

Firearms Licensing

2026/27 Quarter 2

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Guidance Notes

This data relates to the previous 12 months leading up to 8th October 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Excluded from the data are any applications that were withdrawn, or where an application is received and completed in the same day, known as a 1-day turn around.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.



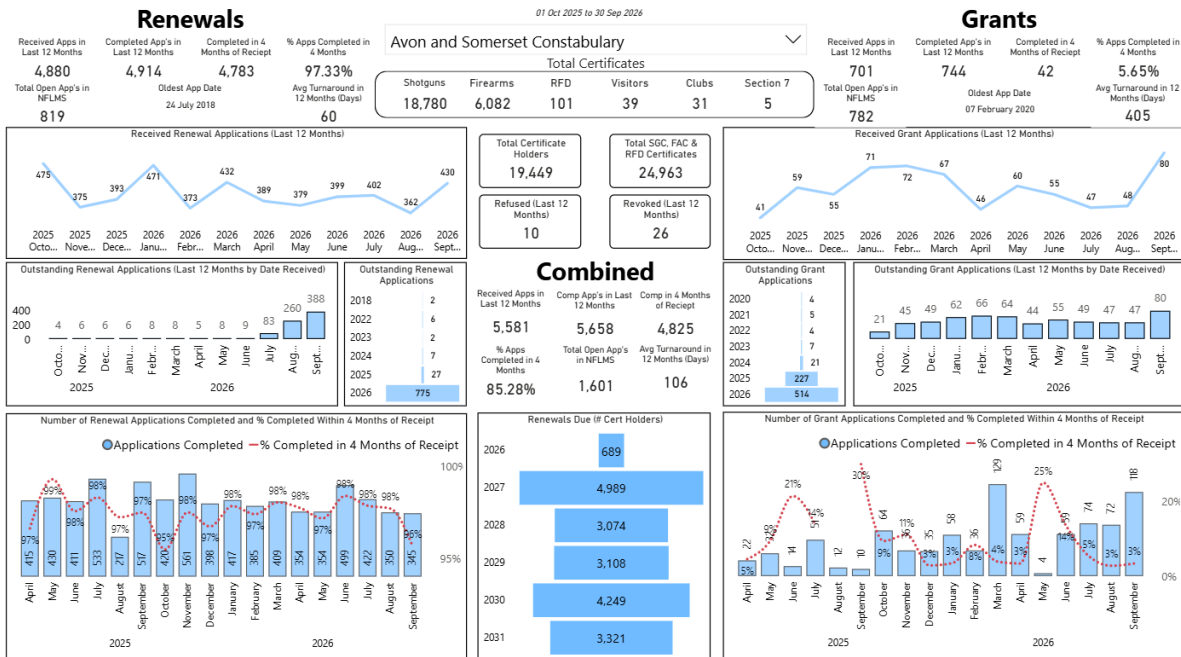
Headlines

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	19449	24963	5581	5658	4825	85.28%	5.65%	97.33%	5
Bedfordshire	4467	5563	1296	1823	785	43.06%	41.22%	43.20%	7
Cambridgeshire	8810	11124	2704	3640	1663	45.69%	38.19%	46.61%	16
Cheshire	9506	11823	2361	2394	2378	99.33%	97.30%	99.75%	0
City of London	30	35	6	12	8	66.67%	66.67%	66.67%	0
Cleveland	2720	3662	782	741	709	95.68%	84.67%	98.18%	0
Cumbria	7848	10609	2289	2400	2372	98.83%	96.52%	99.22%	2
Derbyshire	10783	13731	3017	3048	2950	96.78%	98.17%	96.52%	0
Devon & Cornwall	24380	33072	6876	6879	5473	79.56%	22.80%	86.74%	0
Dorset	8490	11221	1964	2283	733	32.11%	18.56%	33.18%	1
Durham	4734	6523	1413	1035	530	51.21%	14.58%	54.95%	125
Dyfed-Powys	11976	16022	3241	3333	3146	94.39%	82.02%	97.23%	5
Essex	17320	20973	4195	3161	2485	78.61%	27.63%	84.04%	520
Gloucestershire	9369	11644	2537	2524	2010	79.64%	7.74%	91.17%	4
GMP	5858	7422	1736	1540	1387	90.06%	84.64%	91.79%	33
Gwent	4274	5581	1399	1325	803	60.60%	16.85%	67.39%	0
Hampshire	18496	22597	4705	4219	2779	65.87%	28.61%	73.09%	28
Hertfordshire	7276	8976	2269	2649	1449	54.70%	47.03%	55.45%	16
Humberside	7916	9461	2559	1996	919	46.04%	7.88%	53.60%	1179
Kent	18122	22769	4149	4406	4066	92.28%	71.31%	96.32%	0
Lancashire	10219	12972	2929	2548	2166	85.01%	18.04%	96.64%	0
Leicestershire	9801	11872	2625	2297	1897	82.59%	19.20%	90.33%	0
Lincolnshire	11514	14876	3931	3111	2884	92.70%	51.88%	98.25%	9
Merseyside	2738	3466	693	709	698	98.45%	94.30%	100.00%	3
Met Police	18937	21869	4930	5460	3476	63.66%	12.21%	81.00%	13
Norfolk	16735	20782	4900	4480	2037	45.47%	15.15%	47.12%	16
North Wales	8867	11261	2377	2534	2121	83.70%	64.69%	87.14%	0
North Yorkshire	16825	22596	4179	4419	3958	89.57%	44.32%	98.54%	24
Northamptonshire	8427	10423	2259	1989	1423	71.54%	39.86%	76.65%	87
Northumbria	7701	10386	2495	2017	206	10.21%	4.20%	10.59%	85
Nottinghamshire	7098	8684	1971	1978	1827	92.37%	80.44%	94.64%	0
South Wales	5119	6803	1468	1459	1015	69.57%	22.96%	79.00%	0
South Yorkshire	7160	9106	2006	1783	1618	90.75%	78.01%	94.19%	0
Staffordshire	12340	14946	3786	3163	1442	45.59%	46.52%	45.37%	285
Suffolk	13086	16531	3704	3555	868	24.42%	13.46%	24.58%	53
Surrey	10572	11770	2868	2451	398	16.24%	16.81%	16.14%	177
Sussex	16025	20780	5186	4496	1132	25.18%	27.08%	24.83%	160
TVP	21801	26326	5444	4710	3986	84.63%	73.35%	86.84%	21
Warwickshire	7217	8935	2065	1275	473	37.10%	16.82%	38.96%	267
West Mercia	22703	29089	5240	6042	4693	77.67%	31.72%	92.40%	22
West Midlands	6917	8085	1909	1557	423	27.17%	14.38%	30.48%	320
West Yorkshire	9289	11795	2562	3104	1886	60.76%	49.16%	64.21%	0
Wiltshire	12099	15245	3234	3524	2972	84.34%	48.52%	93.51%	1

