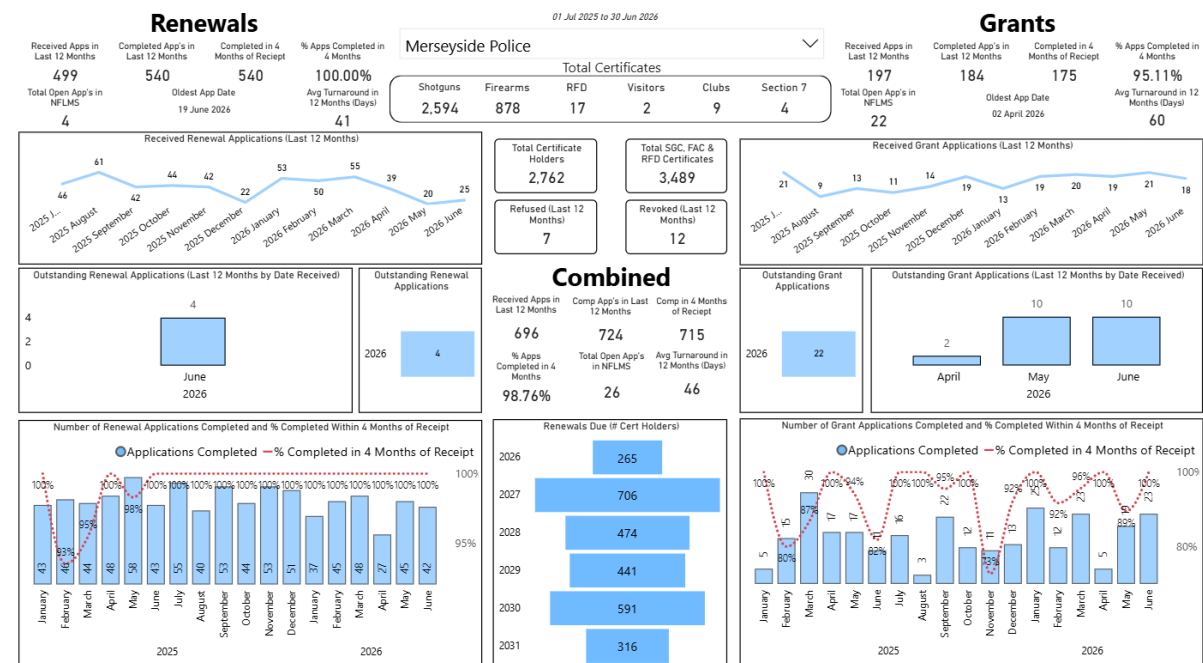
As of 23 July 2026, the Licensing Manager confirms this has now been rectified and is now aligned to NPCC expectations.



Lincolnshire



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