

9th May 2006

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated and received by Greater Manchester Police on 19 April 2006. I note you seek access to the following information:

- **How many; (a) members of the public and (b) police officers have made a complaint to GMP claiming they have been bitten/attacked by a police dog in the past 5 years?**
- **How much money has GMP paid out in compensation to (a) members of the public and (b) police officers who have been bitten/attacked by police dogs in the last 5 years?**
- **What has been the largest single compensation award made by GMP in the past 5 years to (a) a member of the public and (b) a police officer who had been bitten/attacked by a police dog?**
- **Who were these awards made to and what circumstances where they bitten/attacked?**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I will respond to each of your questions in order as follows:

1. Since May 2001 there has been a total of 36 dog bites/attacks reported to GMP. 24 from members of the public and 13 by Police Officers/Staff.
2. For the last five years the following total amounts of compensation has been paid out: Public £50,462.13 and Police Officers/Staff £8900.00
3. This information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information, as disclosure of this information could identify a third party.
4. As above, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information, as disclosure could identify a third party.

Complaint Rights

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

Yours sincerely