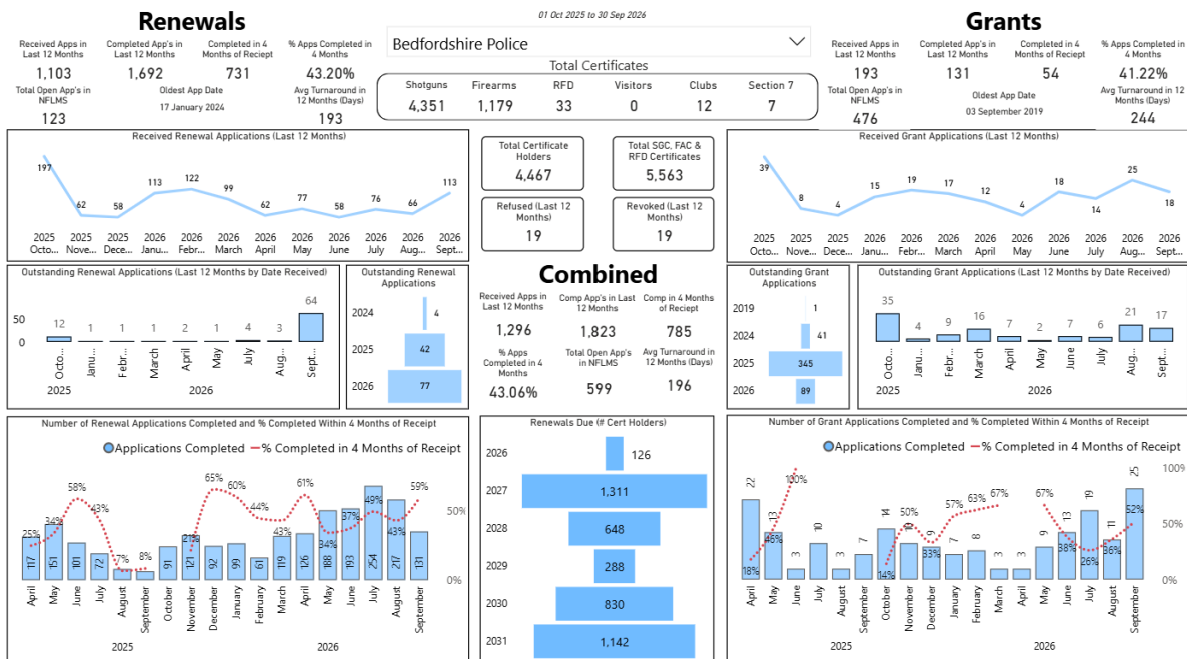


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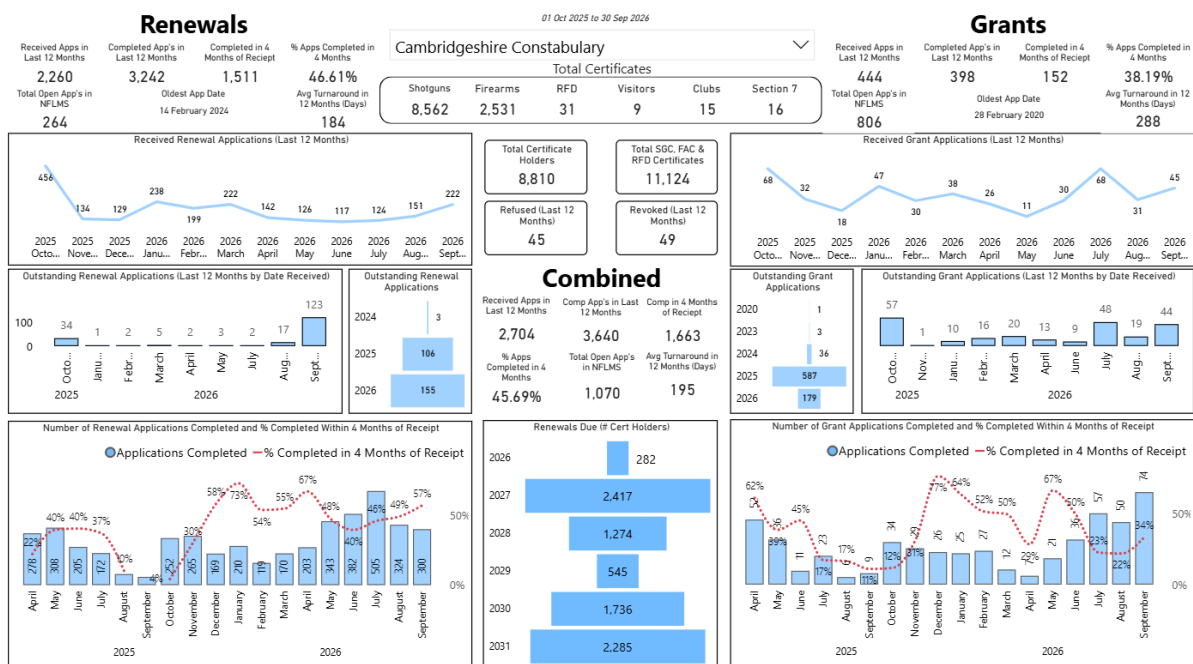
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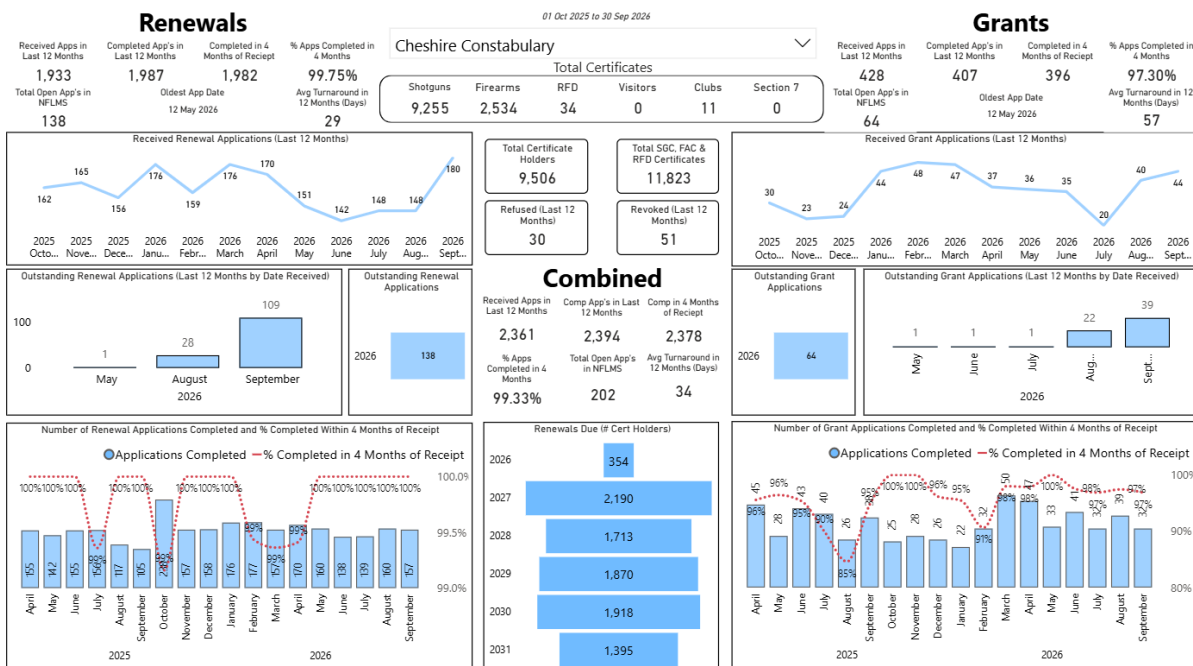
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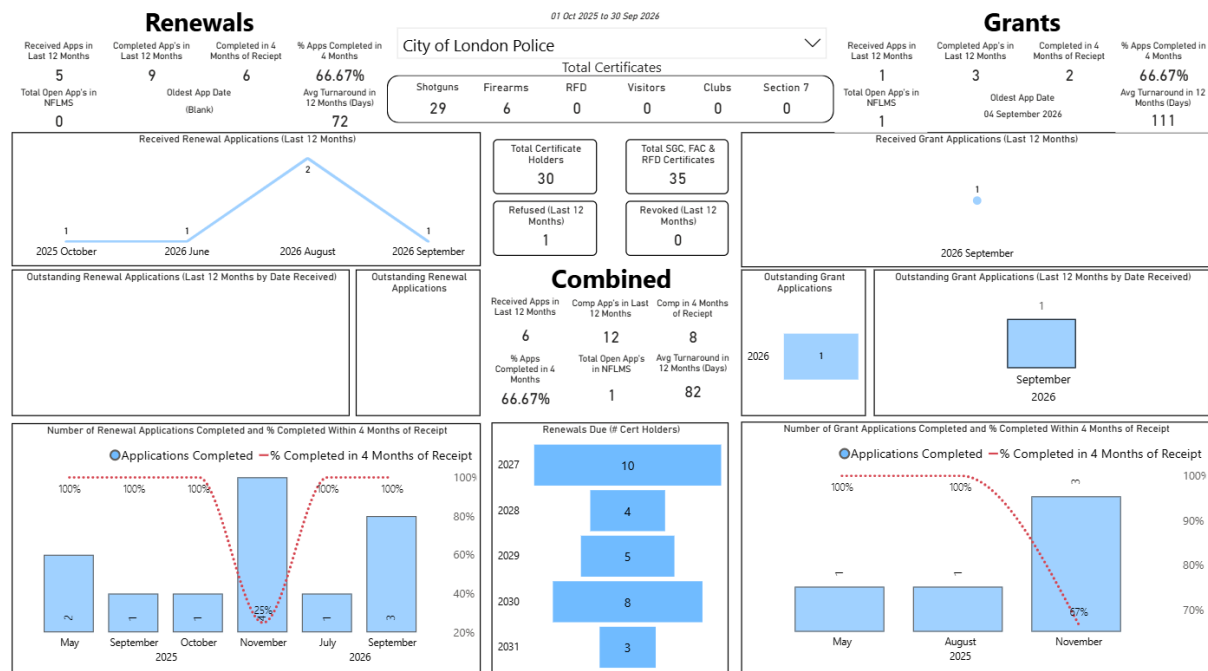
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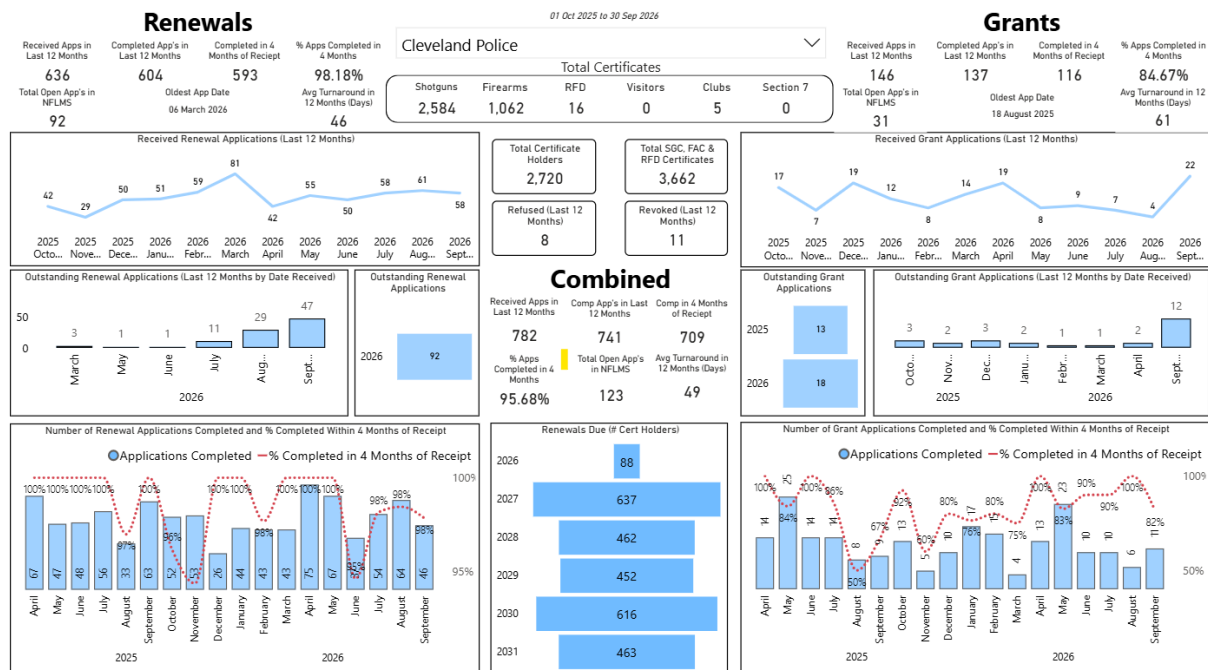
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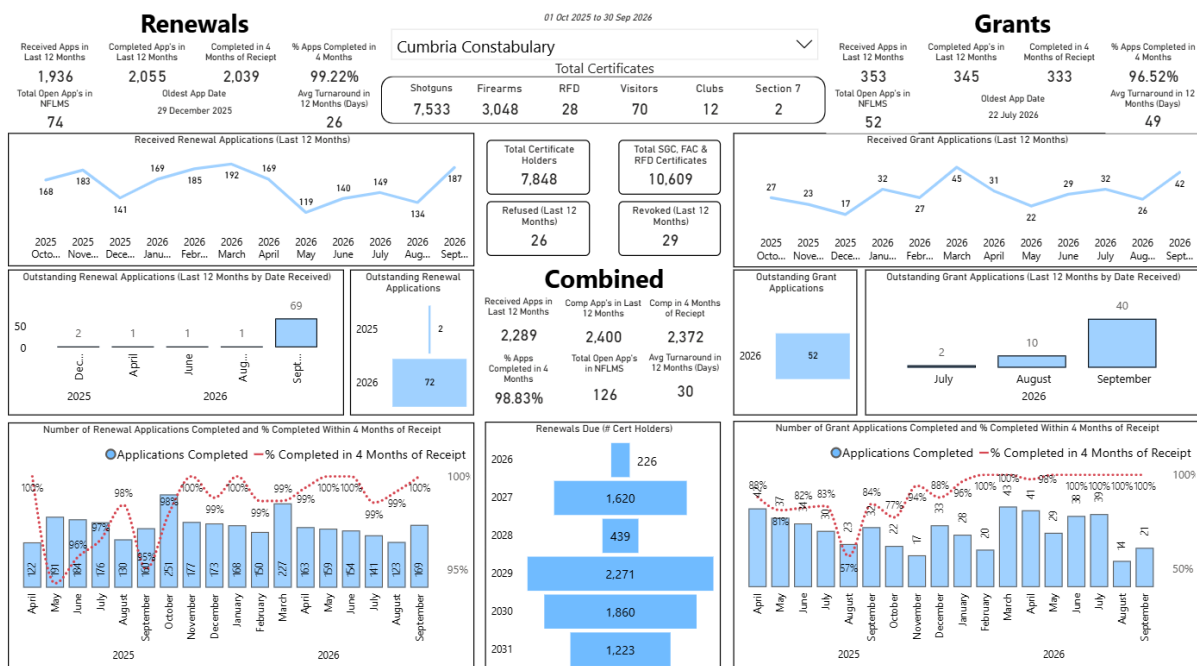
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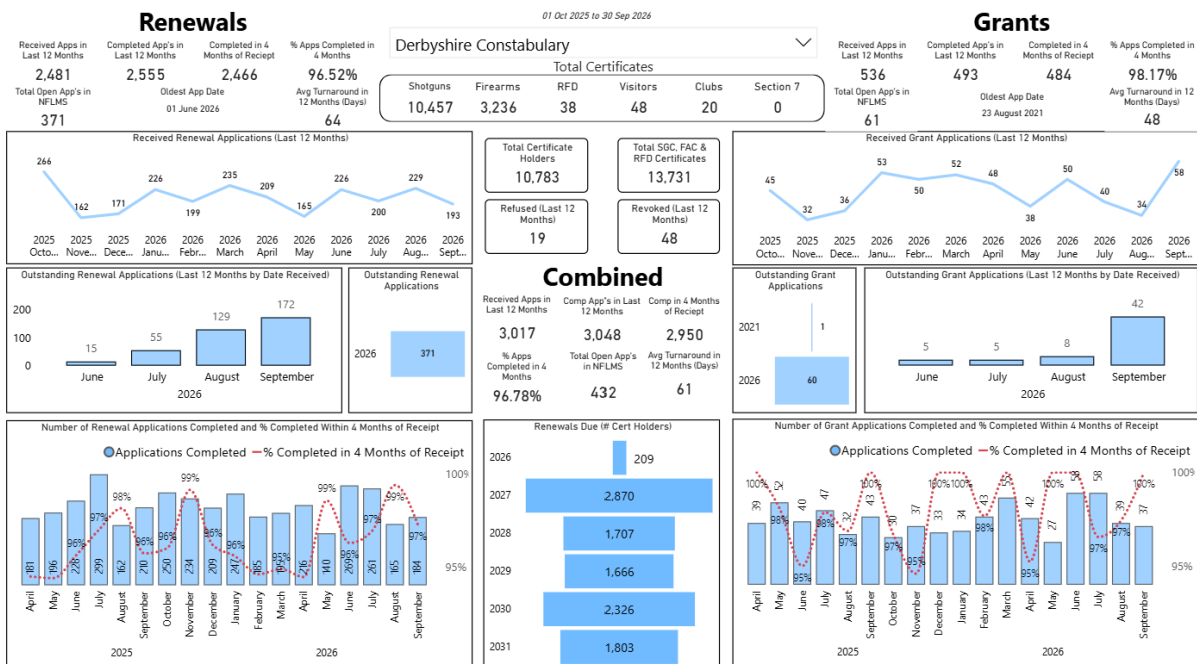
