



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2008-04576

REQUEST DETAILS:

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.

RESPONSE:

Point One

Please find below the total number of custody and volunteer samples taken by Suffolk Constabulary and submitted for inclusion on the NDNAD in each year since 2002:

2002	-	5,009
2003	-	5,248
2004	-	4,911
2005	-	4,755
2006	-	6,171
2007	-	5,372

Please note: these totals do not include all volunteer samples, as some are submitted directly by police officers dealing with specific crimes and therefore do not get logged through the custody route.

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Point Two

The above figures supplied in point one, are for custody and volunteer samples through the custody system. In addition, there is a difference between the amount of samples taken from individuals and those actually submitted, as some would have been held in Force until it was determined that they needed to be submitted (various reasons such as unsuitable samples or if there were previous samples taken for repeat offenders). These numbers are unsearchable on our system.

Point Three

Volunteer samples are taken on individual basis for individual crimes and Suffolk Constabulary does not hold a record of whether the individual consented to their DNA profile being entered onto the national database or whether they consented solely for the comparison in that particular crime.

Point Four

Since 2006, Suffolk Constabulary has recorded 16 requests for DNA records removals.

Point Five

Of the 16 requests for DNA removals, none agreed to be removed.