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Dear Mr Mery

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20080497

Thank you for your request for information regarding DNA Recorded, received by the Information Compliance Unit at South Yorkshire Police on 17 November 2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD

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.)

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.)

Please find attached [below] a document which gives you the statistics you require.

Question 1

Year	Number of 9 series profiled
2002	9414
2003	10,755
2004	13,280
2005	15,249
2006	13,253
2007	13,296
2008	11,306

Question 2

As Above

Question 3

Year	Number of volunteer samples profiled
2002	0
2003	0
2004	0
2005	7
2006	16
2007	178
2008	206

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.

2006 = 3 requests for removal
2007 = 9 requests for removal
2008 = 50 requests for removal

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.

South Yorkshire can only provide details from February 2006 as this was the first involvement that we had in "exceptional cases". Please find the details below for figures from this date:

2006 = 2 removed
2007 = 6 removed
2008 = 47 removed

Please note, the systems employed by South Yorkshire Police cannot differentiate between DNA taken on arrest and DNA taken on a voluntary basis.

I hope the information we have provided is of help to your enquiries and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in South Yorkshire Police.

Yours sincerely

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Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide information and statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures 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 the comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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