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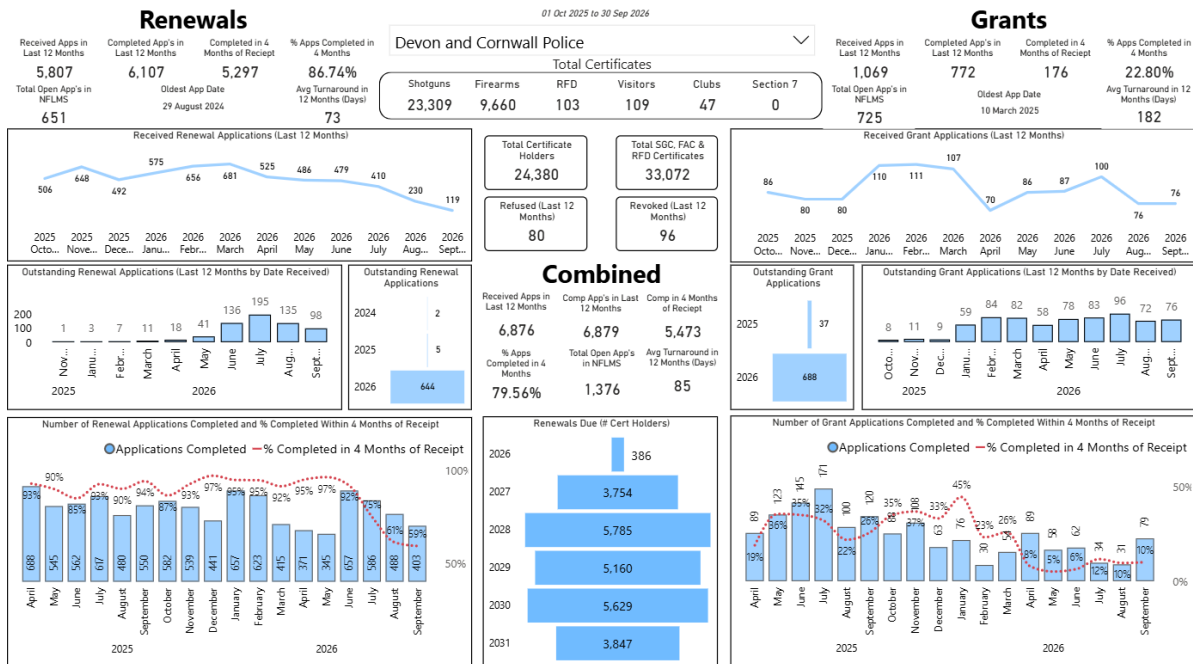
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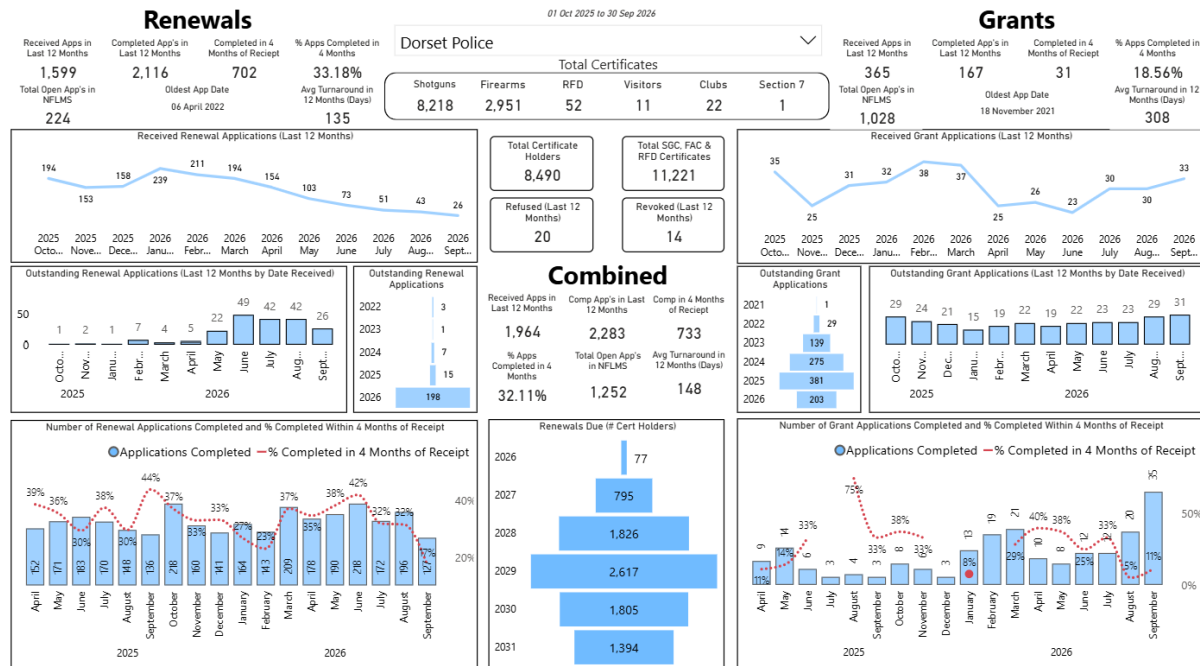
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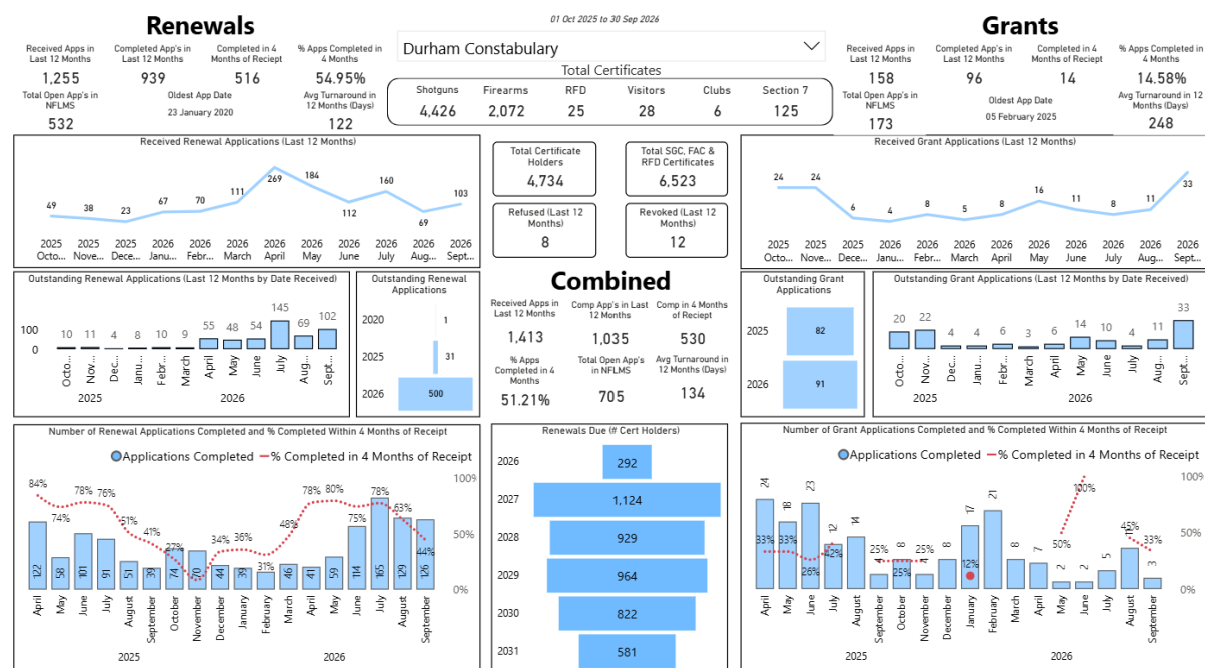
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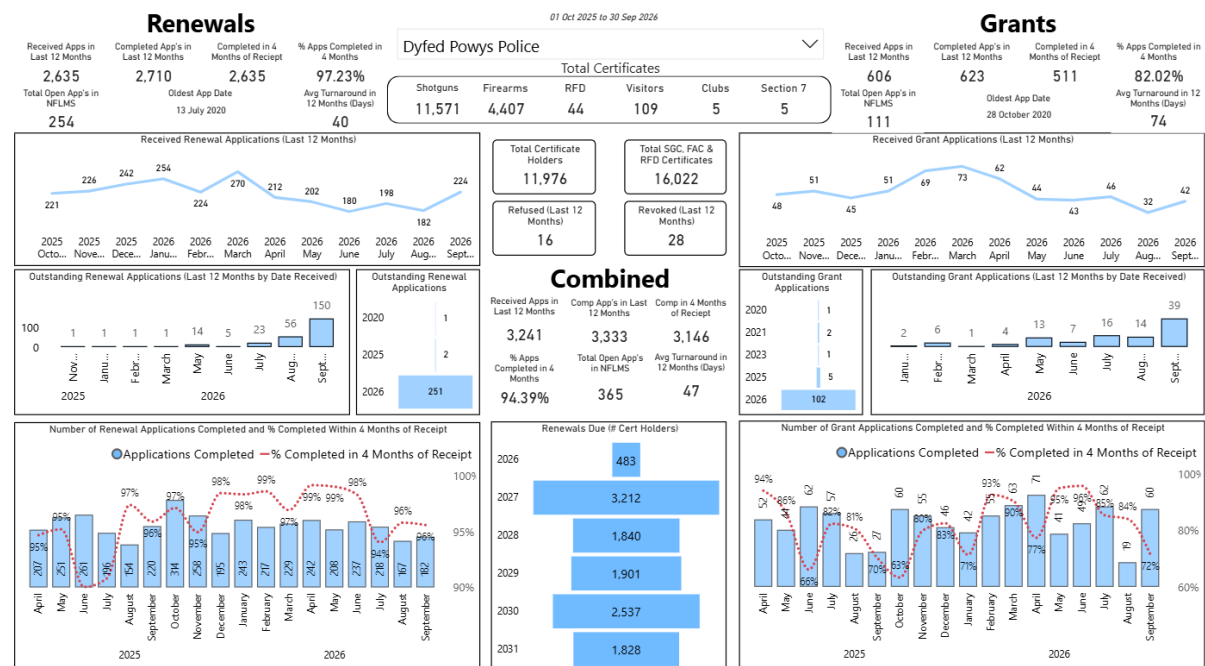
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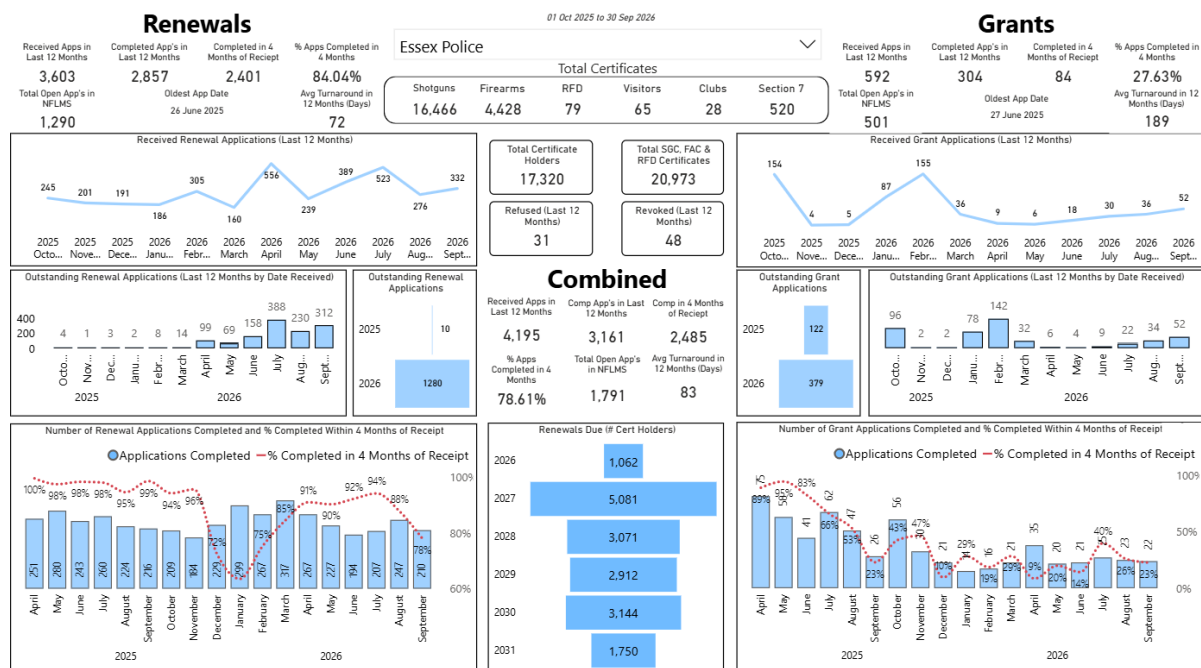
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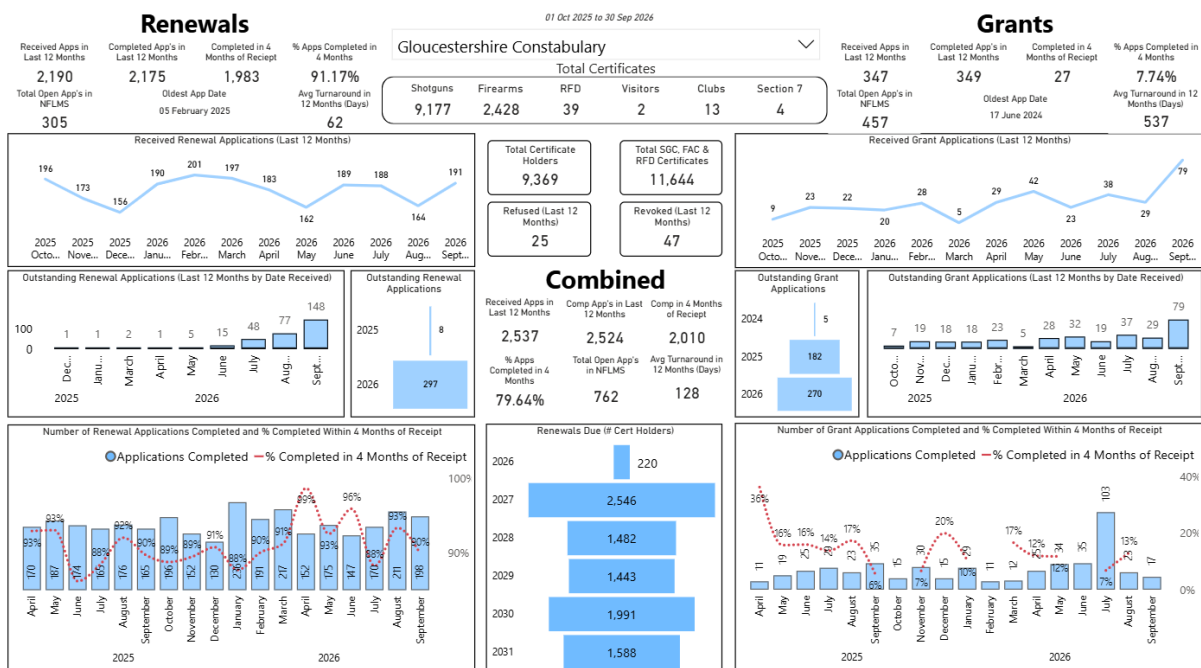
