

**Information Governance Unit  
Information Management Branch**

XXXX

16 September 2010

Dear XXXX

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

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/08/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 18/08/2010, for the following information:

**Your Request**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you please supply me with answers to the following question:

- How many incidents of homophobic hate crime have been reported to Greater Manchester Police since 2000? Please could you provide a breakdown by month and year.

**Response**

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.

Please note, Greater Manchester Police records both Hate Crimes;

*“Any hate incident, which constitutes a criminal offence, perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate.”*

And Hate Incidents;

*“Any incident, which may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate.”*

As a result three tables have been provided with one showing both hate crimes and incidents together and the other two tables showing just hate crimes and hate incidents separately.

The requirement to record the hate motivation on crimes was introduced through Force Policy in 2000; however, motivation fields were not recorded until April 2001. This is why there is no data for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months of that year.

All other years include all 12 months (Jan – Dec), except 2010 which includes crimes and incidents up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> August (Jan – Aug).

### Total Number of Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes and Incidents Reported

Year	Month												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2001				10	9	13	11	16	10	18	14	11	<b>112</b>
2002	8	10	9	16	23	10	9	15	19	20	7	15	<b>161</b>
2003	9	16	12	19	10	7	25	13	21	17	25	15	<b>189</b>
2004	11	8	14	15	19	14	27	25	21	17	19	22	<b>212</b>
2005	20	18	27	22	28	34	44	37	34	36	36	43	<b>379</b>
2006	31	34	41	42	40	28	42	36	28	47	36	33	<b>438</b>
2007	28	27	44	57	58	55	38	54	65	47	39	33	<b>545</b>
2008	41	51	31	42	52	38	43	42	53	50	39	35	<b>517</b>
2009	33	16	49	55	58	48	49	39	56	35	42	50	<b>530</b>
2010	43	34	37	39	40	47	44	33					<b>317</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>3400</b>

### Total Number of Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes Reported

Year	Month												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2001				10	9	12	7	16	7	14	11	7	<b>93</b>
2002	6	7	8	14	19	8	7	9	14	18	7	12	<b>129</b>
2003	5	14	8	15	9	7	21	11	19	15	22	13	<b>159</b>
2004	10	6	13	12	18	11	24	19	16	16	14	21	<b>180</b>
2005	19	16	23	16	26	31	36	31	30	31	25	38	<b>322</b>
2006	28	23	33	39	37	19	37	27	24	39	33	27	<b>366</b>
2007	24	21	37	49	50	43	32	43	52	41	33	31	<b>456</b>
2008	30	35	27	30	41	26	34	35	38	37	30	32	<b>395</b>
2009	26	10	36	44	50	37	44	28	42	28	34	40	<b>419</b>
2010	30	27	19	33	30	39	35	20					<b>233</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2752</b>

The above table relates to the total number of Sexual Orientation Hate Incidents Reported

Year	Month												To- tal
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2001						1	4		3	4	3	4	<b>19</b>
2002	2	3	1	2	4	2	2	6	5	2		3	<b>32</b>
2003	4	2	4	4	1		4	2	2	2	3	2	<b>30</b>
2004	1	2	1	3	1	3	3	6	5	1	5	1	<b>32</b>
2005	1	2	4	6	2	3	8	6	4	5	11	5	<b>57</b>
2006	3	11	8	3	3	9	5	9	4	8	3	6	<b>72</b>
2007	4	6	7	8	8	12	6	11	13	6	6	2	<b>89</b>
2008	11	16	4	12	11	12	9	7	15	13	9	3	<b>122</b>
2009	7	6	13	11	8	11	5	11	14	7	8	10	<b>111</b>
2010	13	7	18	6	10	8	9	13					<b>84</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>648</b>

### 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

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer  
Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch  
Greater Manchester Police  
Police Headquarters  
Chester House  
Boyer Street  
Manchester  
M16 0RE

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Phone: 01625 545 700