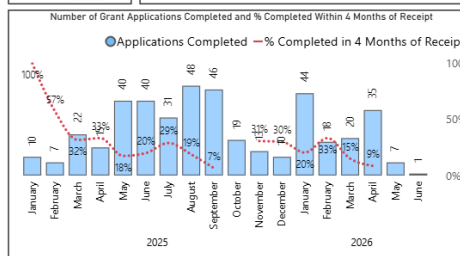


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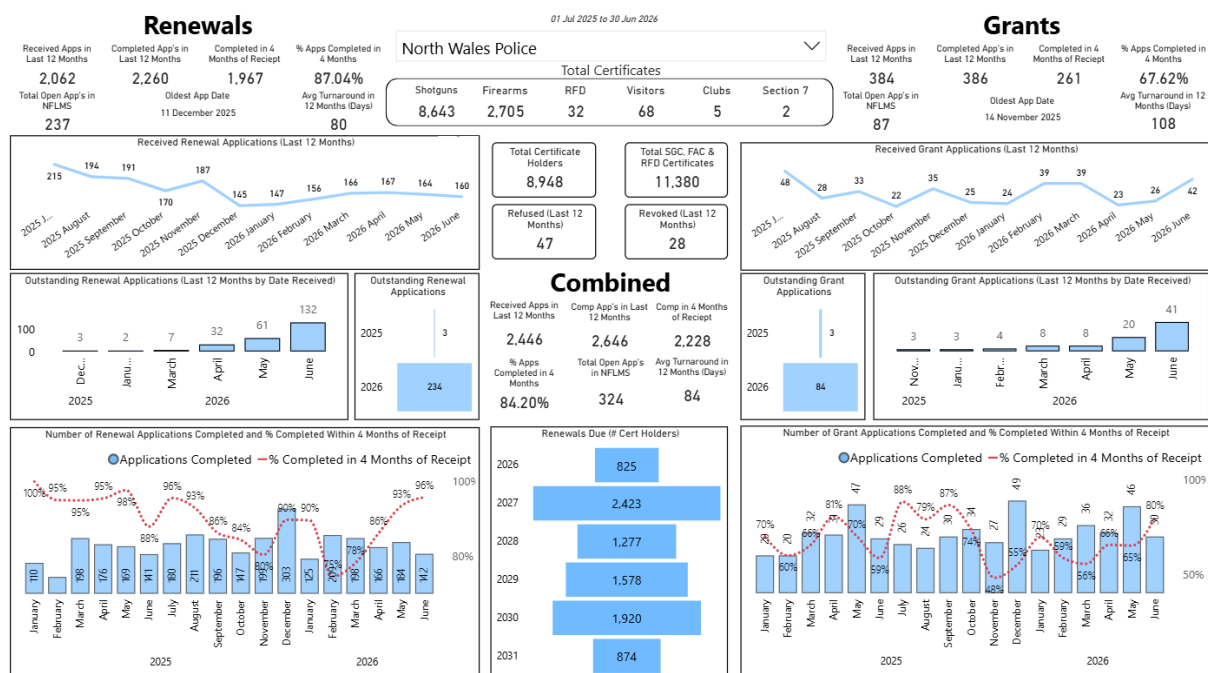
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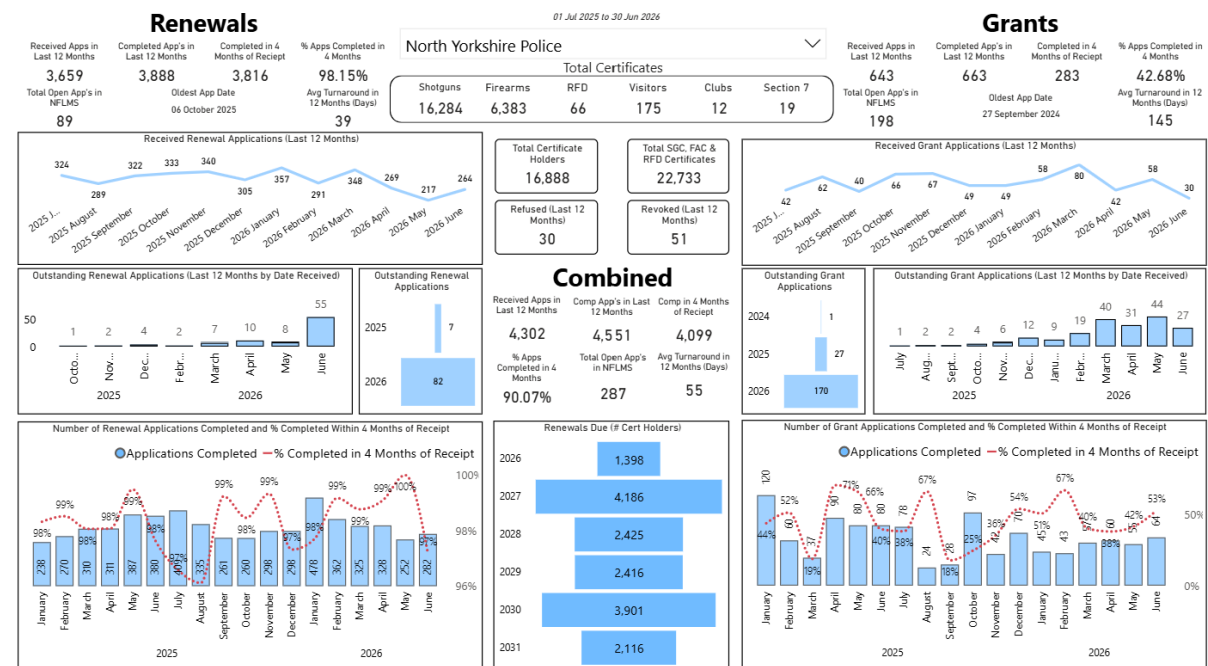
