

**Information Management Section
Criminal Justice Division**

11th September 2006

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2006, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 15/08/2006. I note you seek access to the following information:

In the period 01st September 2005 to 25th July 2006, how many crimes that involved knives were reported to your force in a) primary schools b) secondary schools c) private schools?

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 Search

Please find below the statistics requested that were identified by looking at crimes within a school or within the immediate locality of a school.

Crimes Involving a Knife in Schools - Sep '05 - Jul '06

School Type	Number of Crimes
Primary Schools	9
Secondary Schools	16

I can report that I was unable to identify any crimes involving knives that were reported within a private school or within the immediate locality of a private school.

Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria are 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 that for these reasons this forces response to your question should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you might receive.

Complaint Rights

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

Yours sincerely