

**Information Management Section  
IT Services Branch**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Dear XXXX

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

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/03/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 25/03/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- How many times in the past year has GMP held prisoners in police stations? (prisoners held at the request of and on behalf of a prison). Please can you provide this on a month-by-month breakdown.
- How much does it cost per night to hold a prisoner at a police station?
- How much have you had to pay out on overtime costs to accommodate these prisoners?

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.

- Greater Manchester Police does not hold the information in relation to each prisoner, however we are able to provide the information in relation to the number of prisoner nights.

Month	No. of prisoner nights
April 2007	172
May 2007	425
June 2007	427
July 2007	71
August 2007	146
September 2007	175
October 2007	364
November 2007	456
December 2007	29
January 2008	0
February 2008	546
March 2008	49

- In the financial year April 2007 – March 2008 the cost of holding a prisoner per night was £805.00.
- For the same financial year the cost paid out in overtime was £2,076,669.00.

Operation Safeguard is an ongoing operation and all figures have not as yet been finalised. The figures released within this request are collected by the police and have not yet been agreed with the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), which may have a different estimate of costs. It should be noted that this release will not necessarily reflect a complete picture of the full costs of the operation and should not be compared with costs of other forces.

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,