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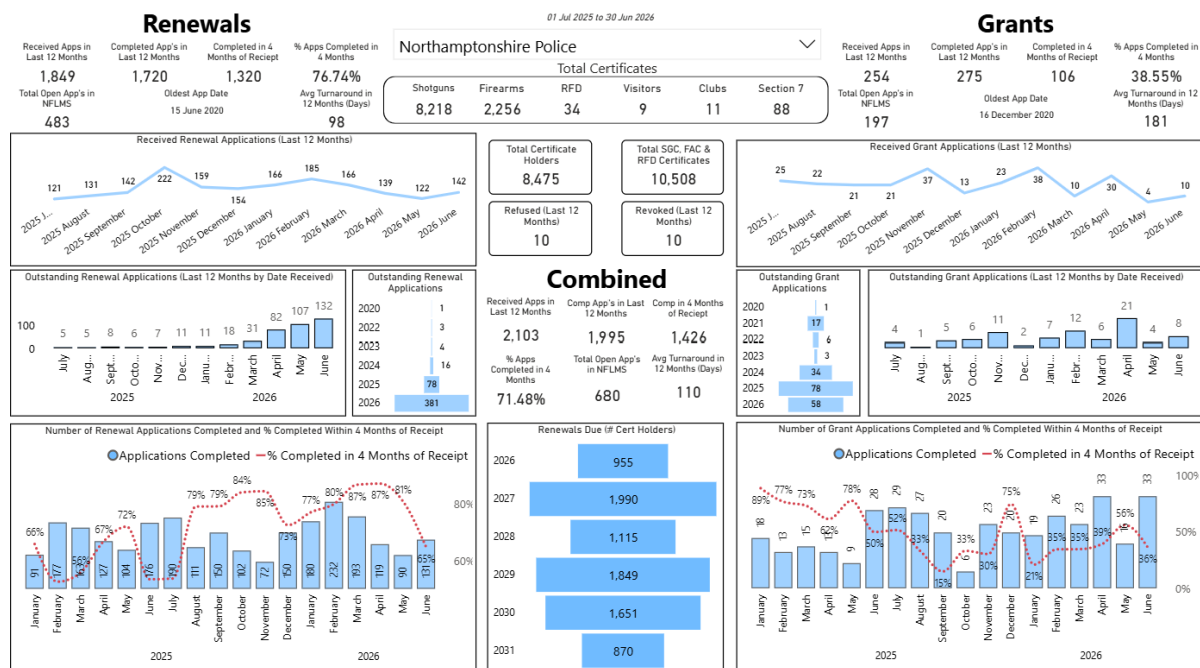
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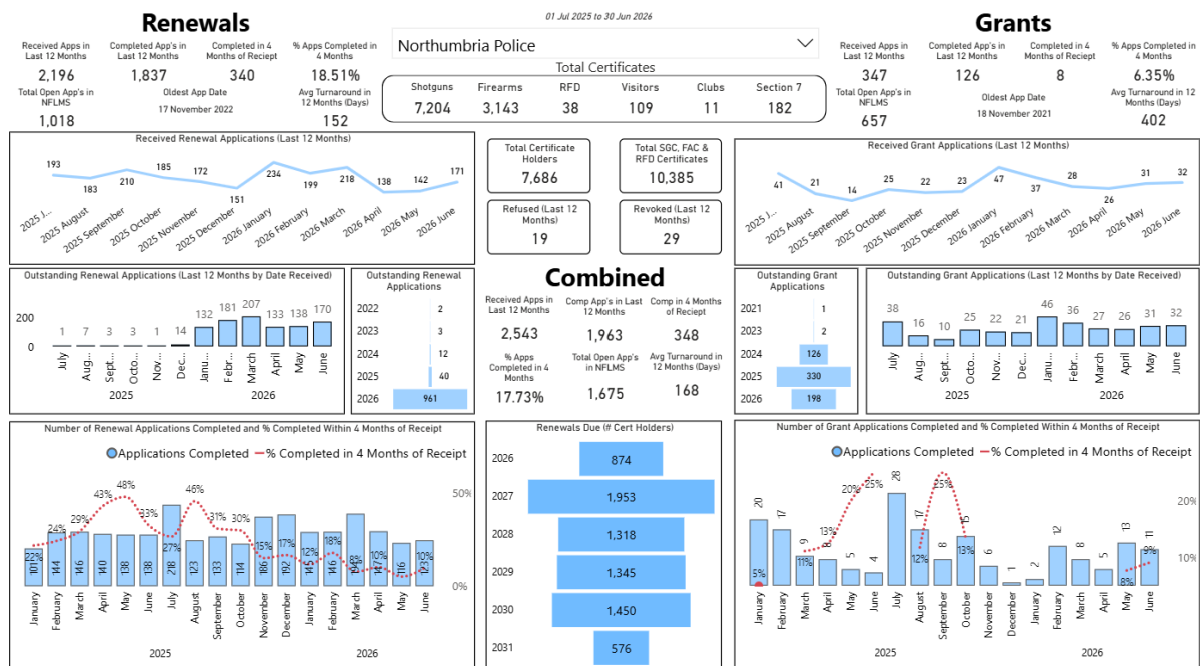
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