

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

28<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01<sup>st</sup> November 2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Copies of all reports issued into deaths in police custody in the last five years. This should include (a) reports into any specific cases, and (b) reports discussing the issue in general.

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

Result Of Searches

In order for Greater Manchester Police to locate, retrieve and collate information held in regards to investigations of deaths in custody this would take over 18 hours of work as stated in the FOI (fees and appropriate limit) Regs 2004. Therefore, this letter represents a refusal notice for this part of your request.

However, in order to provide advice and assistance (as per Sec.16), all incidents of deaths in custody, are investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Therefore, please find the following link to the Independent Police Complaints Commission website. Appendix B of 'deaths during or following police contact, statistics for England and Wales 05/06, provides a description by force, including date, age, sex, ethnic origin, cause of death, verdict, investigation type and circumstance of death.

[http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/research/reports\\_polcustody.htm](http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/research/reports_polcustody.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 2529** quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Information Access Assistant**