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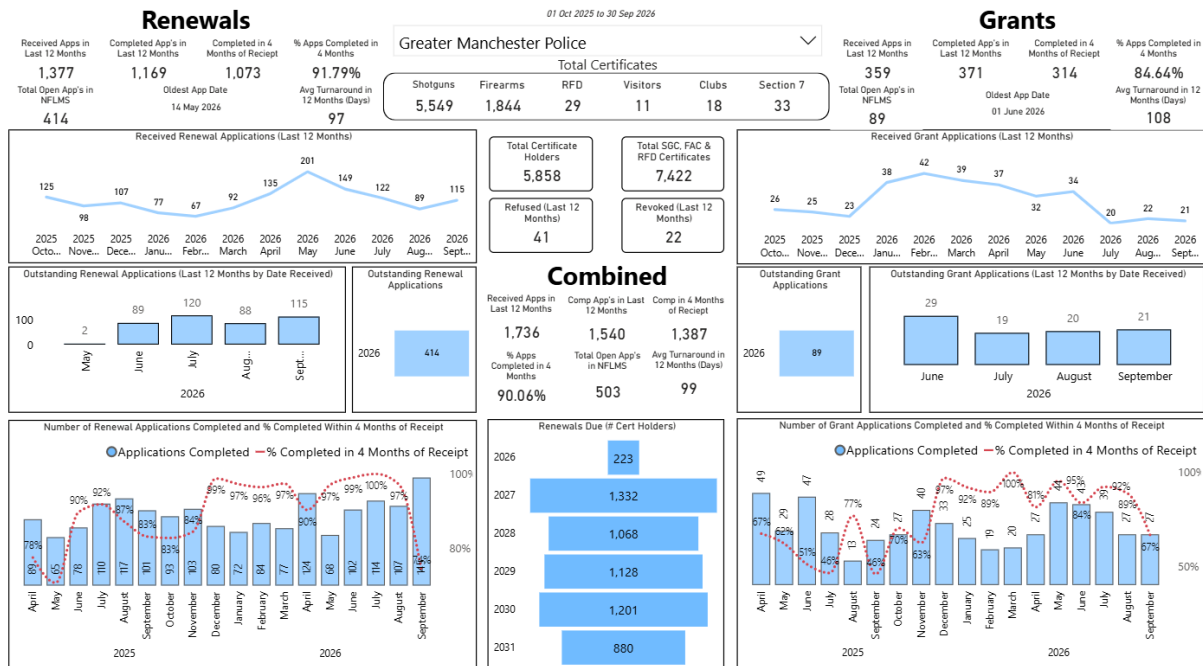
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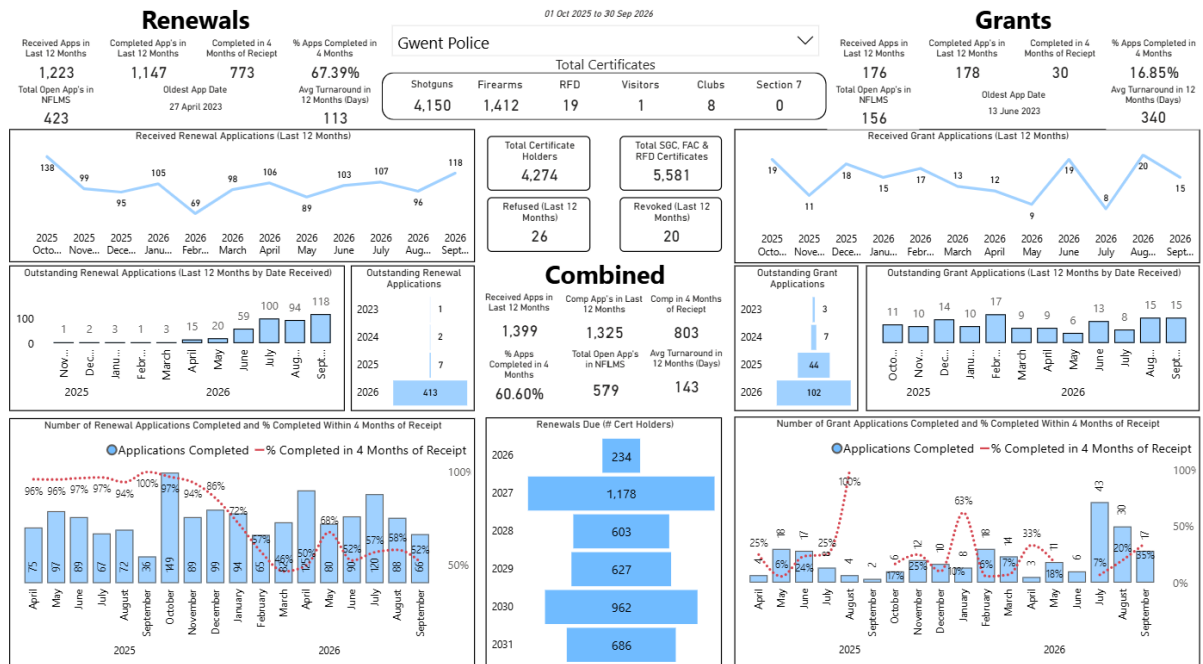
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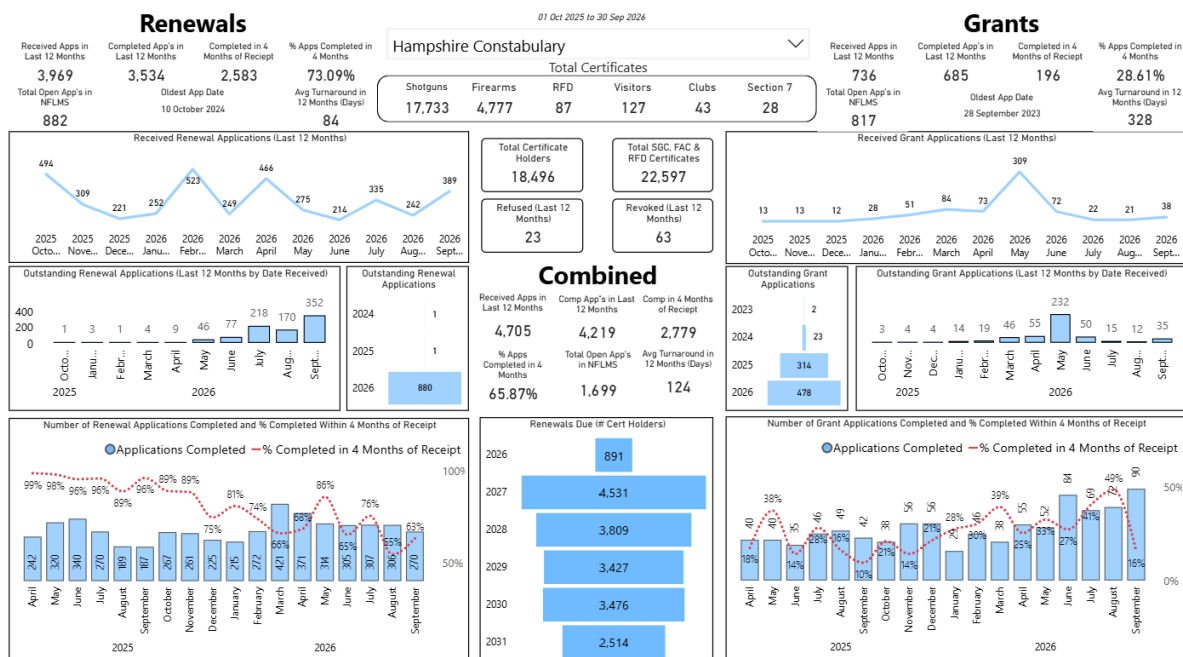
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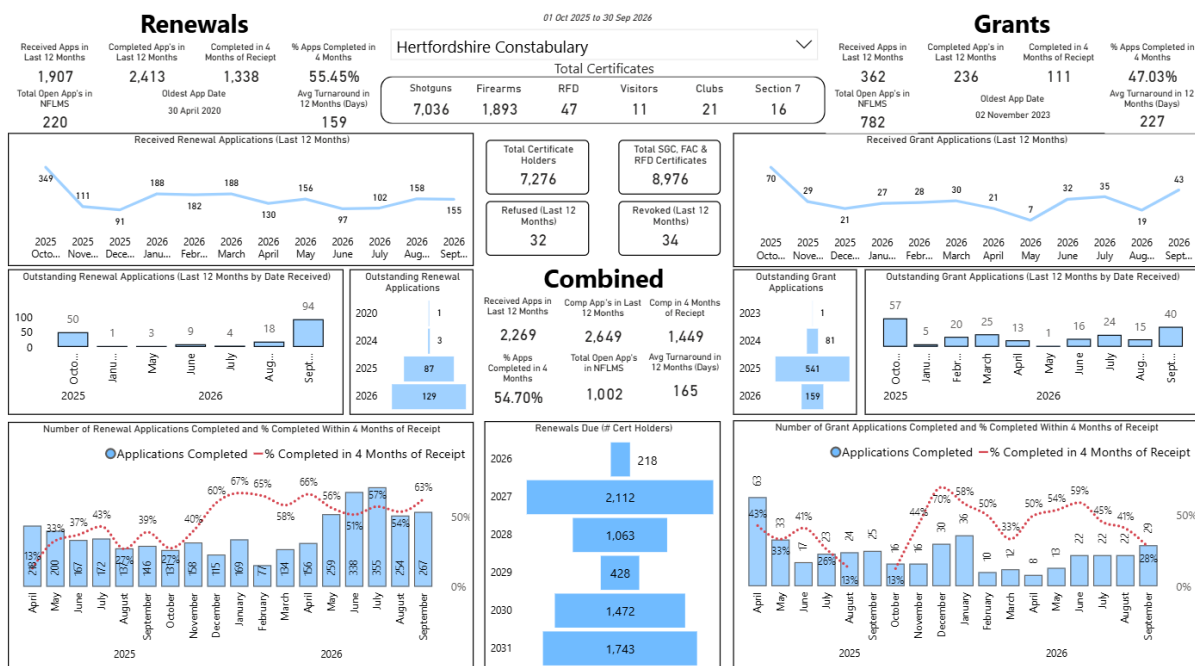
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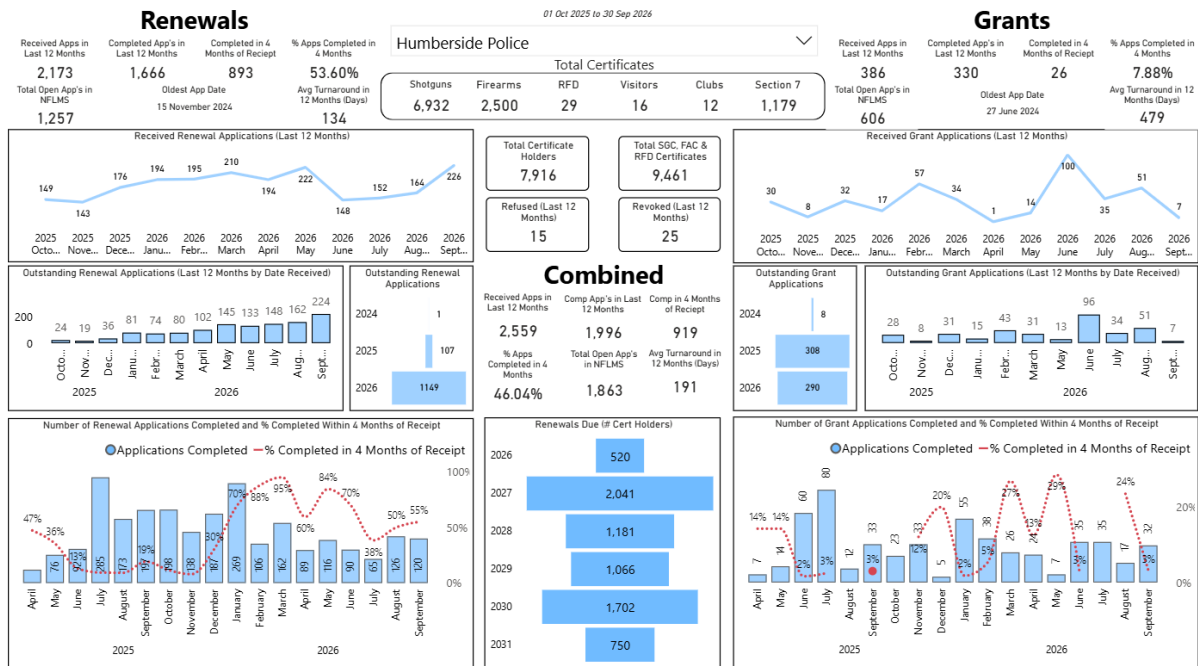
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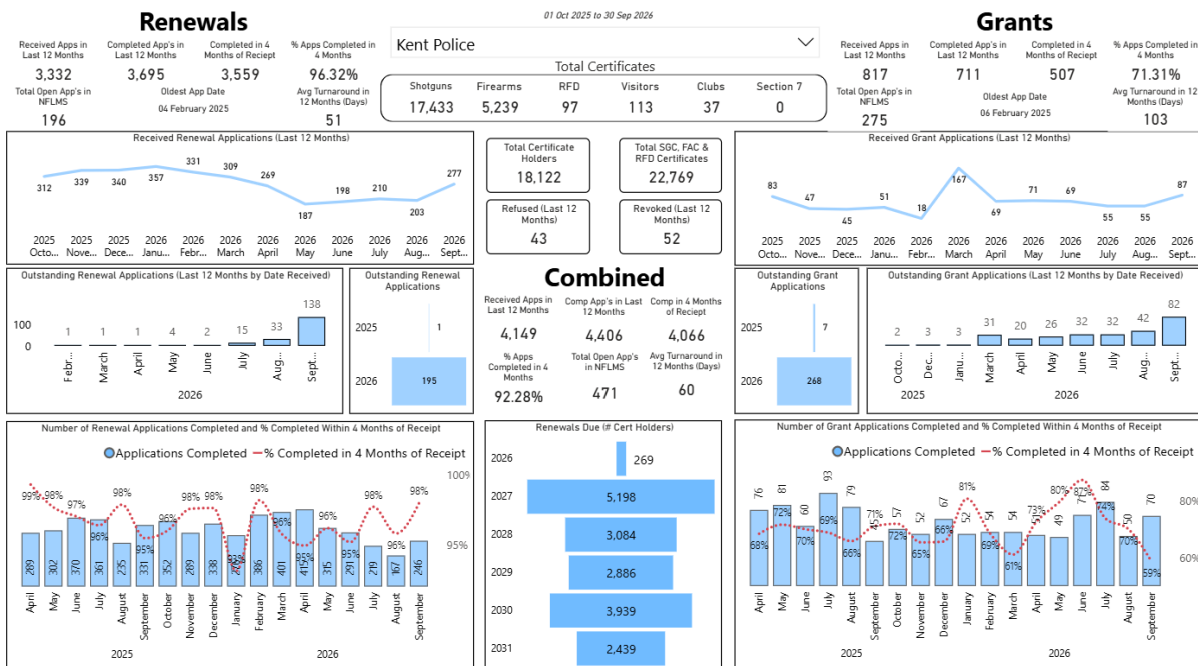
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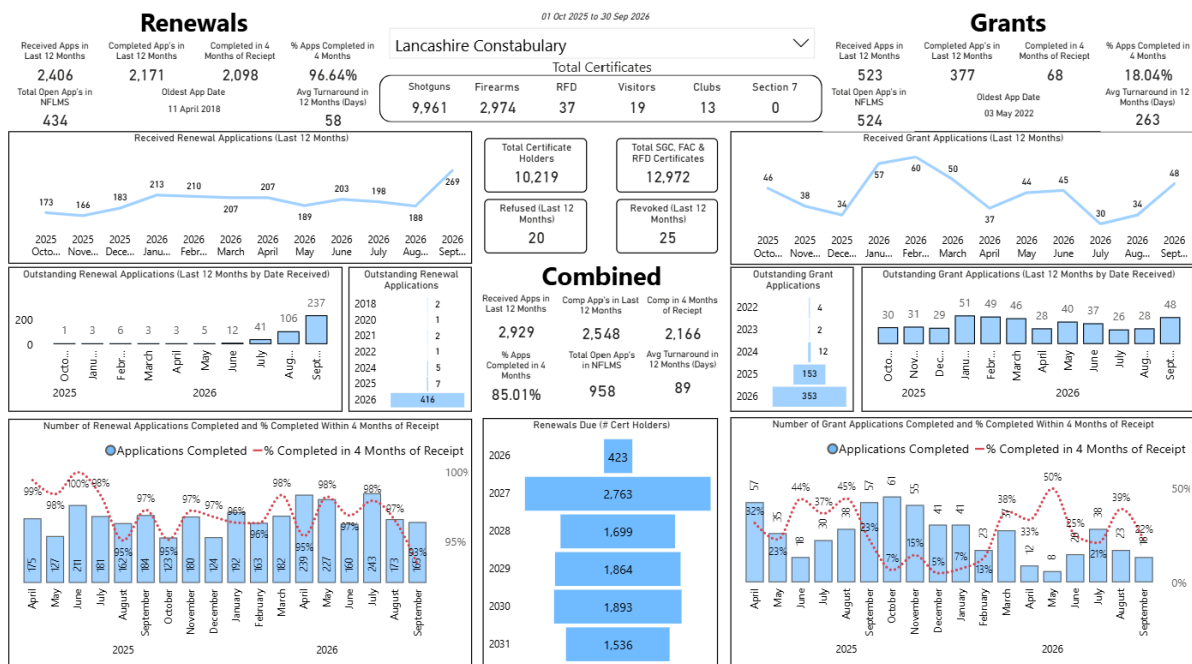