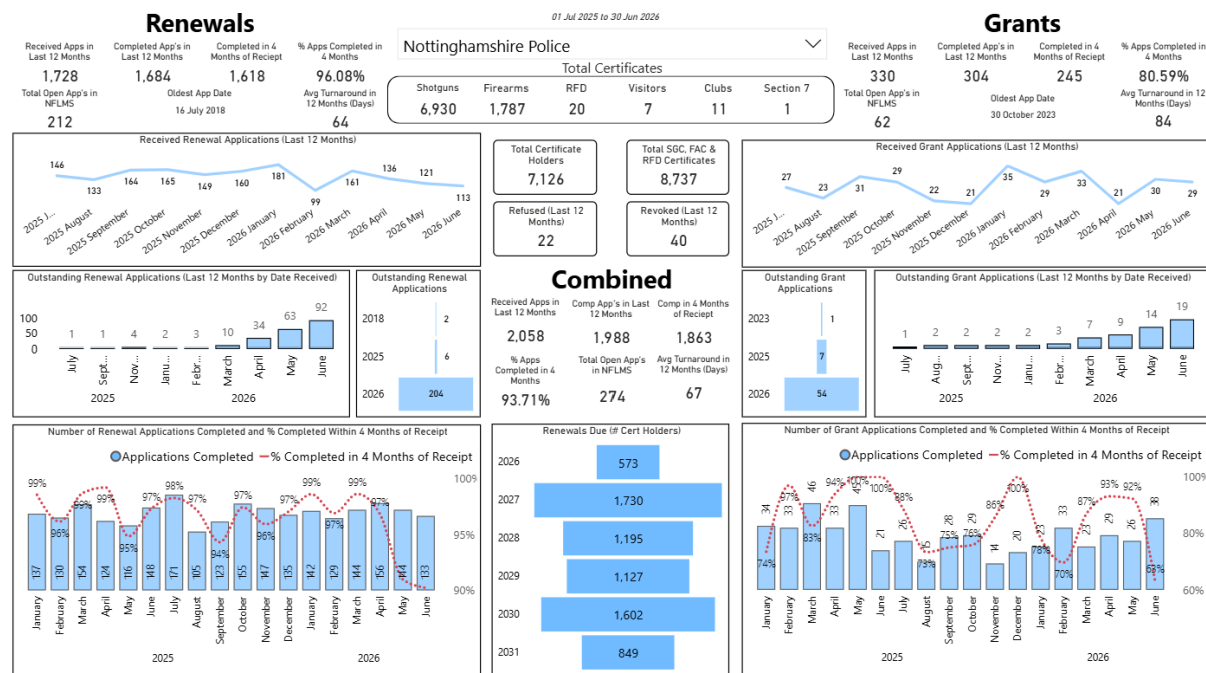
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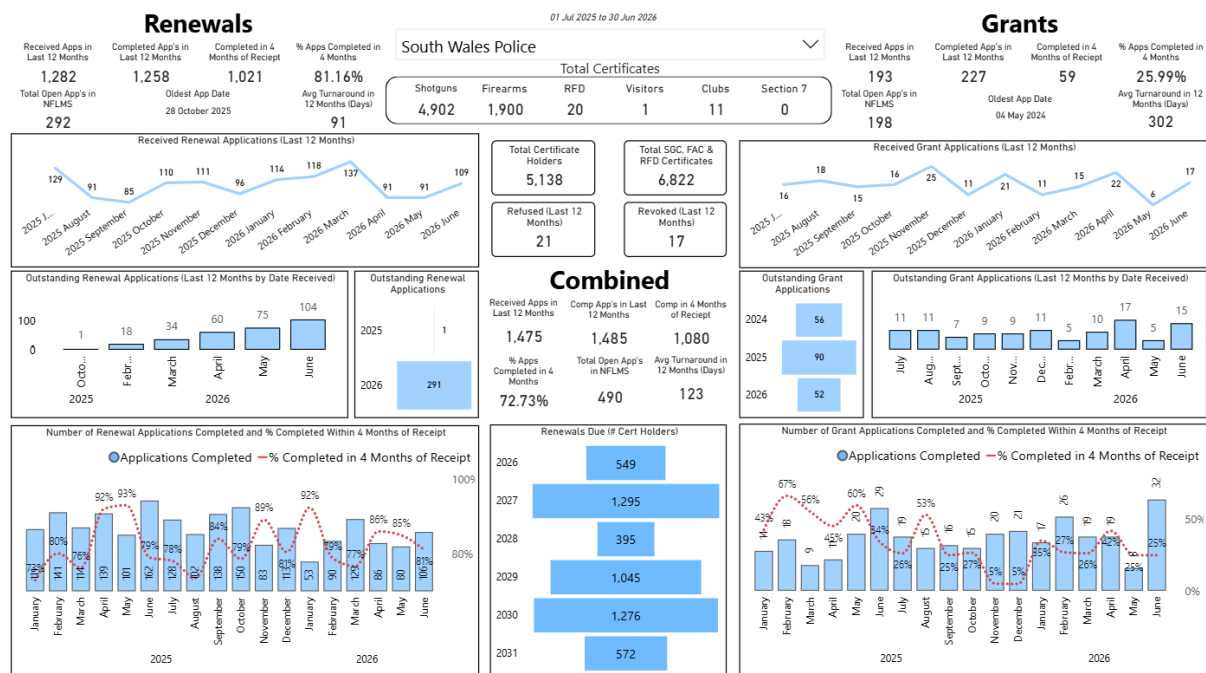
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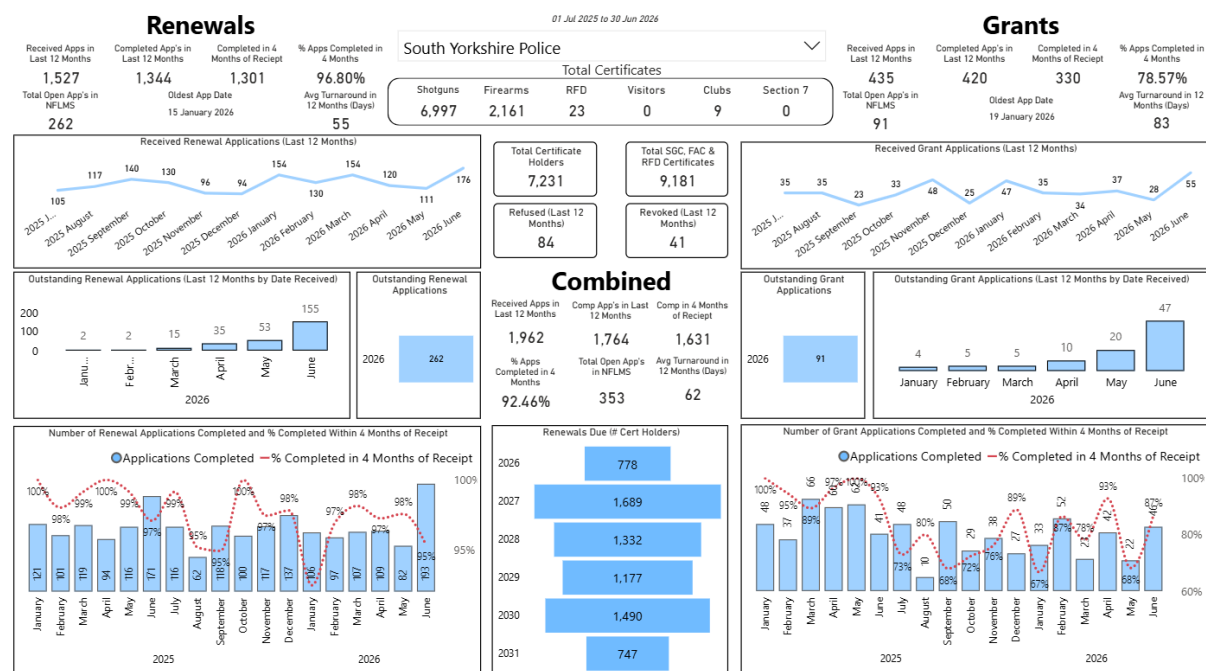
