

Our Ref: 4455/FOI/1463.08

Your Ref:

Date: 15 December 2008

Mr David Mery  
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Dear Mr Mery,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO. 1463.08**

I write in connection with your request dated 17 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 to the NDNAD?*
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?*
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? 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 North Yorkshire Police (NYP) to locate information relevant to your request.

The searches located some of the information relevant to your request.

1. For each calendar year since 2002 the number of DNA profiles contributed by NYP to NDNAD is:  
2002 = 5419  
2003 = 5031  
2004 = 5267  
2005 = 7717  
2006 = 8064  
2007 = 7097  
2008 to date 5409
2. For NYP to answer this part of your request each individual custody record would require a manual search to establish the force figure. And the cost of

providing you with that 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.

3. NYP's process for dealing with volunteers has not included retaining this information. Therefore the information is not held.
4. North Yorkshire Police do not routinely record the information you have requested and I have been unable to locate the information to answer this part of your request. I am advised that the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) may be better placed to answer this part of your request.  
[www.npia.police.uk](http://www.npia.police.uk)
5. Please see response to 4.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics. However, the systems used for recording these statistics are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

#### Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Elizabeth Terry quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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Legal & Compliance Services Directorate

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Your Ref:

Date: 19 December 2008

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Dear Mr Mery,

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I write in connection with your email dated 15 December 2008. I noted your comments and have made further enquiries in regard of questions 4 and 5.

The information was not located to answer the questions in full. I have made a manual search of the located information to provide you with some information.

In regard to question 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.”* This would be dealt with under the Exceptional Case Procedure for Removal of DNA, Fingerprints and PNC Records. I can confirm that North Yorkshire Police have records for this procedure from 2006. The number of requests made under this procedure are 2006 = 11, 2007 = 14, 2008 to date = 13. None of the requests mentioned that they volunteered to give DNA.

In regard to question 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 flow chart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.* Under the Exceptional Case Procedure for Removal of DNA, Fingerprints and PNC Records, the number of records the force has agreed to removing are 2006 = 5, 2007 = 3, 2008 to date = 8. None of the requests mentioned that they volunteered to give DNA.

I provided the link to the NPIA as they are the central point contacted by forces to have the records removed under the Exceptional Case Procedure for Removal of DNA, Fingerprints and PNC Records.

A link which may assist you is [www.acpo.police.uk](http://www.acpo.police.uk) select Policies - Retention Guidelines (appendix 2).

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