



# **DEVON & CORNWALL C O N S T A B U L A R Y**

## **RECORD 1**

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST NO 596/2008-3677**

I would appreciate, if in accordance with the FOIA, you can provide me by email with the following information concerning the processing of DNA records by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary force:

**1/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.**

**2/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that were arrested by your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from arrested individuals, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)**

**3/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from volunteers, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)**

**4/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force received. How many individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested sent these requests, and how many individuals who volunteered their DNA sent these requests.**

**5/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force agreed to (i.e., where the Chief Officer decided "Yes - Action the removal of PNC, fingerprint and DNA records" as described in the step down model**

flowchart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.

The Crime Department have provided the following information:

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Year	No. of Profiled samples on
	National DNA Database
2002	10010
2003	9218
2004	9628
2005	11500
2006	13588
2007	12955
2008 to date	9106
Figures collated 24/11/08	

*[Clarification: the table shows information regarding individuals only]*

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I can confirm that Devon and Cornwall Constabulary hold information falling within the description specified in this part of your request. However, 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 limit' of 18 hours as set in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this constabulary is not obliged to respond to this part of your request and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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*[Clarification: you are correct in saying that individuals must write to the Chief Constable to request for their data to be removed from our systems. However, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary does not have a centralised recording system for this information, and is therefore unable to provide the information that you have requested.]*

*I regret that I am unable to help you any further in this matter. Please note that NPIA (National Police Improvement Agency) may be able to help you with any further queries.]*