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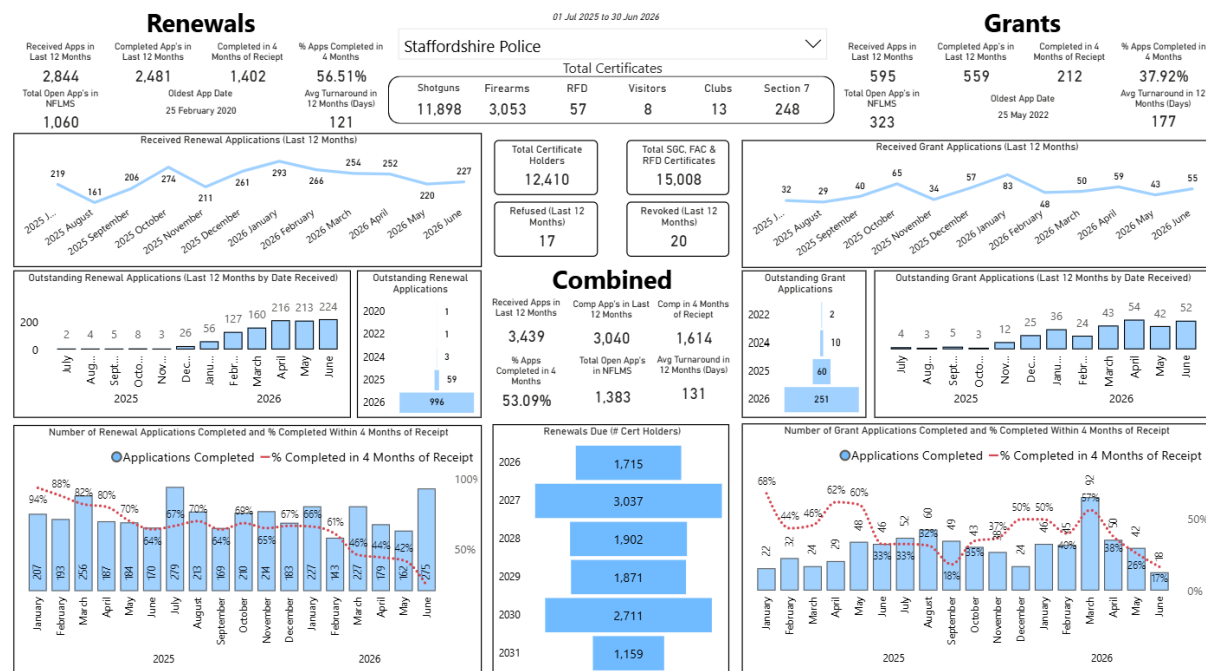
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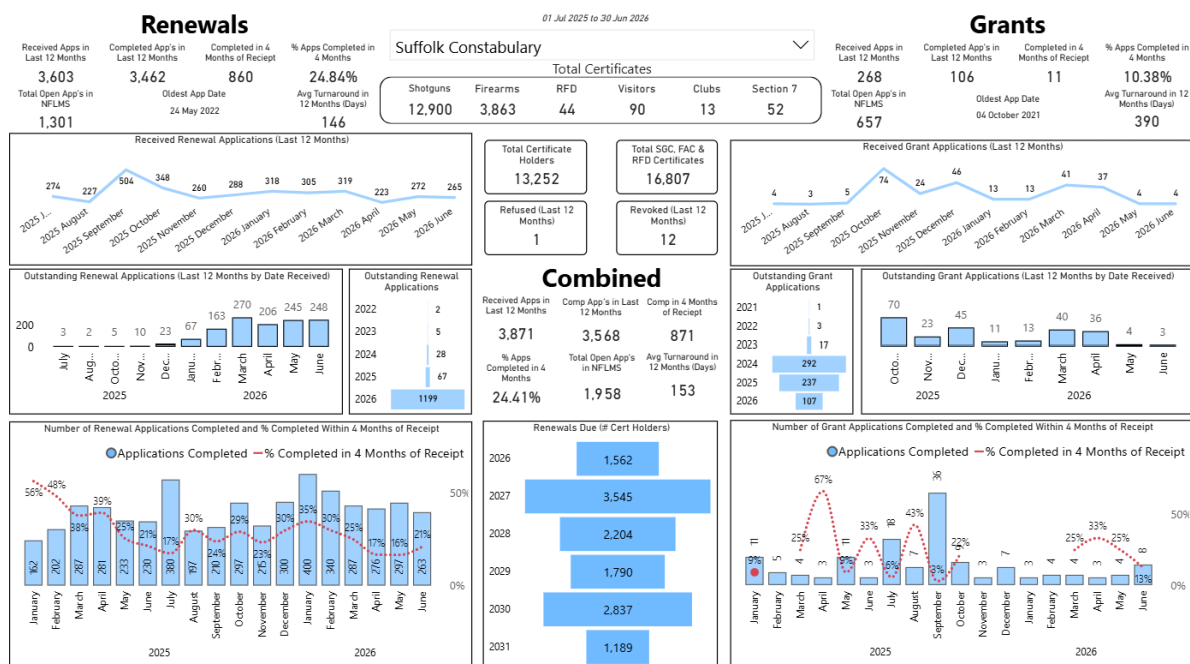
