

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

17th July 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/06/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 20/06/2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

- The number of cautions given for knife-related offences, if possible broken down into the types of offences, for the last recorded year, eg. 2006/07, and previous year, eg. 2005/06.
- The cautions into the following offences:
- Possession of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse. (not restricted to knives)
- Having an article with a blade or point in a public place.
- Having an article with a blade or point on school premises.

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.

Please find below the information as requested, however the information is not restricted to knives but relates to any offensive weapon, blade, point or knife.

	2005	2006	2007
Possession of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	165	182	86
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	90	119	42
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	1	3	3

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 telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,