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Provision of information held by Northumbria Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act')

Thank you for your email dated 17 November 2008 in which you made a request for access to certain information which may be held by Northumbria Police.

As you may be aware the purpose of the Act is to allow a general right of access to information held by a Public Authority (including the Police), subject to certain limitations and exemptions.

You asked:

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 Northumbria Police 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?

In response:

We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I am pleased to provide a response for your attention.

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4&5 No information prior to 2006 is held in relation to these parts of your request. For the information we can provide please see below

	2006	2007	2008 to date	Total
Requests for removal from arrested persons	10	12	15	37
Request approved	1	4	2	7
Requests for removal from persons who volunteered their sample	0	0	1	1
Request approved	0	0	1	1

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.

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Yours sincerely

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		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 up to 04/12/08	Total up to 04/12/08
1	DNA Profiles contributed by Northumbria to NDNAD.	19000	17241	15217	16888	21549	19360	16079	125334
2	DNA Profiles obtained from detainees.	18969	17223	15217	16886	21549	19360	16077	125281
3	DNA Profiles contributed to NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA sample to Northumbria .	31	18	0	2	0	0	2	53



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