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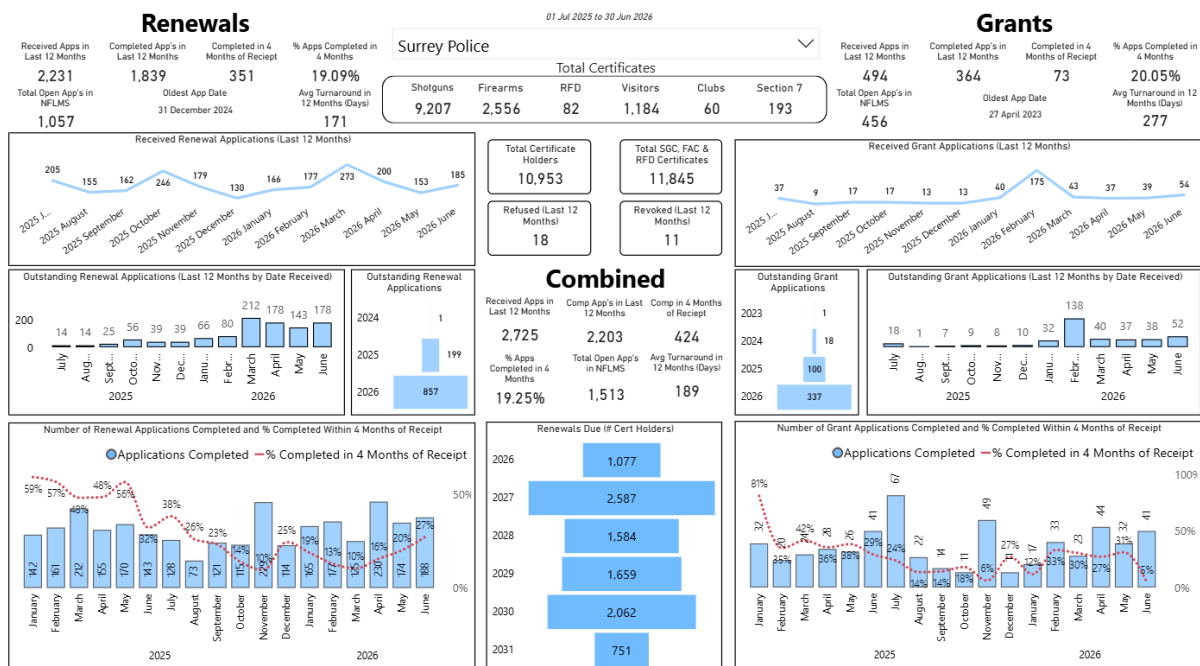
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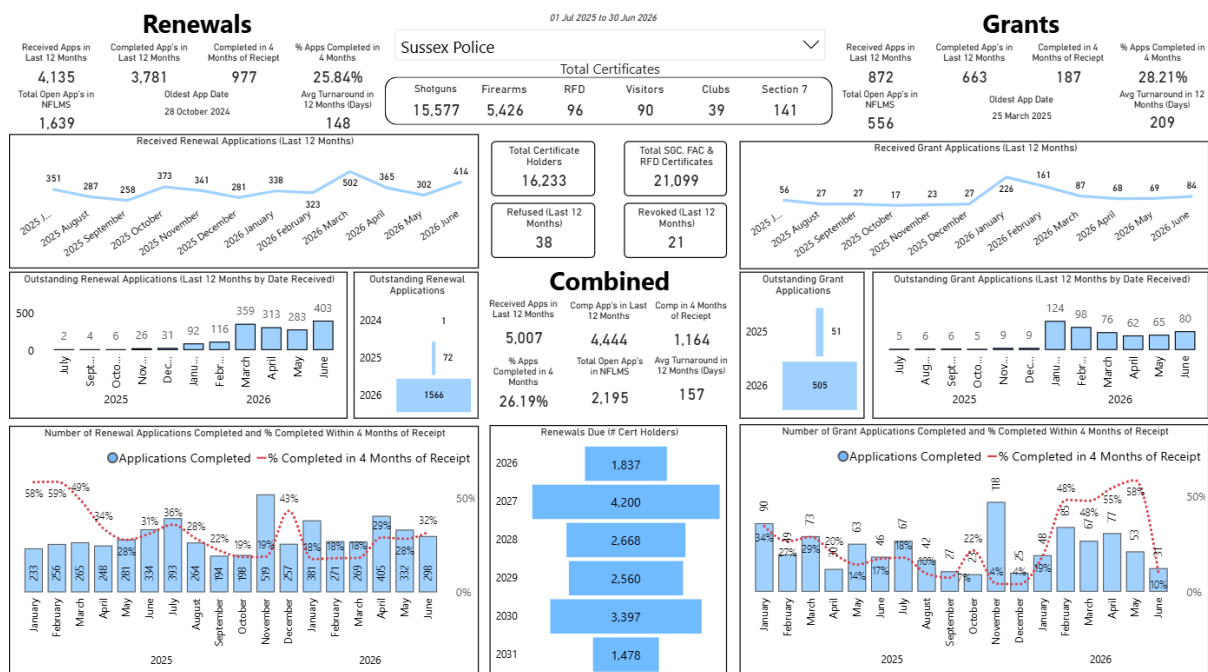
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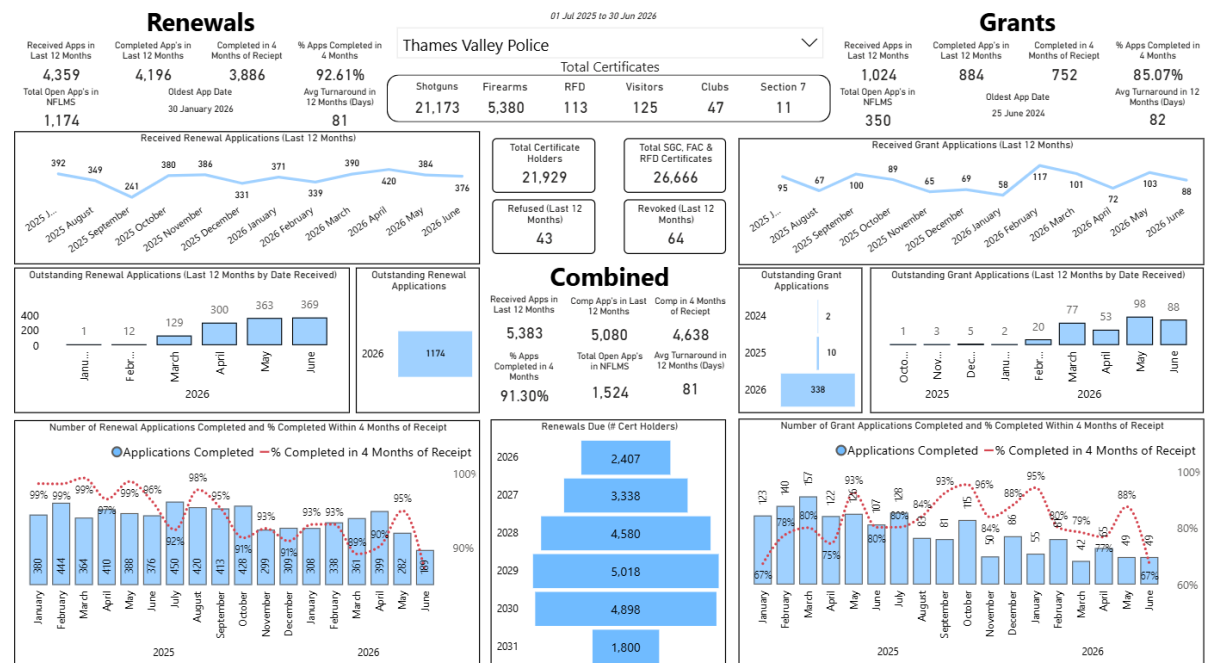
