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Mr David Mery

By Email: dmery@acm.org

29th January 2009

Dear Mr Mery

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 1444/08

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 18th November 2008, which can be found below:-

- 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.**

Your request has now been considered and part of the information you are seeking can be found below:-

Question 1:

Offender Profiles Loaded to the National DNA Database

April 2002 – September 2008

	<i>Apr-Jun</i>	<i>Jul-Sept</i>	<i>Oct-Dec</i>	<i>Jan-Mar</i>	
2002/03	3838	3160	3169	3582	13749
2003/04	3069	3378	2983	3173	12603
2004/05	3194	3383	3732	3183	13492
2005/06	4096	4460	2531	7271	18358
2006/07	3630	2531	3571	3511	13243
2007/08	2779	3987	2205	4478	13449
2008/09	3707	2485			6192
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Introduction of Pace Samples

Questions 2 and 3:

I have liaised with our Scientific Support Unit (SSU) and they have advised me that the reason for capture of the DNA (i.e. arrested, cautioned, charged, volunteered etc...), is not held on their in-house system. However, in order to assist, I have been advised that this information regarding arrests may be available from the National Policing Improvement Agency via the Police National Computer. Their contact details are as follows:-

National Policing Improvement Agency
Information Desk
New King's Beam House
22 Upper Ground
London
SE1 9QY

Email: informationdesk@npia.pnn.police.uk

Questions 4 and 5:

Once again, I have liaised with our SSU in relation to these point and they have advised that they hold no information in respect of these. As this department deals with the removal of Police National Computer records, I have consulted with the Unit's manager and no records on this point are held. However, I do understand from the SSU that the National Policing Improvement Agency may be able to provide this information. On a side note, since the European Court of Human Rights case, I have noticed a few letters seeking DNA records being destroyed pursuant to the court ruling. However, such applications cannot be considered until the Government has made any necessary legislative changes.

[Clarification on the side note: Thanks for your email. Sorry for my misleading and badly phrased sentence.]

Such applications are not considered in a different way at this stage and are still considered under the normal exceptional case procedures. This will be the case until any legislative changes or the Home Office have advised differently.

Hope this clears this issue up.]

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Lancashire Constabulary and apologise

for the delay in getting this information to you.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Data Protection and Information Officer, