

From: "Information" <Information@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: RE: RFI2008000668 - David Merry - processing of DNA records
Date: 5 January 2009 10:08:14 GMT
To: "David Mery" <dmery@acm.org>
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Dear Mr Merry,

Reference No: RFI2008000668

Thank you for your request for information dated 17/11/2008 concerning:

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.

The information requested is not held routinely in an easily retrievable format or at the level you require on ICT systems used by Thames Valley Police. Any attempt to retrieve the information requested would involve a complicated and prolonged search of records which would not necessarily provide accurate results and would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "Appropriate Limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. It is Thames Valley Police general policy that should a request for information exceed the appropriate level then we will exercise our legal right not to respond but cases will be assessed individually to consider the implications.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Please contact me quoting the above reference number if you would like to discuss

this matter further.

Thank you for your interest in Thames Valley Police.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Picking
Freedom of Information Officer

-----Original Message-----

From: David Mery [mailto:dmery@acm.org]

Sent: 17 November 2008 22:33

To: Information

Subject: RFI2008000668 - David Merry - processing of DNA records

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 Thames Valley Police force:

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I look forward to receiving this data.

Best regards -d

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