

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

28th January 2011

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/01/2011, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 05/01/2011. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. The number of overtime hours worked across the force during October/ November/ December in 2010
2. The cost to the force of paying for that overtime.
3. The same information on the number of overtime hours worked and the cost, but for the period of October/ November/ December 2009.

Additionally, should you want to include any information on any overtime restrictions that have been applied to the force as a result of budget restrictions, do feel free to include any comment. It would also be helpful if you can include in your reply the total number of officers in your force.

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.

Overtime Oct-Dec 09 compared to Oct-Dec 10

	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Total
Hours	110,127.58	85,911.98	100,290.10	296,329.66
Cost	£2,489,477	£1,982,197	£2,514,728	£6,986,402

	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Total
Hours	48,964.62	61,578.97	102,476.22	213,019.81
Cost	£1,181,828	£1,428,128	£2,776,482	£5,386,439

Notes

The above figures include all Police Officers and Police Staff (including PCSOs).

December overtime includes 3 bank holidays for Police Officers in 2009 and 4 bank holidays for Police Officers in 2010.

Last November rigorous controls were put in place on the use of overtime due to an over-spend during the first 7 months of the year, and this is reflected in the significant drop in the overtime from Oct to Nov 09, and in comparison to this year.

December's figures include bank holidays and there is a difference in the number year on year (as noted on the report).

As part of the Budget Strategy approved by GMPA, overtime was reduced overall, and therefore the year-on year reduction reflects this.

As of 05.01.11 there were 7,944 (headcount) police officers in GMP, including those on career break or maternity but excluding those seconded out of force.

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

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