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To: dmery@acm.org
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Dear David

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0538/08

In reply to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 18/11/08

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) requires us to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published, and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Request

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 Cambridgeshire 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.

After Clarification

In 1/ I meant all the DNA profiles - those from a) crime scenes, those b) volunteered and those from c) CJ arrestees.

We have completed all searches within Cambridgeshire Constabulary and hereby enclose your response.

Response

1. a) Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

We would advise that you may wish to contact the Forensic Science Service who may be able to help you further. However I am unable to confirm if this information would be held by them.

b) Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

c) DNA from CJ Arrests

2002	3795
2003	3627
2004	5963
2005	8165
2006	8225
2007	6959
2008 To 4th December	4580

2.

Year	Samples Taken	Samples not loaded on to database	Reasons why not loaded onto database
2002	4095	300	Errors in Sample
2003	3915	288	Errors in Sample
2004	6242	279	Errors in Sample
2005	8391	226	Errors in Sample
2006	6514	289	Errors in Sample
2007	8673	1714	Errors in Sample and change in policy of not sending to database PACE samples for those already on the

			Database
2008	5787	1207	Errors in Sample and change in policy of not sending to database PACE samples for those already on the Database

3. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

4. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

5. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

Due to the differential methods of recording this information across 43 forces, a specific response from one constabulary should not be seen as an indication of what information could be supplied (within cost) by another using different data systems. For this reason responses between forces may differ, and should not be used for comparative purposes.

If you are unhappy with this response, please see the attachment below, which sets out your rights to appeal.

(See attached file: Complaint Rights.pdf)

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact the Information Access Office via email, or on telephone number 0845 456 456 4 extension 2396.

Regards

Donna Anderson
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Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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Dear David

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I apologise for the delay in responding to you, I have now made some enquiries and can I advise you that our response in regard to question 4 was correct we do not hold any information in regard to this.?

In regard to Question 5 I can advise you that in 2007 1 DNA removal was agreed, 2008 3 were agreed to and in 2009 1 was agreed to of these 5 requests all were arrested.

I apologise again for the delay in responding to you.

Regards

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