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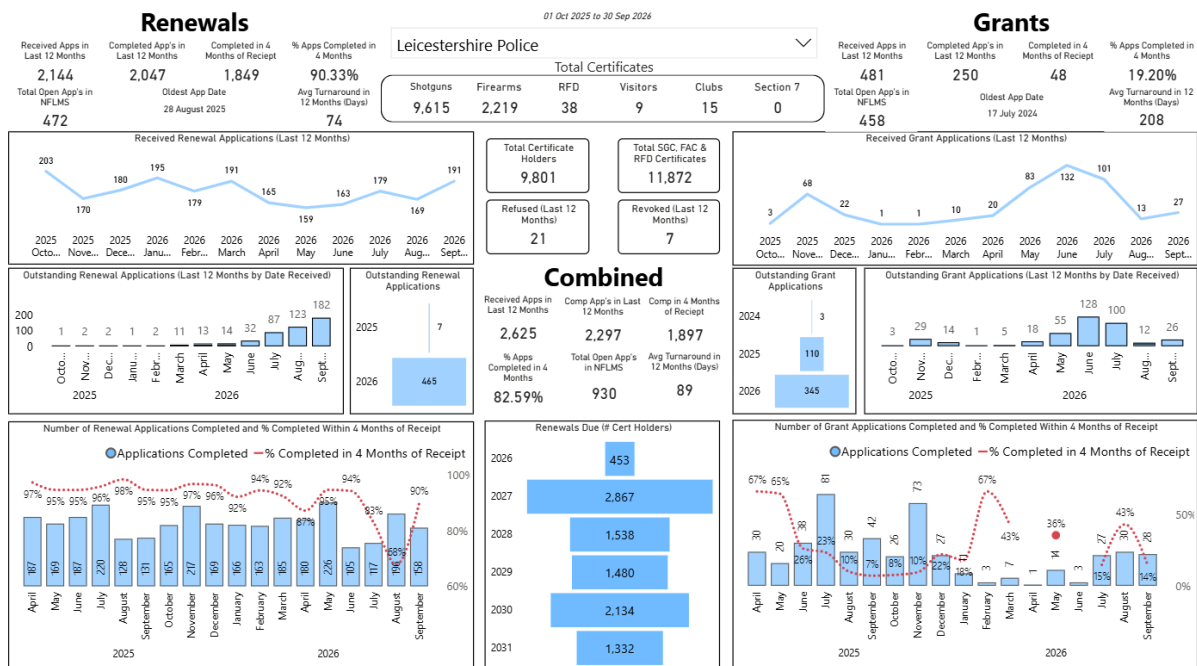
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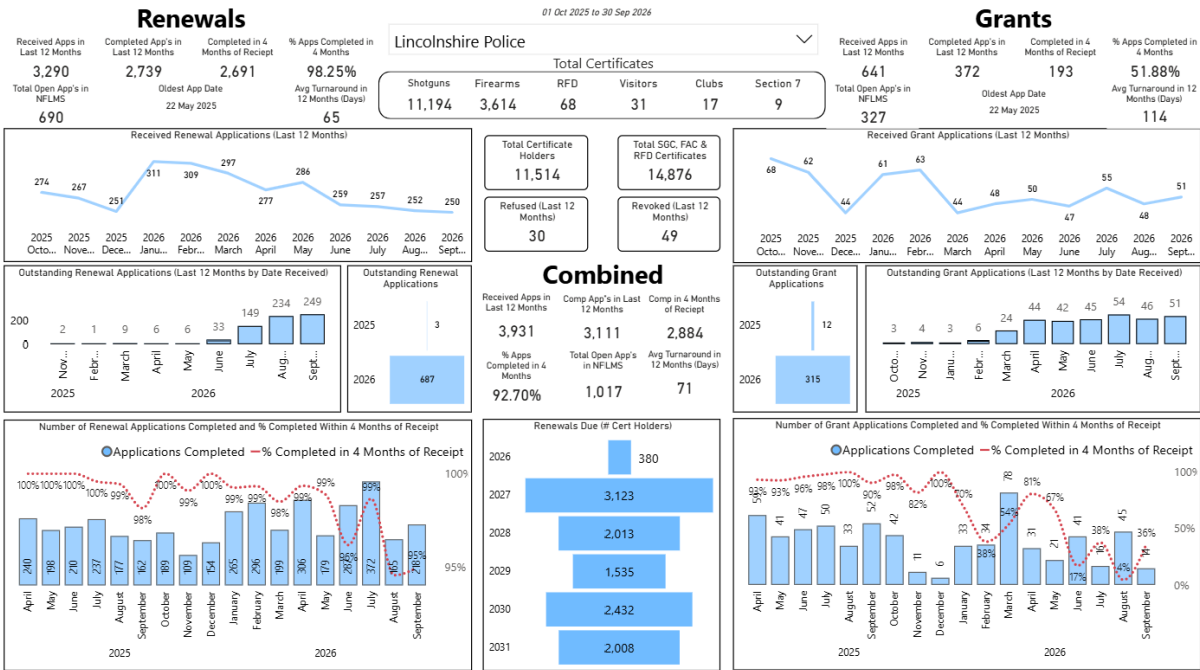
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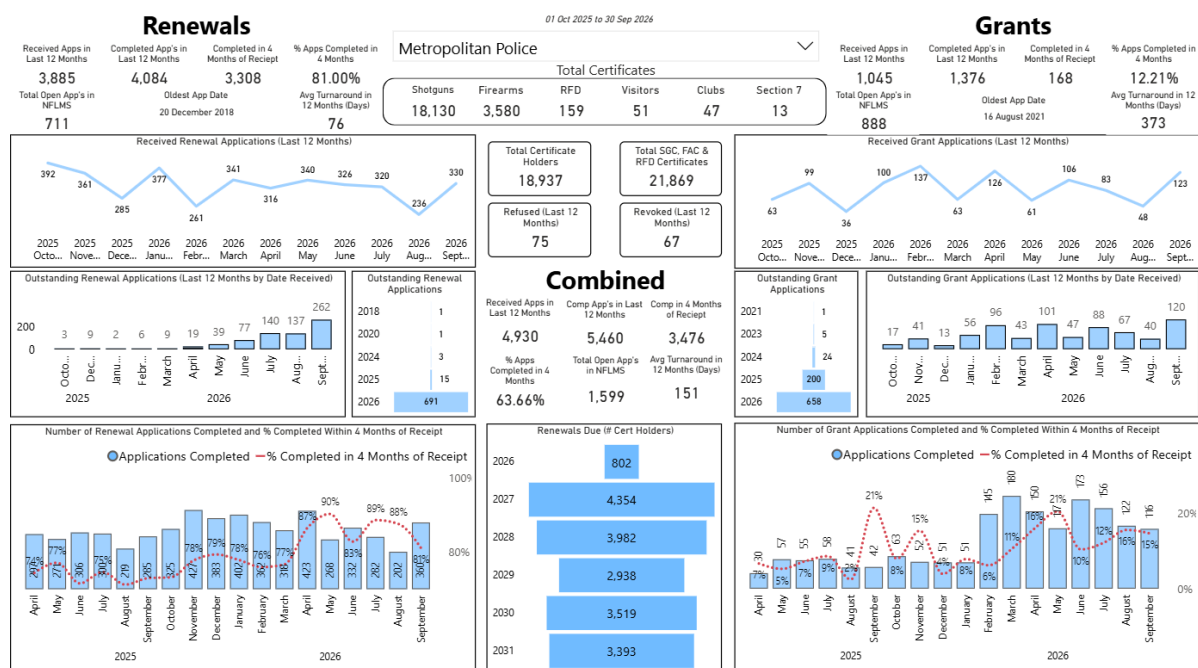
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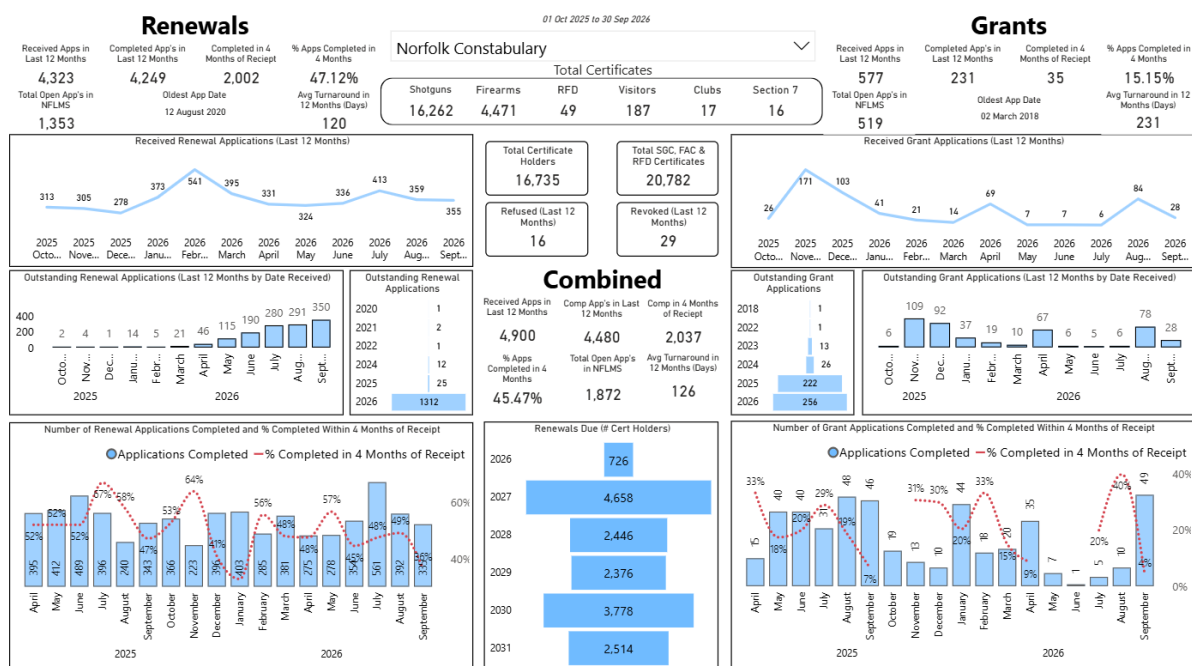
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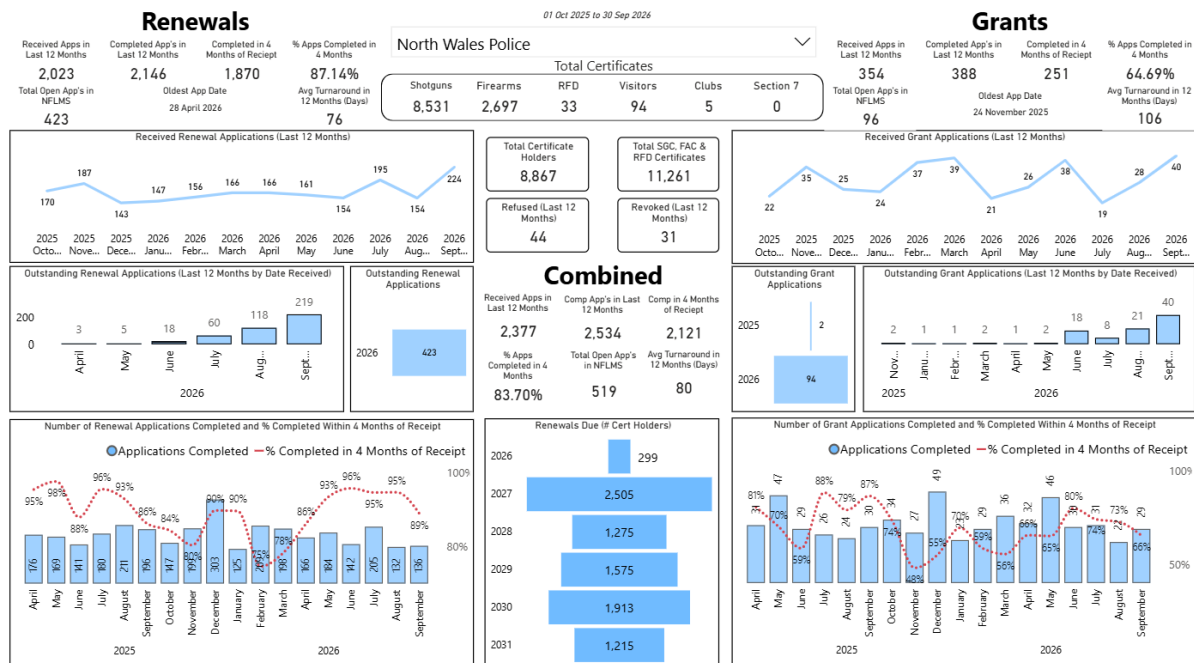
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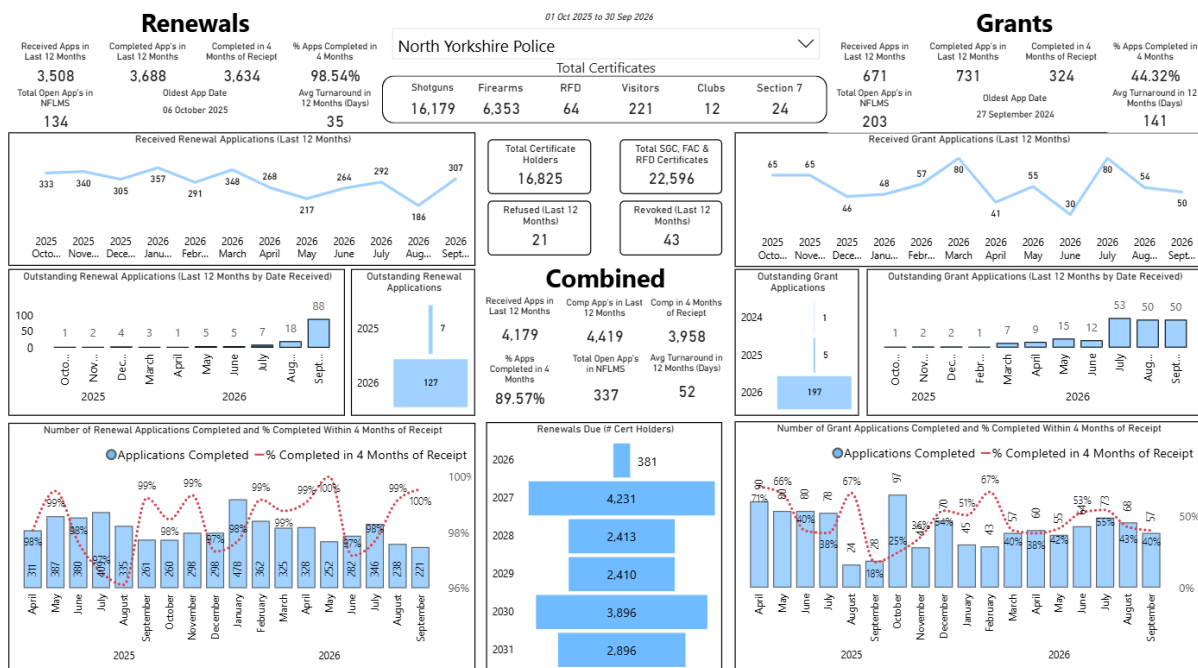
Norfolk



