

**Information Management Section
Criminal Justice Division**

22nd June 2005

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6 June 2005, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 8 June 2005. I note you seek access to the following information:

- **A hard copy of your constabulary's 'Hunting with dogs policy' document or, in the absence of such document, any other documentation that specifically expresses your current constabulary's policy on the issue of the enforcement of the Hunting Act 2004 and related legislation.**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

We are unable to disclose the Greater Manchester Police policy regarding the Hunting Act 2004 as this is exempt under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Law Enforcement. We consider this policy to contain policing tactics which if disclosed could interfere with the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension and/or prosecution of offenders. However, I am able to provide you with the following documents from ACPO.

The Hunting Act 2004 – National Tactical Considerations
The Hunting Act 2004 – National Strategic Considerations/Principles

Complaint Rights

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

Yours sincerely