

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

6th August 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 12/07/2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

- Copies of your force's policy on the collection and retention of DNA samples from those aged under 18, and for any background papers or other documents relating to your policy.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Greater Manchester Police follow National guidelines in accordance with the collection and retention of children's and young peoples DNA and have no specific policy relating to those aged 18 or under. For this reason the information that you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act – Information reasonably accessible by other means.

The information you are requesting can be found on the following website
www.acpo.police.uk/asp/policies/Data/Retention%20of%20Records.pdf

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,