Applicant

Decision to apply for firearms licence

Attend GP for completion of form “FM1”

GP

GP records code for “Form FM1 completed”

Pay GP fee and take form FM1 away

Application to local constabulary, submitting form FM1

IT Suppliers

System software scans all 'alert' SNOMED groups against “Form FM1” completed over previous 5 years and issues pop-up warning

Police

Police cross-reference FM1 information against standardised criteria and include all non-medical parameters in decision.

Criteria satisfied

Criteria uncertain or special medical circumstances

Criteria not satisfied

licence issued for 5 years

Police appointed and funded medical adjudicator makes professional decision

Licence denied

Police inform GP that application was denied

GP

If pop-up warning occurs GP considers the public interest and alerts the police as appropriate

GP records application “revoked” to prevent error pop-ups