

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

3rd November 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/10/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 16/10/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please release the number of solved crimes committed by foreign nationals from January-June 2007 and January-June 2008.

For each six month period, please break the crimes down into:

1. a) Violent offences, b) Sexual offences, c) Theft offences, d) Drug offences and e) Fraud offences

2. The top 20 nationalities for each of the above five categories

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, in part, by Greater Manchester Police.

Please find a graph below showing the totals of the detected crime types for the requested periods, recorded on GMPs crime recording databases.

Crime Type	Jan – June 2007	Jan – June 2008
Violent Offences	31,899	28,653
Sexual Offences	1,400	1,489
Theft Offences	32,358	28,318
Drug Offences	4,937	5,361
Deception/Fraud Offences	3,700	3,305
Total	74,294	67,126

To ascertain the number of the above committed by foreign nationals and to provide the top 20 nationalities for each of the above five categories, would be above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. This is because it would be necessary to manually search through a total of 141,420 recorded crimes as the information requested is not easily retrievable. Therefore these parts of your request are refused.

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