

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

19 June 2008

Dear XXXX,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/05/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 21/05/2008, for the following information:

The information I would like to request is relating to Domestic Violence:

- Q 1. The number of calls to Greater Manchester Police graded as domestic in nature for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- Q 2. The number of arrests for domestic violence related offences in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006
- Q 3. The number of offenders charged with domestic violence related offences in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- Q 4. The number of successful conviction in court for domestic violence related offences in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Result Of Searches

Question 1. Please find requested information attached. However, please note for the requested period, the codes used to record Domestic Incidents were revised for the requested period.

Number of Domestic Incidents	
2002	45424
2003	57995
2004	56492
2005	43132
2006	63131

Question 2. Please find the requested information below, however, please note information for 2002 and 2003 may not be reliable, because the Domestic Violence Marker used to record information on our system was only introduced mid 2003.

Number of Domestic Violence Arrests	
2002	3153
2003	4778
2004	6689
2005	7647
2006	10521

Please also note:

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Question 3. The information you have requested is not recorded in an easily retrievable format, because when an individual is arrested they will be charged with an offence for example assault, criminal damage etc, not specifically "Domestic Violence". In order to identify and retrieve the information you are requesting, we would need to access each incident for the above periods, to clarify if an individual was charged and if the offence was the result of a Domestic incident.

Therefore the cost of providing you with the information for the above periods is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom Of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this statement acts as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

Question 4. Information not held.

In order to comply with s16 of the act in providing assistance, please find below a link to our Domestic Violence site
<http://www.gmp.police.uk/mainsite/pages/domesticabuse.htm>

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 2528 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team