

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

XXXX

4th August 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/07/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 07/07/2010. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many full-time uninformed officers has the force employed in each of the following years:

- i) 2006/07**
- ii) 2007/08**
- iii) 2008/09**
- iv) 2009/10**

2. How many individuals received payment from the authority's pension scheme in each of the following years:

- i) 2006/07**
- ii) 2007/08**
- iii) 2008/09**
- iv) 2009/10**

3. What is the average annual pension income currently paid out to former members of staff?

4. What is the average tax-free lump sum awarded to staff over the past year?

5. What was the highest lump sum paid to retiring member of staff in each of the past three 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.

Responses

1 – As at the 1st April each year, GMP employed the following numbers (full time equivalents) of police officers (excluding those seconded out of force or on career break):

1st April 07 – 7,942.98
1st April 08 – 7,994.25
1st April 09 – 8,194.8
1st April 10 – 8,109.36

2 – i) 06/07 – 7023 ii) 07/08 – 7182 iii) 08/09 – 7328 iv) 09/10 – 7501

3 - £14,147.23

4 - £112,716.10

5 – 07/08 - £292,434.13 08/09 - £233,584.48 09/10 - £402,723.90

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 Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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

Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch, Greater Manchester Police,
Chester House, Boyer Street, Manchester M16 0RE
Tel: 0161 856 2529, Fax: 0161 856 2535, Minicom: 0161 872 6633,
Email: freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk

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. Alternatively, phone or write to:

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