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Dear Mr Mery

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Reference No: FOI08-1854

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th November 2008, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 17th November 2008, and acknowledged by email on 18th November 2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

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

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Decision

Please see enclosed response

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold the information you have requested.

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

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number	10846	11942	7146	14895	12943	8483

Note: Information for calendar year 2008 is not available as the calendar year is not complete yet.

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As above

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.)

As above

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.

No information held

[Additional information sent on 2008-12-22:

Within your original Freedom of Information request, you asked "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."

Originally, we stated that this information was not held and you questioned this fact. Following further investigation into the matter, we are able to provide some information that is held on a particular system (which goes back as far as 2006), however, I must stress that this information held isn't necessarily all the requests that were received on the matter. In addition to this, I can confirm that we are still unable to provide information on "How many individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested sent these requests, and how many individuals who volunteered their DNA sent these requests" as this isn't held.

Number of requests for DNA record removals held in a retrievable format:

2006: 1
2007: 10
2008(to date): 5

Apologies for the delay on this information and that it was not included in your original response. I hope this settles your request.]

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).

Information held from 2006 onwards when the 'exceptional case' guidance came into force.

Year	Number removed
2006	11 – DNA and fingerprints removed
2007	4 – DNA and fingerprints removed
2008	0

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

Information not held