

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

29 April 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/01/2008, however clarification was not received by 31 January 2008 and the request was cancelled. Clarification was received on 7 April 2008 and your request was acknowledged by Greater Manchester Police on the same date, for the following information:

Question 1. I would like to know how many people have been caught using a mobile phone in the years 2006 and 2007.

Question 2. Of these, I would like to know how many were fined for using their phones and the total incurred for these fines for 2006 and 2007.

Question 3. If possible, I would also like to know how many accidents drivers using their mobiles for these two years caused and how many resulted in deaths.

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.

Result Of Searches

The following information relates only to drivers who have received a 'fixed penalty notice' for the offence of driving whilst using a mobile phone.

Question 1. 16702 tickets were issued in 2006 and 11533 tickets were issued in 2007.

Question 2a. The numbers of individuals fined are as follows:

2006 - 13604

2007 - 7481

Question 2b. Prior to 27 February 2007, the offence was non-endorsable with a fixed penalty amount of £30.00, it then changed to an endorsable offence carrying 3 points on a driving licence and a fine of £60.00.

The total of fines incurred are as follows:

2006 – £408,120.00

2007 - £383,970.00

Question 3. The number of reported road traffic accidents, where the use of a mobile phone was a contributory factor are as follows:

2006 – 28 with no fatalities.

2007 – 15 with 1 fatality.

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 2528 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,