

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

29 July 2008

Dear **XXXX**,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/07/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 02/07/2008, for the following information:

- Question 1. The cost billed to neighbouring forces for the year 2007 and 2008.
- Question 2. The average cost of air support per incident in the same years.

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

Question 1. The cost billed to neighbouring forces (in relation to the provisions of all Air Support) for the year 2007 and 2008 are as follows:

2007 (Jan-Dec) - £9,622

2008 (Jan-Jun) - £11,088

Question 2. The average cost of Air Support per incident are as follows:

2007 (Jan-Dec) - £557 per incident/task.

2008 (Jan-Jun) - £606 per incident/task.

Please note: For the 2007 period, one of the aircraft was out of operation for approximately 6 months due to upgrade requirements. This therefore reduced significantly the number of tasks carried out by this aircraft during this specific period. Furthermore, it should be noted that the time to perform or complete an incident or task could vary significantly based on the particular aircraft/task.

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,