

**Information Management Section  
IT Services Branch**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Dear XXXX

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

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/11/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 16/11/2007. I note you seek access to the following information:

- **The current establishment of the GMP driving school now, compared with 1980.**
- **How much training does an officer receive before being allowed to drive on blues and twos today, again compared to 1980.**

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.

The driving school was set up in 1980 as follows:

- 1 Chief Inspector
- 2 Inspectors
- 9 Sergeants (some of whom would be engaged on instruction duties)
- 14 Police Constables
- 9 Police staff driving instructors
- 1 Police staff administrative assistant

At the present time the establishment is set up as follows:

- 1 Head of driver training (Police staff)
- 1 Police Sergeant
- 3 Supervisors (Police staff)
- 13 Police Constables
- 11 Police staff driving instructors
- 1 Police staff administrative assistant

In 1980 no response driver training was provided, vehicles used for general beat duties were equipped only with a roof mounted Police / Stop sign.

The current input to Standard Drivers in response driving techniques is 5 days including a classroom based workshop and final assessment of competence.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

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Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact, on telephone number 0161-856-2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,