



## Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Alex Marshall

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Dear Mr Mery

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/03875/08**

Further to our partial response forwarded yesterday, please find below Hampshire Constabulary's complete response to your FOI request, including the outstanding responses:

Please provide the following information concerning the processing of DNA records by the Hampshire Constabulary force for each calendar year since 2002:

1. How many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.
2. 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. 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. 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. 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).
6. How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.



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### RESULT OF SEARCHES

#### **Points 1 & 2**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold information prior to July 2003.

From July 2003 information as follows:

2003	7217
2004	14494
2005	18175
2006	15360
2007	19563
2008	15295 (year to date)

#### **Point 3**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold full data as this information is not recorded.

Many volunteer samples taken are not loaded to the database. Volunteer samples recorded on the database are as follows:

2007 = 11
2008 = 236

There are also additional casework samples that are not recorded whether they are loaded or not. In 2008 (to date), 118 records have been processed.

#### **Point 4**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information prior to August 2006.

From August 2006, this information is not stored centrally, therefore a manual review has been conducted on two separate systems, one of which was implemented in August 2007 and superseded the old system.

From August 2006 to August 2007, 18 requests were received for the removal of DNA and fingerprint records.

From August 2007 to December 2008, 21 requests were received for the removal of DNA and fingerprint records.

All requests were received from individuals who had been arrested.

Please note I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information due to the way the information is stored within the two systems and the way the information has been retrieved.

#### **Points 5 & 6**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information prior to 2006.



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Please note the figures provided for points 5 & 6 below are for calendar years:

2006	12
2007	6
2008	2

These figures all relate to individuals who were arrested.

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**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet detailing your rights.

Thank you for your interest in Hampshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Becky Hill on telephone number 01962 814757 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Becky Hill**  
Freedom of Information Decision Maker



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### **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 Hampshire Constabulary to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer who 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 Hampshire Constabulary made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. Hampshire Constabulary must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information  
Information Compliance Unit  
Police Headquarters  
West Hill, Romsey Road  
Winchester  
Hants SO22 5DB

In all possible circumstances, Hampshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 3 months.

#### **The Information Commissioner**

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make 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 Freedom of Information Act (2000).

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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