

**Information Compliance
and Records Management Unit
Information Services Branch**

Mr Sam Guest

Our ref: GSA/2696/14

When calling or telephoning
please ask for Sarah Browne

23rd October 2014

Dear Mr Guest,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 2696/14

I write in connection with your request for information dated **02/10/14**, received by Greater Manchester Police on **02/10/14**. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each child (17 and under) that has been murdered within your area in the last 10 years

Year of death

Age, Gender, Ethnicity of Victim

Age, Gender, Ethnicity of killer

Method of killing

If the victim was related to the killer, otherwise known to them or if they were strangers

If the killer confessed

Reasons given for the murder if the killer confessed

****Clarification* Just crimes where an offender has been charged because there is sufficient evidence that a murder has taken place, and that a person is responsible.***

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. We would need to manually search review all notes, daybooks, crimes, pocket note books, and all other notes to establish if at any point the offender stated they had killed the victim, and assess their reasons for doing it. It would take well in excess of 18hrs to undertake this task.

Therefore, as per Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

In accordance with the S.17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

However, as a gesture of goodwill I have provided the rest of the requested information. This was gathered before it was established the 18hr limit had been met. You may find a number of these cases will be in the public domain, and as such you will be able to conduct your own resource from the open source data available to you.

Complaint Rights

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

Should you have any further queries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on telephone number 0161-856-2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Browne

**Information Compliance
and Records Management Assistant**

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:

Information Compliance & Records Management Unit Manager
Information Services Branch
Greater Manchester Police
Openshaw Complex
Lawton Street
Openshaw
Manchester
M11 2NS

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. Alternatively, phone or write to:

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

