

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

31st July 2009

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2009, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 25/06/2009. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1 . How many officers from your police force were suspended each year in the period 2005 to 2009?**
- 2. Can you breakdown the figures into:**
 - a) the reason for the suspension;**
 - b) the rank of the officer;**
 - c) the length of the suspension;**
 - d) the outcome of the suspension i.e. (i) dismissed; (ii) resigned; (iii) reinstated; (iv) remain suspended, for each year in the period 2005 to 2009?**
- 3. Can you also tell me how many officers were suspended as a result of allegations of violence and/or physical assault for each year in the period 2005 to 2009?**

Clarification of Request

For question one, regarding the number of suspensions between 2005 and 2009, I would like the data to be presented for each calendar year, including, if possible, the most recent data available for 2009

In regards to the outcome of the suspension, this relates to the final outcome. If an individual remains suspended, please could you indicate this in your answer.

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.

Consideration has been given to the principles of the Data Protection Act, and the fact that some investigations are ongoing, when formatting this response. Therefore the responses, in particular to question 2 have been given in paragraph form so as not to identify an individual.

Responses

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Year	SC	PC	Sgt	Insp	Total
2005	1	16	0	3	20
2006	2	17	0	0	19
2007	0	15	1	1	17
2008	0	18	2	0	20
2009	0	0	0	0	0

2 2005

2 Officers accused of theft. The suspension times were 5 and 12 months. One resigned and one was found no case to answer.

6 Officers accused of assault whilst off duty. The suspension time ranged from 6 to 15 months. 4 were found not guilty, 1 resigned and 1 was no further action.

3 Officers accused of assault. The suspension time for all was 10 months. All were found not guilty.

2 Officers accused of misconduct in a public office. Both given 10-month suspension. One resigned and one retired.

1 Officer accused of dishonesty, given 16-month suspension – resigned.

3 Officers accused of drink driving. Suspension time ranged from 3 to 24 months. All 3 resigned.

2 Officers accused of S.4 Public Order. Suspended for 3 & 14 months, one resigned and one was fined.

1 Officer suspended for 6 months for an allegation involving property (full details not recorded) – fined.

2006

5 Officers accused of assault whilst off duty. Suspension time ranged from 3 to 10 months. 3 resulted in no further action, one was fined and one resigned.

5 Officers accused of drink driving. Suspension time ranged from 1 to 24 months. All resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 4 months on drugs related charges who subsequently resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 6 months re perjury. Received a formal warning.

2 Officers accused of assault, suspended for 10-months each. One resigned and one resulted in no further action.

3 Officers accused of data protection breaches. Suspensions ranged from 4 days to 2 months. 2 resigned and one resulted in no further action.

1 Officer suspended for 7 months in connection with sex abuse charges whilst off duty, resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 1 month due to a breach of the peace received a formal warning.

2007

4 Officers accused of assault whilst off duty. Suspension time ranged from 1 to 9 months. 1 found not guilty, 1 was fined, 1 resigned and 1 was concluded no case to answer.

2 Officers accused of assault. One suspended for 6 months and one for 8 months. One found not guilty and one resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 9 months due to misconduct in a public office, resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 10 months due to a fatal police vehicle accident was found not guilty.

1 Officer suspended for 1 month due to affray, resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 16 months due to a sex offence was dismissed.

1 Officer suspended for 1 month due to a rude photograph was given formal advice.

1 Officer suspended for 2 months due to inappropriate comments was given formal advice.

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2 Officers accused of perverting the course of justice, suspended for 12-months each, both resulted in no case to answer.

1 Officer suspended for 14 months due to drugs related charges, resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 3 months due to lawful orders, retired.

1 investigation is ongoing.

2008

4 Officers accused of drink driving. Suspension times ranged from 3 to 10 months. All 4 resigned.

1 Officer suspended for 3 months due to a drink problem was given a formal warning.

1 Officer accused of assault whilst off duty, suspended for 12 months, resigned.

1 Officer accused of assault, suspended for 10 months, received a formal warning.

1 Officer accused of fraud, suspended for 4 months, resigned.

12 investigations are ongoing.

3 – see above.

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