North Wales



North Yorkshire



Northampton

Renewals

01 Oct 2025 to 30 Sep 2026

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
1,952

Completed Apps in Last 12 Months
1,713

Completed in 4 Months of Receipt
1,313

% Apps Completed in 4 Months
76.65%

Total Open Apps in NFLMS
643

Oldest App Date
06 January 2022

Avg Turnaround in 12 Months (Days)
101

Northamptonshire Police

Total Certificates

Shotguns
8,148

Firearms
2,242

RFD
33

Visitors
36

Clubs
11

Section 7
87

Grants

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
307

Completed Apps in Last 12 Months
276

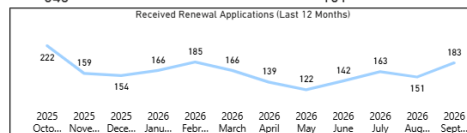
Completed in 4 Months of Receipt
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% Apps Completed in 4 Months
39.86%

Total Open Apps in NFLMS
249

Oldest App Date
14 December 2020

Avg Turnaround in 12 Months (Days)
196

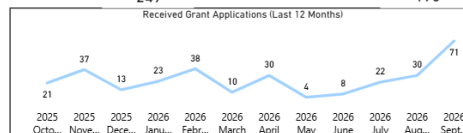
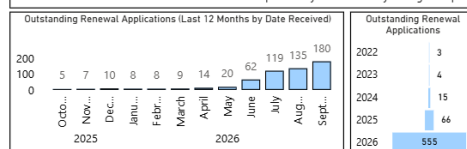


Total Certificate Holders
8,427

Refused (Last 12 Months)
12

Total SGC, FAC & RFD Certificates
10,423

Revoked (Last 12 Months)
11



Combined

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
2,259

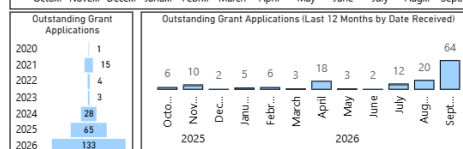
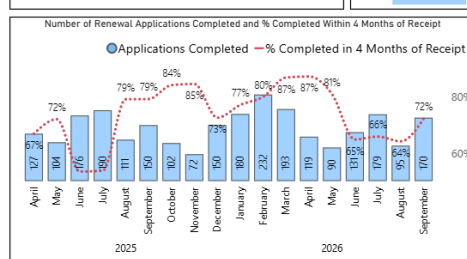
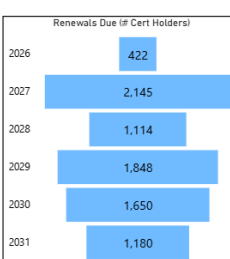
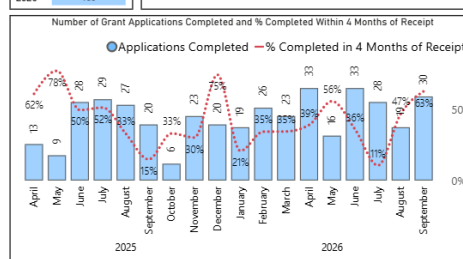
Comp App's in Last 12 Months
1,989

Comp in 4 Months of Receipt
1,423

% Apps Completed in 4 Months
71.54%

Total Open App's in NFLMS
892

Avg Turnaround in 12 Months (Days)
114



Northumbria

Renewals

01 Oct 2025 to 30 Sep 2026

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
2,134

Completed Apps in Last 12 Months
1,898

Completed in 4 Months of Receipt
201

% Apps Completed in 4 Months
10.59%

Total Open Apps in NFLMS
1,005

Oldest App Date
17 November 2022

Avg Turnaround in 12 Months (Days)
165

Northumbria Police

Total Certificates

Shotguns
7,195

Firearms
3,153

RFD
38

Visitors
195

Clubs
11

Section 7
85

Grants

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
361

Completed Apps in Last 12 Months
119

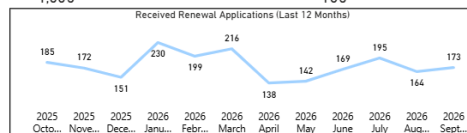
Completed in 4 Months of Receipt
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% Apps Completed in 4 Months
4.20%

Total Open Apps in NFLMS
699

Oldest App Date
18 November 2021

Avg Turnaround in 12 Months (Days)
491

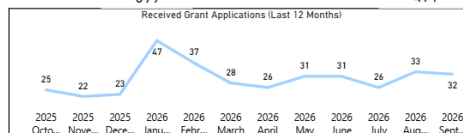
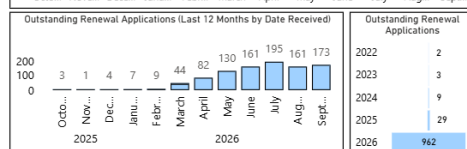


Total Certificate Holders
7,701

Refused (Last 12 Months)
14

Total SGC, FAC & RFD Certificates
10,386

Revoked (Last 12 Months)
34



Combined

Received Apps in Last 12 Months
2,495

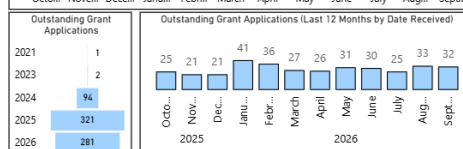
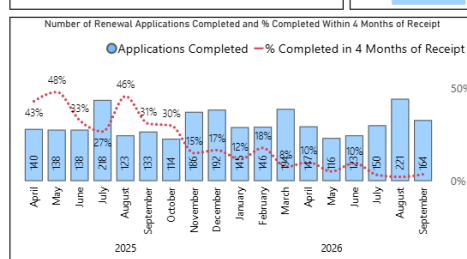
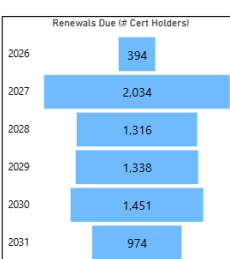
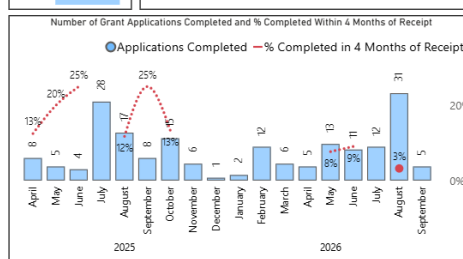
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2,017

Comp in 4 Months of Receipt
206

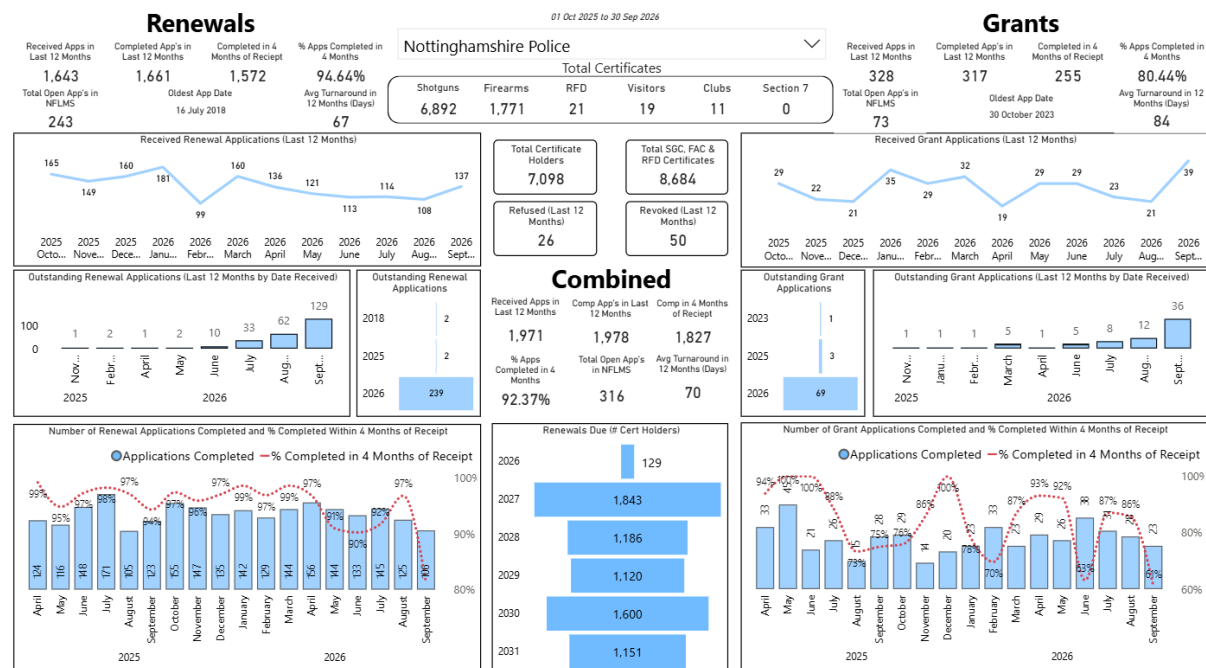
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10.21%

