

**Information Governance Unit  
Information Management Branch**

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010

Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/06/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 01/06/2010. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1 How many officers were on restricted and recuperative duties as at (i) 31st December 2008 and (ii) 31st December 2009?**
- 2 How many police officers on restricted and recuperative duties on (i) 31st December 2008 and (ii) 31st December 2009 were working for less than their normal contracted hours?**
- 3 How many of these officers are working for four hours or less per day for the cohort from (i) 31 December 2008 and (ii) 31 December 2009?**

**Note: If these dates are not convenient then use the nearest available date.**

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.

**Responses**

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	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2009</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010</b>
<b>Restricted</b>	436	433
<b>Recuperative</b>	121	108

Please note the following with regard to the second and third questions:

Determining working hours and restricted / recuperative duty hours requires the combination of two separate sets of data, this is due to the way information is recorded on the database. Therefore this combination process reduces the reliability of the information considerably. In addition, in some cases individuals can be working both restricted and recuperative duties and in these cases the database is only capable of recording one category either restricted or recuperative duties. The duty reported is reliant upon a manual input this is especially relevant when looking at hours worked per category.

In giving the figures the health warning above needs to be considered, particularly when comparing against other police forces. With the above in mind we have provided a combined figure for officers working less than full hours whilst restricted and/or recuperative.

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2009</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010</b>
<b>Question 2</b>	34	45
<b>Question 3</b>	15	28

#### 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

**Philip Humphreys**  
Information Access Officer

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Corporate Information Manager  
Greater Manchester Police  
Police Headquarters  
Chester House  
Boyer Street  
Manchester  
M16 0RE

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Phone: 01625 545 700