

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

20th November 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/10/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 23/10/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you answer the following questions in relation to your force for each of the following financial years (05/06), (06/07), (07/08)

- 1. How many offences were dealt with by way of (a) charge (b) cautioned, reprimanded, cannabis caution or TIC, and (c) penalty notice for disorder? (d) How many of the PNDs were (i) paid within 21 days and (ii) transferred to the court as a fine where the financial penalty was increased by 50%?**
- 2. My understanding is that the recipient of a PND has their details logged on a database kept by the Central Ticket Office of each force. (a) For just the (07/08) financial year can you interrogate that system to say how many individuals received 5 or more PNDs during that period and (b) is it possible to identify which individual received the most PNDs during that period? If so please state how many PNDs were issued to that person, what they were for, how many were paid as well as the age and sex of the individual..**

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.

Responses

Question 1 (a) and (b) - below is a graph giving statistics for the total number of offences, per financial year, detected within the GMP Force area:

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
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Charge	49,318	45,519	42,143
Caution	9,061	9,410	9,433
Reprimand	3,702	3,800	3,561
Cannabis Warning	3,236	4,953	5,355
TIC	3,790	4,456	4,895

Question 1 (c) and (d) - below is a graph showing the number of offences dealt with by (c) penalty notice for disorder and (d) how many of the PNDs were (i) paid within 21 days and (ii) transferred to court for a fine registration.

Financial Year	Total	Paid	Fine Registration*
2005-06	8,336	4,381	3,684
2006-07	10,997	5,795	4,872
2007-08	9,578	5,541	3,805

* These figures represent the totals transferred to Court but we do not hold the numbers where the penalty has increased by 50%

Question 2 (a) – No individuals received 5 or more PNDs during the financial year 2007-08

Question 2 (b) – 4 individuals received 3 PNDs each during the financial year 2007-08, one was paid and eleven went to fine registration. They were issued for Theft, Throwing Fireworks, Drunk & Disorderly and Causing harassment, alarm or distress. They were all males and ages include 17, 22, 24 and 40.

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 me on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Information Access Officer