

**Information Management Section
Legal Services, Criminal Justice Division**

18 November 2005

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17 November 2005 via an email, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 17 November 2005. I note you seek access to the following information:

- **Copy of Force Policy on Home Watch and Neighbourhood Policing.**

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

Decision

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) I have decided to refuse access to the information you have requested.

Reason For Decision

Section 21 of the Act provides:

Information which is reasonably accessible to the application otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information...

For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

The information you have requested is available from the Greater Manchester Police Publication Scheme. To access the Publication Scheme please visit our website at www.gmp.police.uk. Alternatively (<http://www.gmp.police.uk/Policies/crime+reduction>) or you may contact the Publication Scheme Manager on 0161 856 2292

Yours sincerely,