

**Information Management Section
I.T Services Branch**

17th October 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th September 2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 20th September 2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Figures for total number of people questioned by police under "stop and search" laws for 2003, 04, 05, 06 and 2007.
2. Please include the numbers of people from each ethnic group questioned under these laws.
3. Please include figures on how many of these searches led to an arrest and prosecution.

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

Result Of Searches

Information relating to point 1 above cannot be provided. In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a 'Refusal Notice' for this particular point.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I can report that the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, Information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant.

The information you have requested in point 1 is available from the Greater Manchester Police Website, Chief Constable Annual Report Statistics, available at the following link.

<http://www.gmp.police.uk/mainsite/pages//annualreport.htm>

Point 2 – The number of people searched under PACE powers, breakdown into ethnic groups.

PACE searches	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
White	36983	46468	30639	34156
Mixed Ethnicity	1599	1975	1433	1644
Asian	2520	2830	2940	3713
Black	2514	2798	2368	2934
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	306	345	195	229
Ethnicity Not Recorded	3138	3207	673	620
Vehicle Only	675	714	358	274
Total	47735	58337	38606	43570

Point 3 – The number of PACE searches leading to arrest

PACE arrests	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
White	3146	3823	3072	3991
Mixed Ethnicity	74	107	118	137
Asian	277	277	282	301
Black	206	231	249	273
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	24	41	31	36
Ethnicity Not Recorded	308	302	79	88
Vehicle Only	75	49	70	73
Total	4110	4830	3901	4899

Greater Manchester Police are unable to retrieve the number of prosecutions leading from a PACE arrest as we do not record or hold the information in this specific format.

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