

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

6 February 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request on behalf of Mark Hunter MP, for information dated 14/01/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 14/01/2008, for the following information:

Could you please let me know for the period of: 2005/06, 2006/07

- a) How many screening tests (Road-Side Field Impairment Tests) your force has carried out on for i) driving under the influence of drugs and ii) driving under the influence of alcohol
- b) How many arrests your force has made for driving under the influence of drugs
- c) How many of these arrests lead to prosecutions

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.

Result Of Searches

Question a)(i) The number of persons screened via the Road-Side Field Impairment Tests for 2005, 2006 and 2007 are as follows, with the positive tests in brackets:

2005 – 112 (44)

2006 – 240 (72)

2007 – 276 (69)

Question a)(ii) Nil.

Field Impairment Tests are not administered for a person driving under the influence of alcohol, Breath Screening Tests are conducted on such individuals.

Question b). The number of persons arrested for driving under the influence of drugs are as follows:

2005 – 44

2006 – 72

2007 – 69

Question c). The number of persons prosecuted for drink/drug driving for 2005-2007 are as follows:

2005 – 51

2006 – 42

2007 – 54

Please note: In Greater Manchester Police we record drink-driving offences along with offences of driving under the influence of drugs. These figures are collated together and although drink driving accounts for a large majority of the results, it is not possible to extract just the drink or drug driving offences.

s16 of The Freedom Of Information Act, places an obligation on Public Authorities to provide assistance to the applicant. To comply with this requirement, please note, in October 2007, the recording of prosecutions from a number of Courts, within the Greater Manchester Policing area, were transferred to a new recording system operated by the relevant Court. Prosecution results are recorded on this system and transmitted directly to the Home Office. Therefore for further information, I would advise you to contact the Home Office via the following link.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

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 2528 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,