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Dear Mr Mery

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 504/08

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary. 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. 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.*

Extent of Searches to Locate Information:

To locate the information relevant to your request, searches were conducted within the Protective Services Department of the Norfolk Constabulary.



Result of the Searches to Locate Information Relevant to your Request.

Information relevant to parts 1 to 3 of your request

The Freedom of Information Act provides members of the public with a right to requests access to information that is held by the Norfolk Constabulary. Our Protective Services Department has confirmed that with regards to the number of DNA samples contributed to the National DNA Database under the circumstances you have described, the Norfolk Constabulary does not collate statistics relating to DNA sampling and as such we do not hold the specific information you have requested.

Information relevant to parts 4 and 5 of your request

The Freedom of Information Act provides members of the public with a right to requests access to information that is held by the Norfolk Constabulary. Our Protective Services Department has confirmed that with regards to the number of requests for removal of DNA records, the Norfolk Constabulary is not required to retain records of how many requests for removal are received and we do not currently record this information. On this basis we do not hold the specific information you have requested.

I would like to thank you for your interest in the Norfolk Constabulary, and I can confirm that a copy of this response will be published in the “**Disclosure Log**” section of the Norfolk Constabulary’s web-site under the category “**Administrative Processes**”. You can access the disclosure log via the following web-link:

http://www.norfolk.police.uk/foi_disclosurelog.cfm?bctrail=0,540

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Kindleysides
Freedom of Information Department
Norfolk Constabulary

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the ‘Office of Public Sector Information’ web-site;

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, **you have the right** to ask the Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal request for a review, you are welcome, and encouraged, to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask the Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within **2 months** of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. **Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:**

**Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Professional Standards Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW**

In all possible circumstances the Norfolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within **2 months**.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with the Norfolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

**The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700**

From: Freedom Of Information <freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: RE: FOI ref 504 - Request for Information Received by the Norfolk Constabulary
Date: 13 January 2009 11:41:53 GMT
To: "David Mery" <dmery@acm.org>

Mr Mery

I am afraid that I cannot give any further indication as this would require me making a guess as to how many requests are received, which would not be appropriate either in respect of complying with the Freedom of Information Act in that it requires us to provide information held, or in respect of providing accurate information to the public. If we had the information we would likely have provided it; as it is we do not have records that would enable us to give an accurate assessment of how many requests we receive.

I am sorry I cannot help you further.

Regards

Dawn Clarke

Data Protection & Freedom of Information Manager
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From: David Mery [mailto:dmery@acm.org]
Sent: 12 January 2009 16:30
To: Freedom Of Information
Subject: Re: FOI ref 504 - Request for Information Received by the Norfolk Constabulary

Dear Ms Clarke,

This helps, but I want to make sure I understand your comment correctly. "Not significant" evokes for me at most 10 requests per year in the last few years? Can you please confirm that this is where you would put the bar for "significant" in this context, or if something else clarify this point.

br -d

On 12 Jan 2009, at 15:52, Freedom Of Information wrote:

Dear Mery

Further to your follow-up query on our response to your request for information about DNA removal, I can say that the number of requests is not significant and, whilst we have staff trained in the process, it is not necessary to dedicate resources solely for this task.

I hope this assists.

Yours sincerely

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

Sent: 10 January 2009 12:04
To: Freedom Of Information
Subject: Re: FOI ref 504 - Request for Information Received by the Norfolk Constabulary

Dear Mr Kindleysides,

Thank you for this unfortunately disappointing email. As you point out that no data is available, it would still be useful if from the discussions you had with the staff responsible to handle requests for removal, while attempting to respond to parts 4 and 5, you can indicate the order of magnitude of the number of requests for removals received and granted in the last few years (i.e., none, a handful, tens, hundreds).

br -d

On 7 Jan 2009, at 11:08, Freedom Of Information wrote:

Dear Mr Mery

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I write in connection with your request for information, which has been received by the Norfolk Constabulary.

The attached PDF document contains the Norfolk Constabulary's response to your request. Should you have any difficulty in opening the attachment, please confirm your postal address and I will arrange for a paper copy to be forwarded to you.

Yours sincerely,
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