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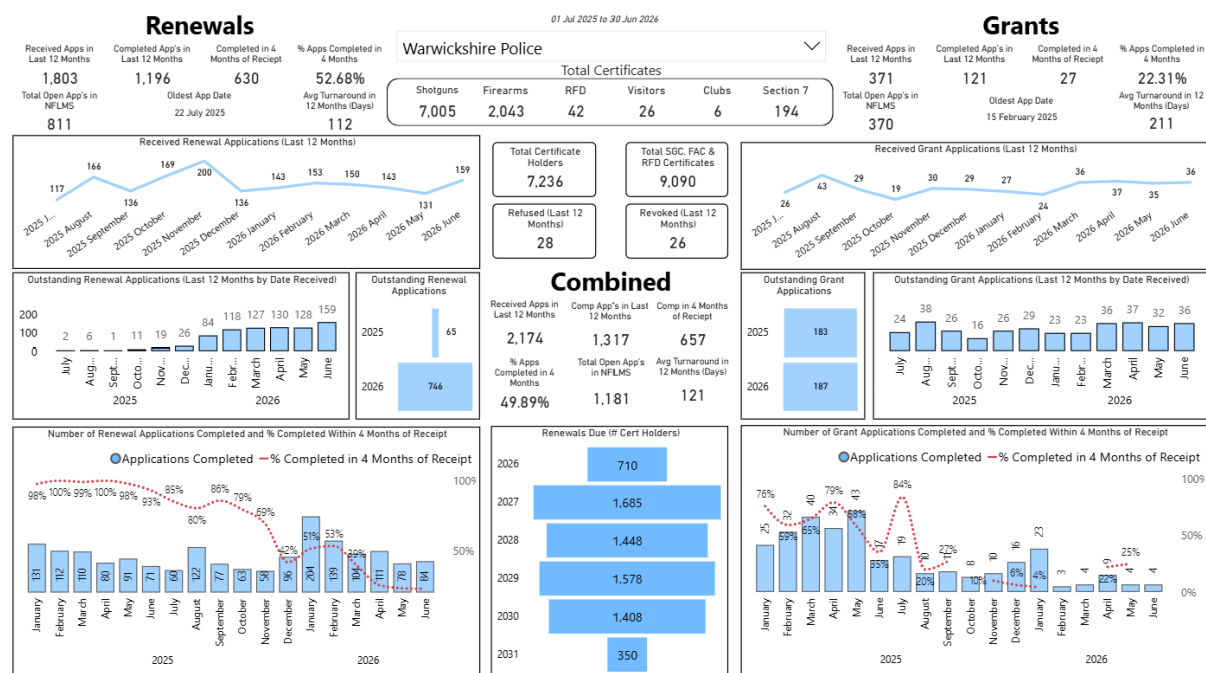
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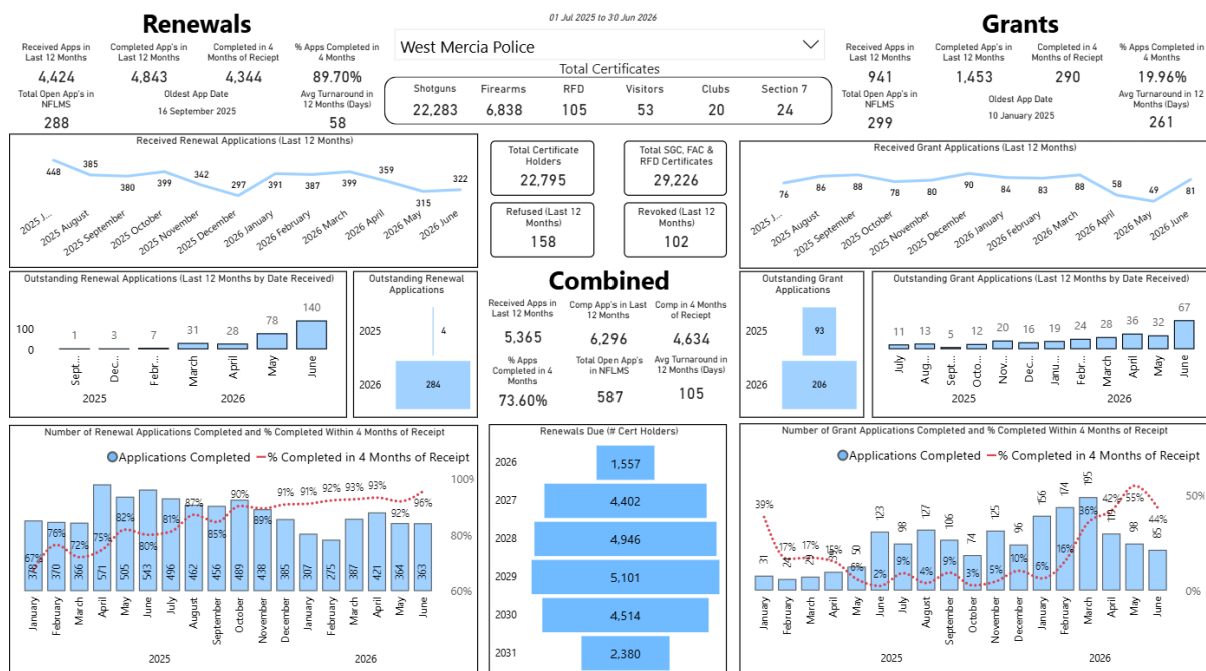
