

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

23rd May 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/04/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 25/04/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- What is your policy for police officers who prove positive for drugs when tested?
- How many police officers have been tested for drugs in your force since testing was introduced?
- How many police officers tests have proved positive for drugs and for which drugs?
- What disciplinary action was taken against police officers who tested positive for drugs?
- What is your policy for police officers who are convicted of a drugs offence while serving as a police officer?
- How many police officers in your force have been convicted of a drugs offence while serving as a police officer since 1997?
- What disciplinary action was taken against police officers who were convicted of a drugs offence while serving as a police officer since 1997?

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

- Please find attached the policy for drug testing
- The drug testing policy was only introduced in April and to date no officers have been tested.
- No tests have been carried out therefore no details of the drugs used is held.
- No disciplinary action has been taken as no officers have been tested under the new policy.
- A copy of the Alcohol and Drug Misuse policy is attached.
- Since 1997 there have been 2 serving police officers convicted of a drugs offence whilst serving as a police officer.
- The 2 officers convicted were dealt with by court; Greater Manchester Police does not have any information held in relation to any internal discipline.

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 me on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Assistant