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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act request - 1218/08
Date: 16 December 2008 12:14:39 GMT
To: dmery@acm.org

Dear Mr Mery,

Thank you for your freedom of information request in relation to the following subject:-

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.

In confirmation of our telephone conversation earlier this date unfortunately I am going to have to decline your request in accordance with section 12 on the basis that 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. The information is not recorded in a readily retrievable format and will require a manual search of thousands of records.

I have discussed with you the feasibility of reducing the scale of the request but agreed that to do so within cost would not provide meaningful data for you to use.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of your information request, you do have the right of complaint under section 17(7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If you wish to appeal this decision, please inform me in writing. Your application and the decision will be reviewed by a Senior Decision Maker who was not involved in the original decision.

This decision maker will review your case and they will either, uphold, amend or overrule my decision. Should this not resolve the matter to your satisfaction, you will then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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