Total Open App's in NFLMS
1,704

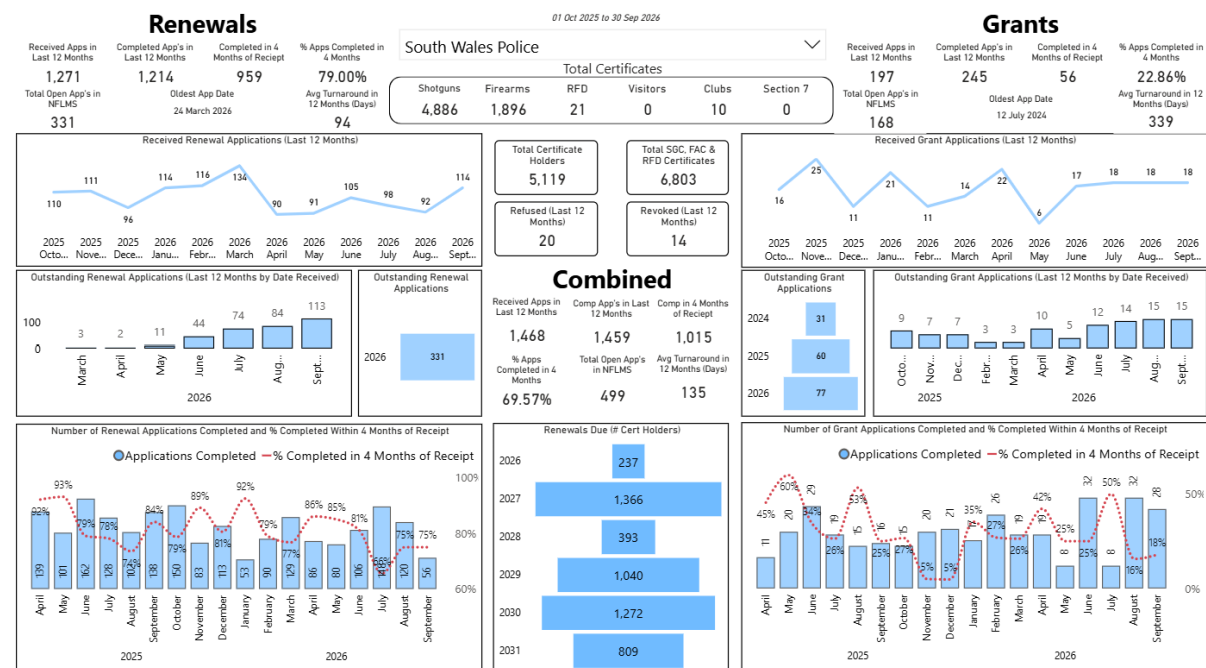
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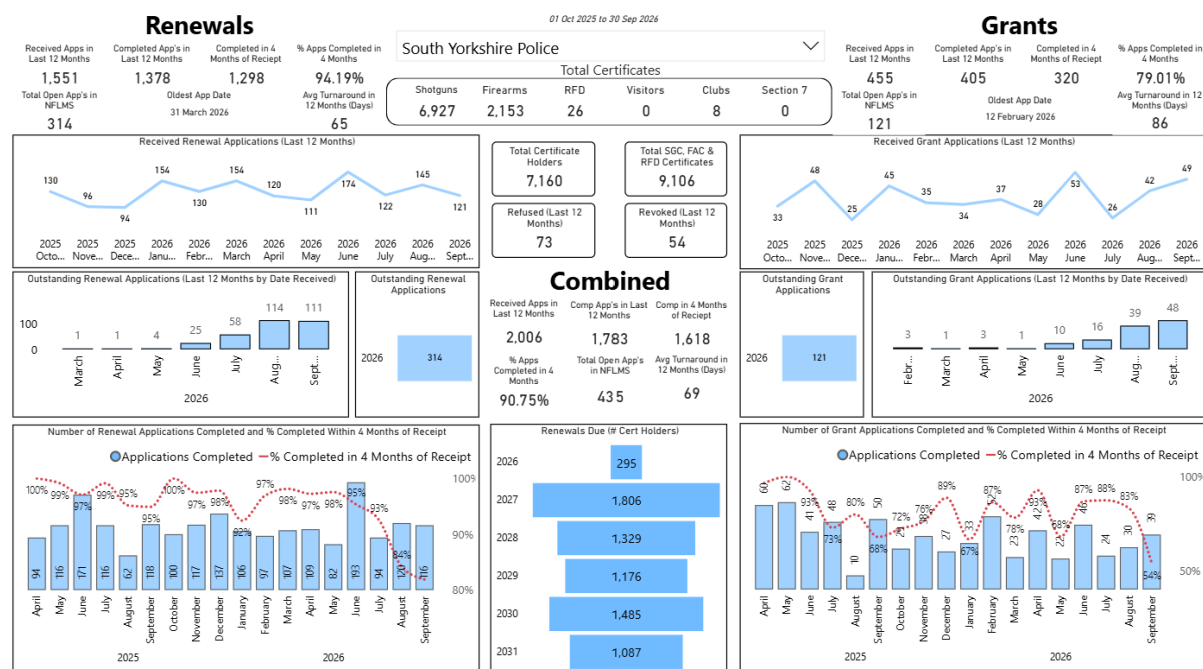
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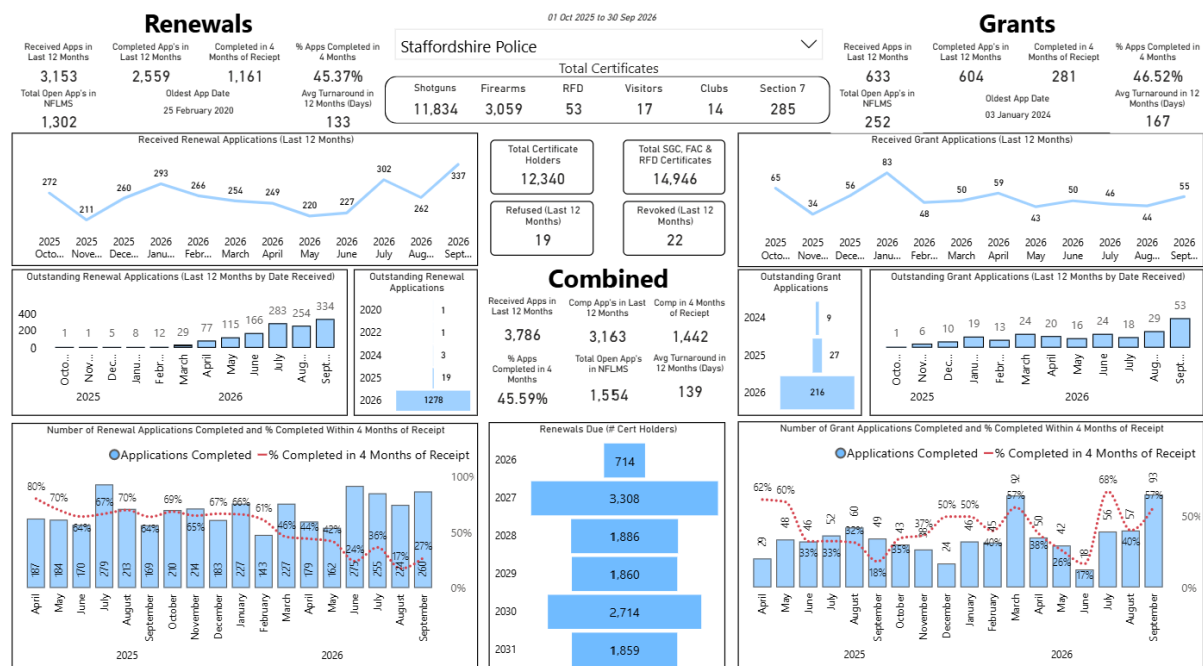
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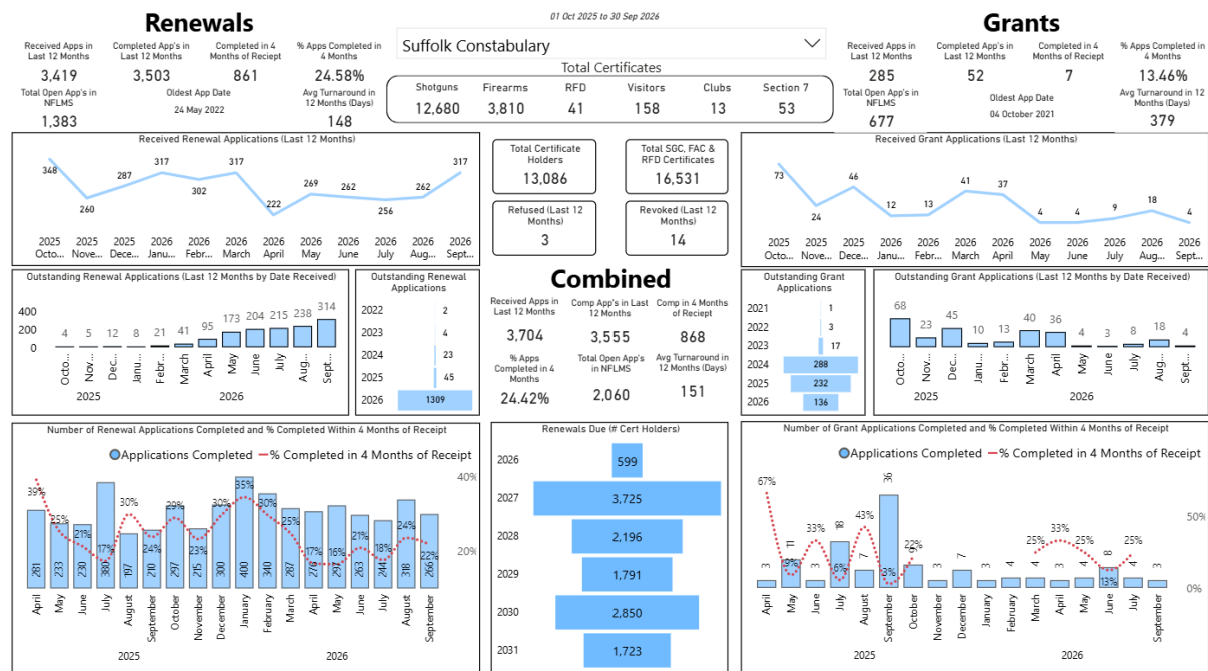
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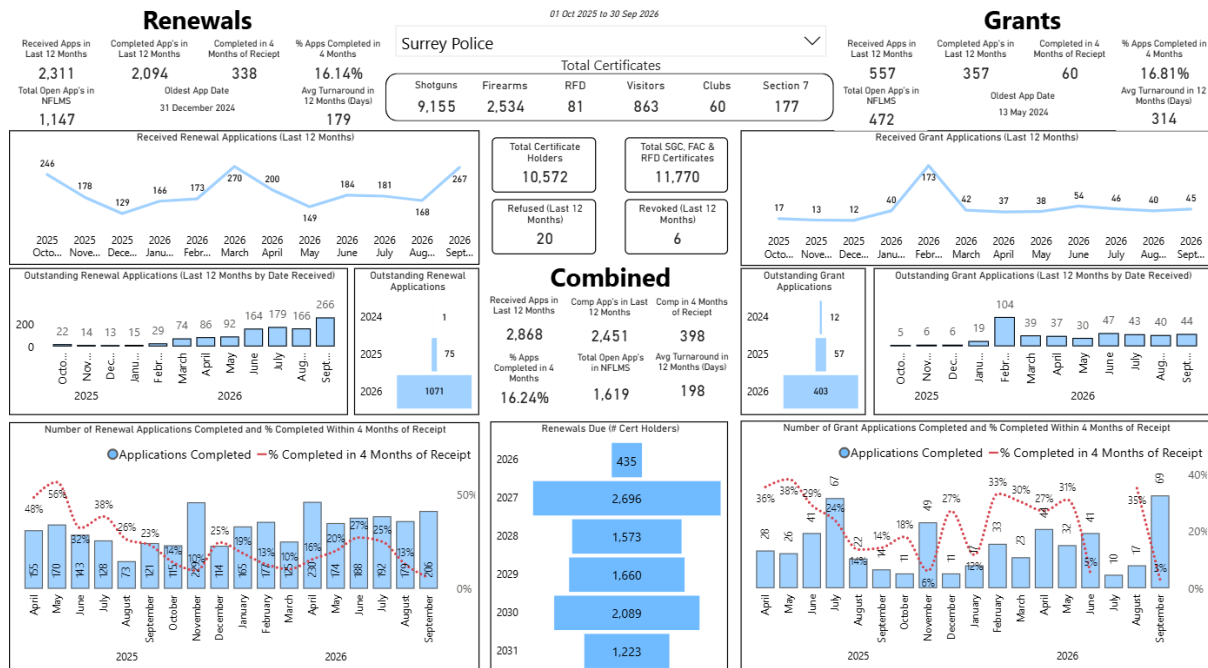
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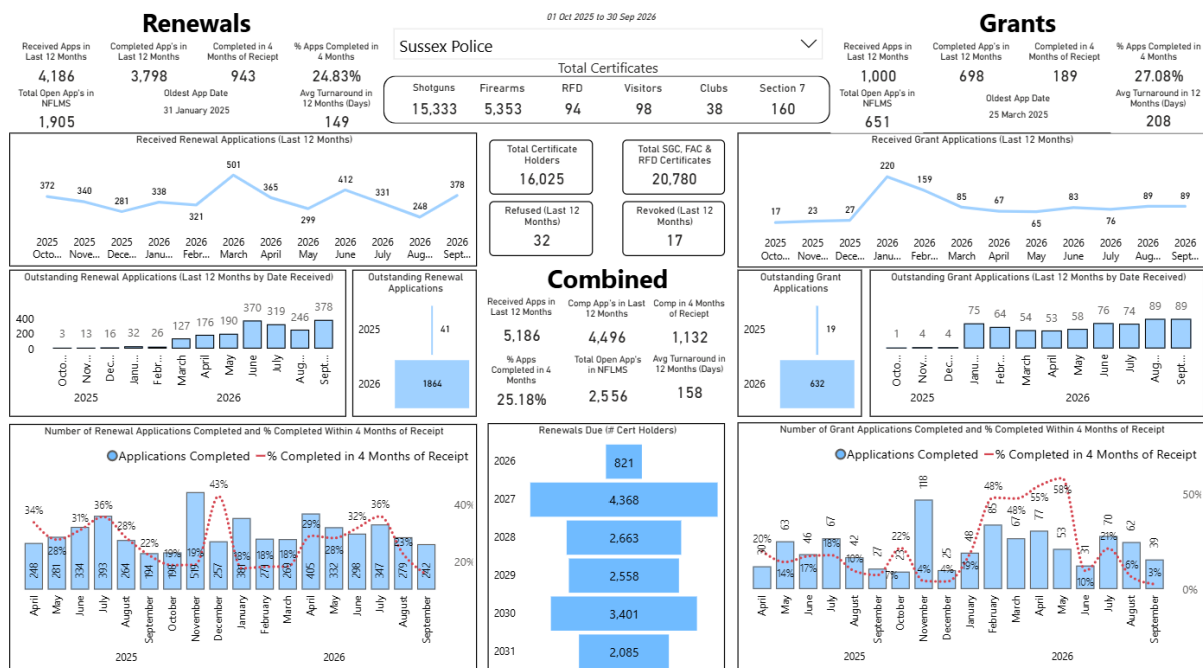
