

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

4th July 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/06/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 06/06/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- Figures on the number of petrol thefts for all of GMPs policing area - both *thefts from vehicles* and *thefts from forecourts*.
- figures for the fiscal years 06-07 and 07-08
- figures from jan-apr 07 and jan-apr 08
- the area with the greatest number of thefts for each year.

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.

Making off without payment from a petrol forecourt

Year	Number of recorded crimes
1.4.06 – 31.3.07	4658
1.4.07 – 31.3.08	4713
Months	
1.1.07 – 31-3-07	1062
1.1.08 – 31.3-08	1462

The division with the most reported crimes for the both the requested financial years is Rochdale.

Syphoning

Year	Number of recorded incidents
1.4.06 – 31.3.07	66
1.4.07 – 31.3.08	75
Months	
1.1.07 – 31.3.07	16
1.1.08 – 31.3.08	18

The division with the most reported incidents for the requested financial year 06/07 is Wigan and for 07/08 is Oldham.

Please note: Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the

systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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 Amanda Ratcliffe, on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,