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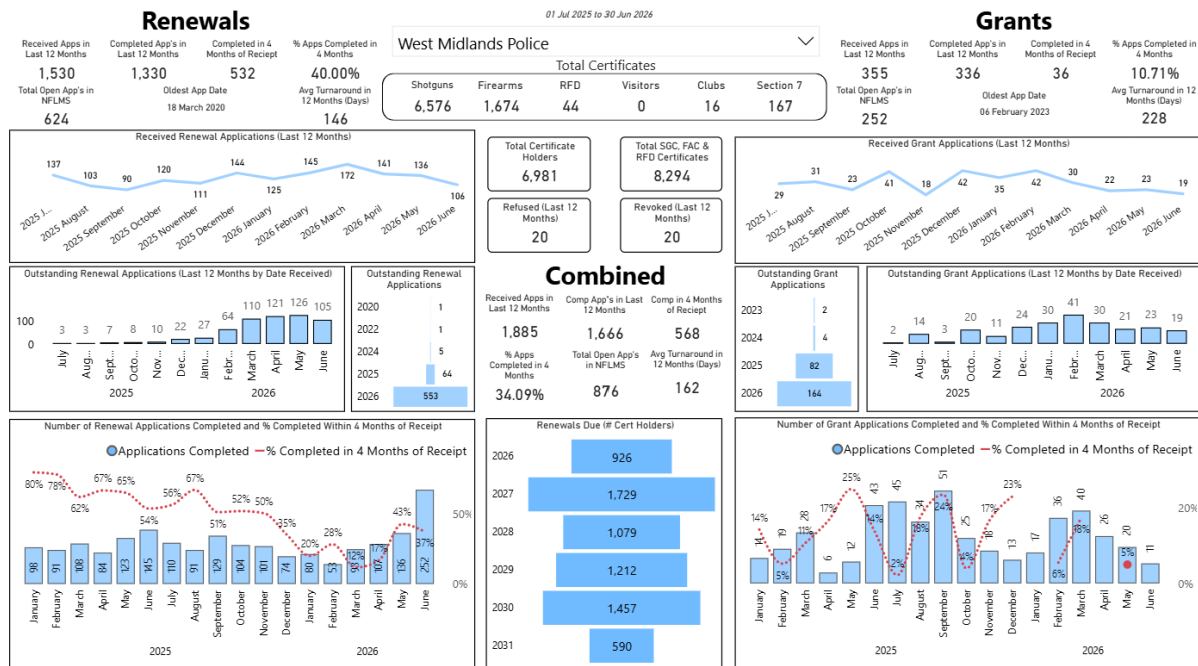
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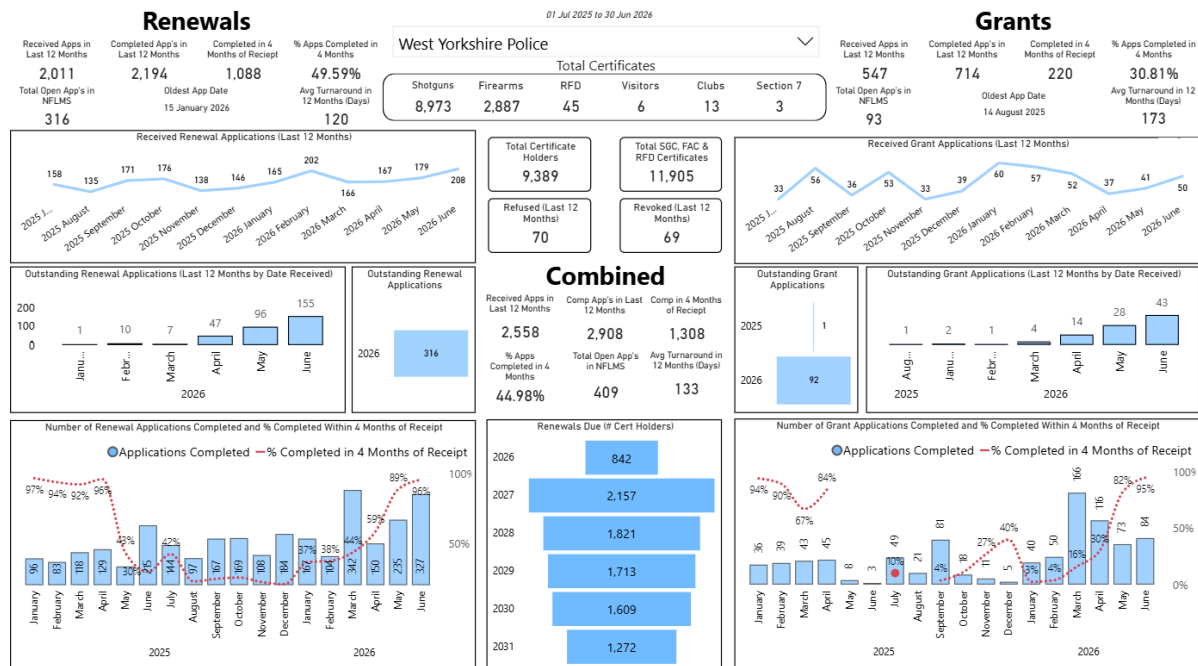
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