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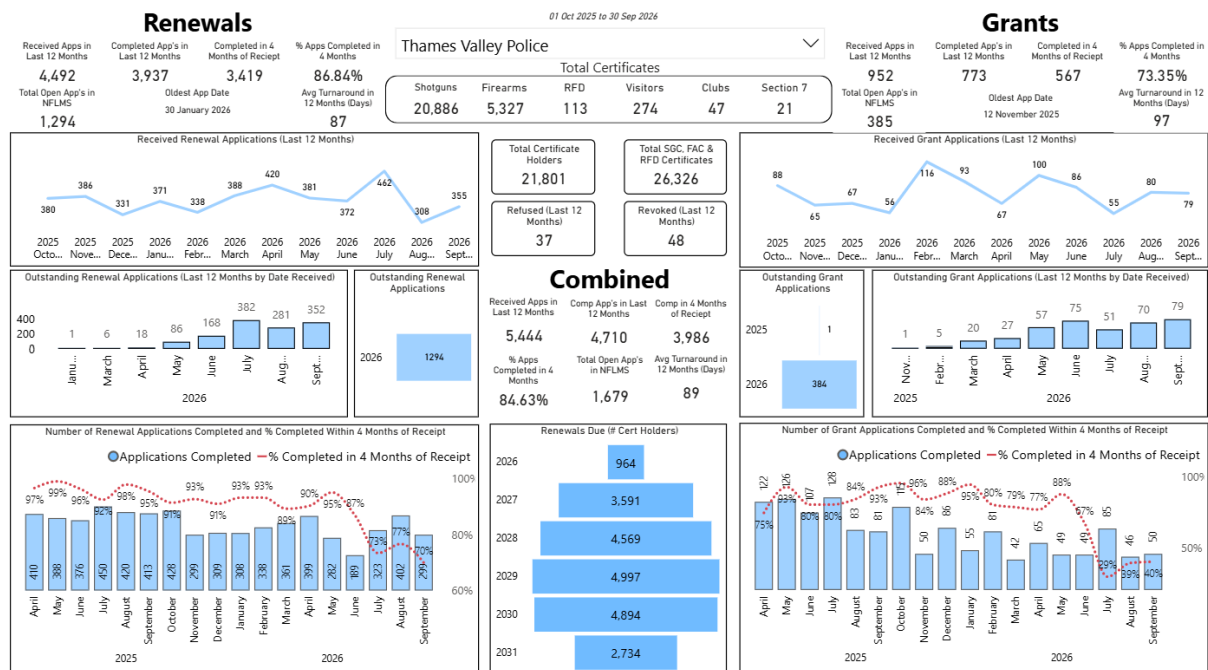
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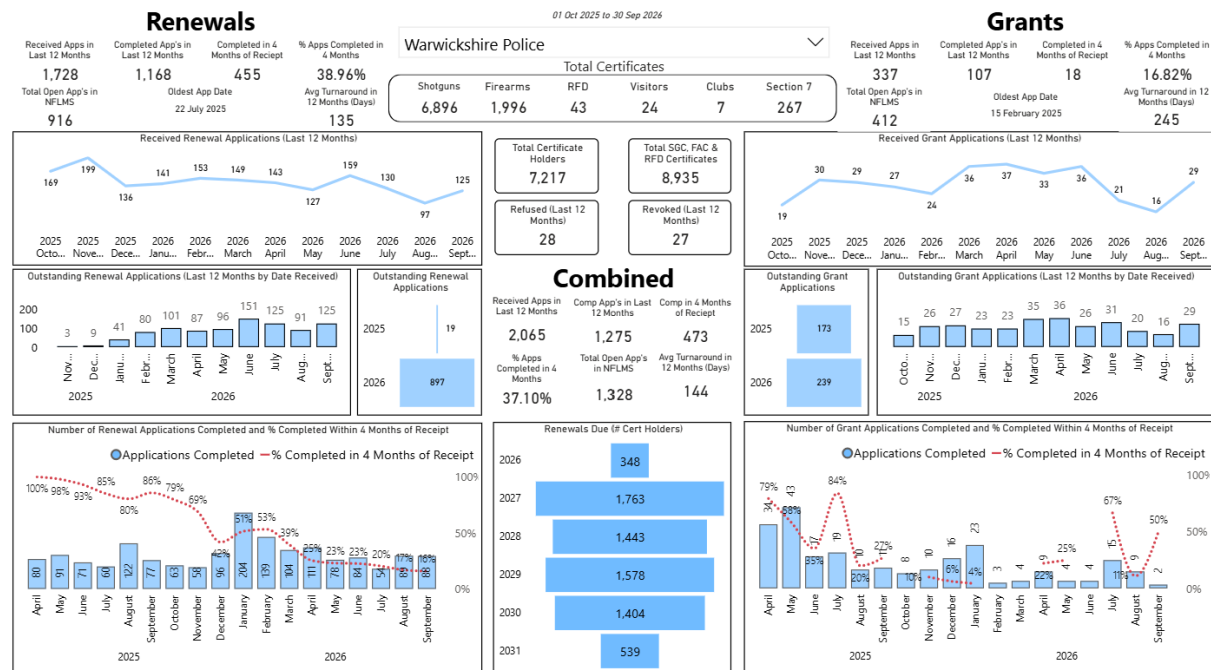
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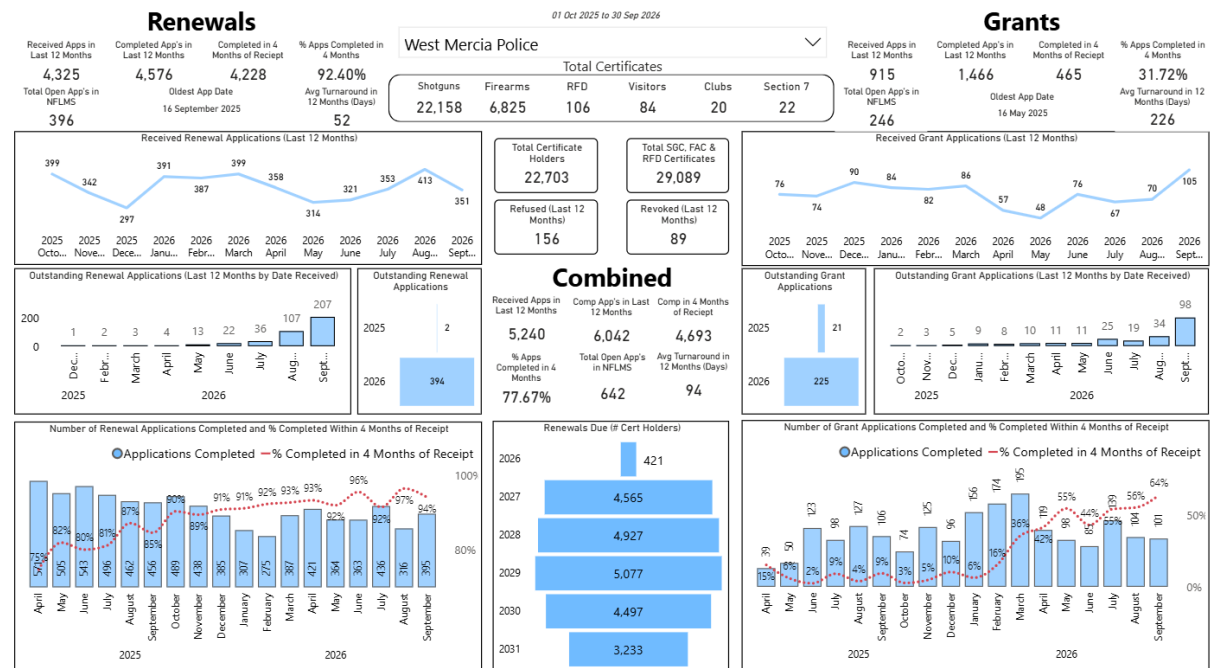
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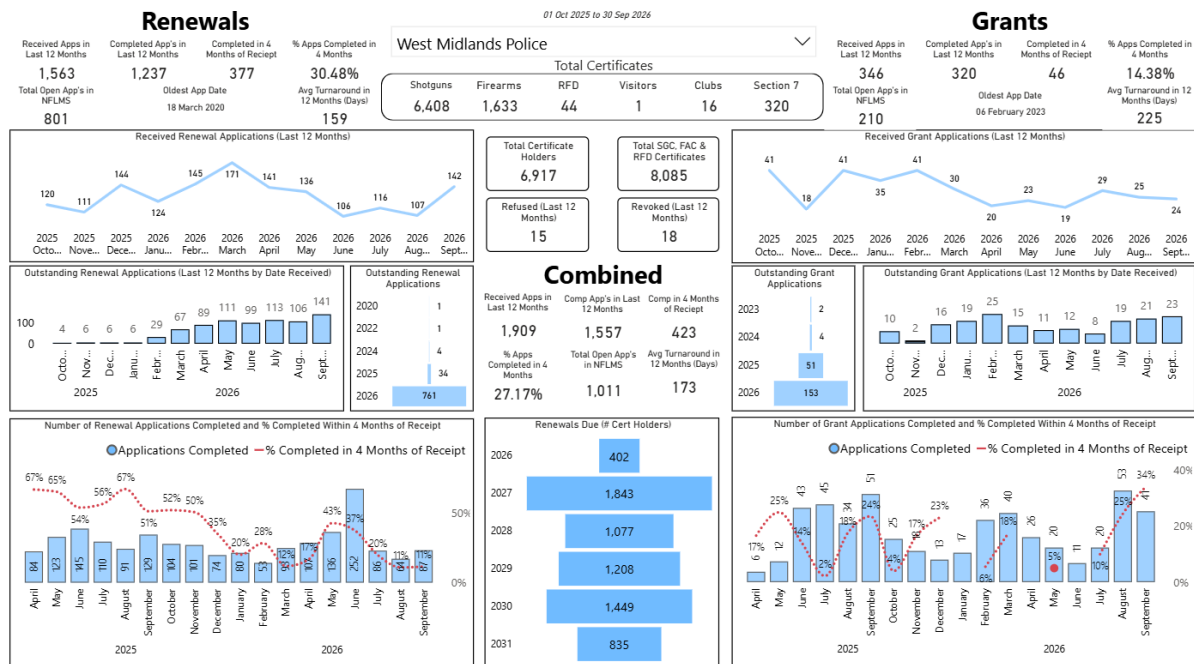
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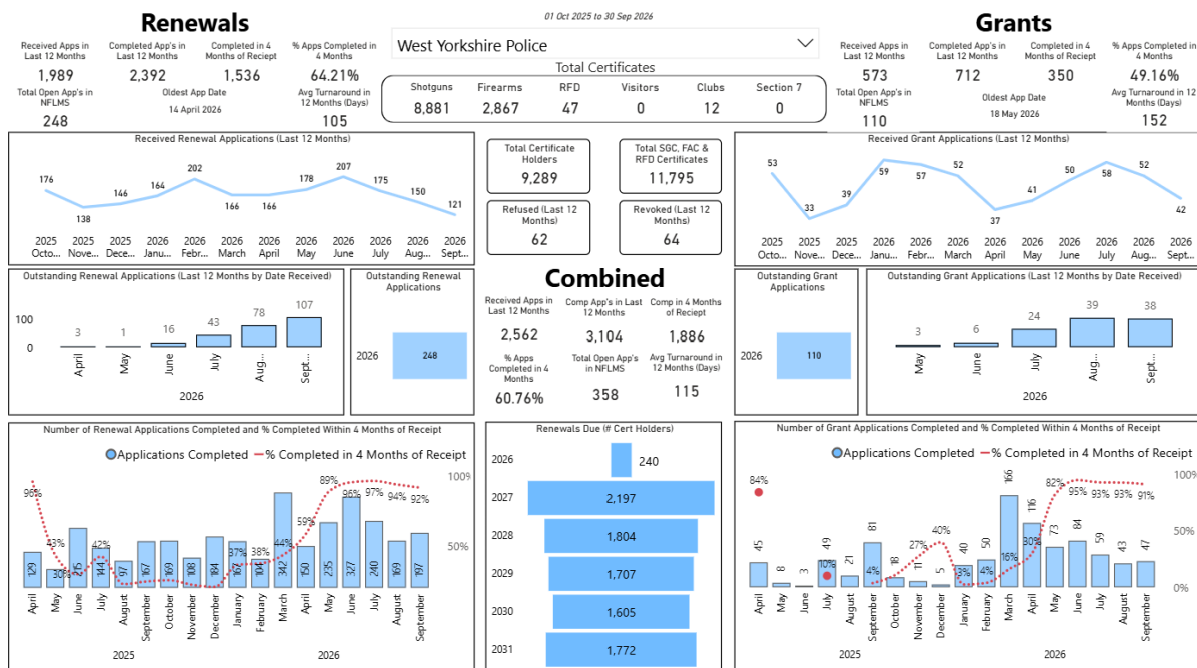
West Mercia



West Midlands



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