

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

11th October 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 13/09/2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many gun crime incidents have been recorded for the borough of Trafford, year-on-year, since 1996?
2. How many of these incidents were;
 - a) Discharges?
 - b) Resulting in injury?
 - c) Resulting in death?
3. Where gun crime incidents resulted in death, please give the following specifics for the victims;
 - a) Name
 - b) Age
 - c) Address
 - d) Location where the incident took place
4. Please indicate, out of all the electoral wards in Trafford, which has experienced the most gun crime incidents and how many there have been, year-on-year since 1996.

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.

Greater Manchester Police do not hold the information that you have requested as far back as 1996 we only hold the details from 2003 onwards in financial years.

1. The number of gun crime incidents recorded for the M Division – Stretford – of Greater Manchester Police for the following financial years:

1 st April 2003 – 31 st March 2004	33
1 st April 2004 – 31 st March 2005	10
1 st April 2005 – 31 st March 2006	9
1 st April 2006 – 31 st March 2007	13
1 st April 2007 – 8 th October 2007	7

2. Again the details are provided in financial years:

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April 2003 – March 2004	Injury	9	Fatal	1
April 2004 – March 2005	Injury	3	Fatal	1
April 2005 – March 2006	Injury	3	Fatal	1
April 2006 – March 2007	Injury	4	Fatal	0
April 2007 – October 2007	Injury	1	Fatal	0

3. This information is exempt under Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means – of the Freedom of information Act. Please find below the websites in which the information can be found:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/manchester/3574285.stm

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/4321245.stm>

[http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/news/crime/fresh-gmp-appeal-shop-murder-victim-\\$448433.htm](http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/news/crime/fresh-gmp-appeal-shop-murder-victim-$448433.htm)

4. For the financial years 2003 – date the most gun crime incidents have occurred in the Clifford ward of the borough of Trafford where there were 47. Greater Manchester Police do not record statistics in council ward level but on our beats of which M1A1, M1A2 and M1A3 cover the area requested, however the figures provided may include incidents from other areas that boarder the beats.

Chief Superintendent Janette McCormick, divisional commander for Trafford, said:

"These statistics show that firearms discharges are on a general downward trend on the Trafford division, which is a testament to the hard work of my officers and also the commitment of the community to say they will not stand by and allow those who use the gun destroy their areas.

"Since April, there have been seven firearms discharges on my division. This is broadly in line with last year, which saw a slight increase on the previous two years. It is significantly less than in previous years but is, of course, still too many and I want to make it clear that we will relentlessly pursue those who think they can live by the gun and cause misery and fear in their communities.

"Thankfully no-one has died as a result of any of the discharges this year in Trafford and there has been only one injury. But guns are lethal weapons which destroy families and cause misery. I would appeal to any young person tempted to get into the gun and gang culture to stop, think about what you are doing and think about where that path will lead.

"And I want to warn those who are involved in gun and gang culture: GMP has had a number of notable successes in recent weeks and months which has seen significant gang figures thrown where they belong - into a prison cell.

"We are also working with partners and the community to understand what we can do to assist young people involved in this lifestyle to get out of it and support them with alternative opportunities.

"Our aim is to see gun-free streets across Greater Manchester and this is something I believe we can achieve, with the help and support of the community which we both serve and stand shoulder to shoulder beside."

Complaint Rights

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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,