

**Information Governance Unit  
Information Management Branch**

21 July 2008

Dear XXXX

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

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/06/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 23/06/2008, for the following information:

- Under the Freedom of Information Act please can you disclose how many cases of witness intimidation your force has dealt with/investigated in the past financial years 2007/08, 2006/07, and 2005/06, or the three most recent years for which figures are available. Please give separate figures for each year and provide the time period this covers.
- After clarification, The Central Referral Unit stated that you would be happy to receive the number of recorded offences of witness intimidation.

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.

Result Of Searches

The number of recorded offences of Witness Intimidation are as follows: Please note the following figures are recorded by financial years:

2005/06 - 650  
2006/07 - 583  
2007/08 - 495

*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 forces 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 me, on telephone number 0161 856 2528 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,