

3rd June 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/05/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 06/05/2010. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make a freedom of information request about pensions funded by your organisation to its workers and former workers.

1. How many staff retired from the organisation in each of the following years?

- a) 2007/08**
- b) 2008/09**
- c) 2009/10**

2. How many staff began drawing a pension accrued from their service at the organisation in each of the following years?

- a) 2007/08**
- b) 2008/09**
- c) 2009/10**

3. How many staff were classed as taking "early retirement" in each of the following years?

- a) 2007/08**
- b) 2008/09**
- c) 2009/10**

4. What was the average age of staff retiring in each of the following years?

- a) 2007/08**
- b) 2008/09**
- c) 2009/10**

5. What was the youngest age of a member former or past member of staff currently receiving a pension accrued while working for the organisation?

6. How many staff aged under 55 began claiming a pension funded by the organisation in each of the following years?

- a) 2007/08
- b) 2008/09
- c) 2009/10

7. Of all individuals currently received a pension earned from service at the organisation, how many are still working for the organisation as:

- a) Employees
- b) Consultants
- c) Workers in any other paid capacity

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, in part, by Greater Manchester Police, (GMP).

Responses

GMP holds information relating to GMP Police officer's pensions. Information relating to GMP police staff is not held by GMP, however it is held by the Greater Manchester Pension Fund - <http://www.gmpf.org.uk/> Therefore the data below relates to **police officers only**, and as per your clarification excludes officers retired on ill health grounds.

1(a) 215 (b) 213 (c) 210

2(a) 228 (b) 223 (c) 235

3(a) 21 (b) 7 (c) 8

4(a) 50 years 100 days (b) 51 years 64 days (c) 51 years 124 days

5(a) 48 years 60 days (b) 48 years 176 days (c) 48 years 20 days

6(a) 178 (b) 182 (c) 184

7(a), (b) & (c) information not held.

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

Philip Humphreys
Information Access Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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

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