

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

19 May 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/04/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 20/04/2010, for the following information:

Your Request

Point 1. What was the total amount of money paid to your officers in the 07/08, 08/09 and 09/10 financial years that was for overtime worked?

Point 2. For each rank of officer that can be paid overtime please state the total amount of overtime pay received in the last financial year (09/10) for the officer who received the most in overtime pay. (Note the answer should give the rank of the officer (constable) and his/her total annual overtime pay remembering to EXCLUDE other types of pay).

Response

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 (GMP).

In order to comply with s16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Advice and Assistance), the following information may prove helpful, in comprehending overtime costs for GMP.

In the force, there will always be a small number of officers involved in long-term serious investigations or operations, which require long hours because of the risk and the need to get offenders off the streets.

Criminals do not stop at 5pm or take weekends off. The force monitor the use of overtime very closely particularly the top earners. We have been through a period of growth where various special campaigns and operations have been funded separately. This has obviously now come to an end with the new economic situation. In addition, GMP also receives recovery costs (ie overtime) for policing football matches from various clubs.

While overtime payments are made, staff like many others in the public service put in many hours of additional unpaid effort in their own time.

Point 1. The total amounts of overtime for the requested periods are as follows;

Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch, Police Headquarters,
Chester House, Boyer Street, Manchester M16 0RE

Tel: 0161 856 2529/2668, Fax: 0161 856 2535, Minicom: 0161 872 6633,

Email: freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk

07/08 – 27,134,442
08/09 – 25,734,435
09/10 – 24,072,183

Point 2. The highest paid in overtime by rank for the requested period are as follows;

Constable: £28,358.77 highest earner 09/10

Sergeant: £37,031.08 highest earner 09/10

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,

Corine Phipps
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:

Freedom of Information Officer
Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch
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