

**Information Management Section
Criminal Justice Division**

21st June 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/06/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 01/06/2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How do you monitor and record homophobic crime or homophobic incidents?
2. Is this method in addition to normal computerised Crime Reporting Systems?
3. When did your force start monitoring and recording homophobic crime and incidents using this method?
4. How many cases of homophobic crime have you recorded in each year since 1997?
5. How many homophobic incidents have you recorded in each year 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.

1. All hate crimes and hate incidents reported to GMP are recorded on the Crime Recording System. The system is designed to allow the motivation of the hate crime or incident to be recorded (i.e. if the victim perceived the crime or incident to be motivated by their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability). More than one motivation type can be recorded for each crime report.

The number of total hate crimes and incidents is monitored by each motivation type and reported in GMP's "Chief Constables Annual Report" and "Race & Diversity Monitoring Report", both of which can be accessed through the GMP website, www.gmp.police.uk.

2. The method used to record hate crimes and hate incidents is integral to the Crime Recording System. Once an incident or crime is reported by the victim to be motivated by hate, a special marker is placed on the computerised record. This allows an additional page of information to be gathered on the Crime Recording System, including the hate motivation(s).

3. The Crime Recording System was changed in April 2001 to allow GMP to record five Hate Motivations: race, religion, sexual orientation (homophobic hate crime), gender and disability.

4.

Year	Homophobic hate crimes
2001/02	89
2002/03	78
2003/04	102
2004/05	144
2005/06	240
2006/07	274

5.

Year	Homophobic hate incidents
2001/02	20
2002/03	23
2003/04	15
2004/05	21
2005/06	55
2006/07	53

Notes:

1. As mentioned above, hate motivations were not recorded on GMP's Crime Recording System before April 2001, therefore we cannot provide figures between 1997 and 2000.

2. The above figures may differ slightly from the figures presented in the Annual Reports published on GMP's website for the following reasons:

- Tables in the Annual Reports show hate crime motivated by the victim's sexual orientation where this is the only motivation reported, if victims report more than one motivation (including their sexual orientation) this will be shown in the "combination" hate crimes figures. The figures presented above show the number of hate crimes/incident where 'sexual orientation' is reported as the motivation, irrespective of whether any further motivation types are recorded for the same crime/incident.
- Since the original figures were compiled for the published reports, hate crimes/incidents may have been reclassified on the Crime Recording System.

3. Reports to extract 2006/07 data for GMP's Annual Reports have not been finalized; therefore the 2006/07 figures provided above may differ from the final published figures (due to be published in the autumn).

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Yours sincerely,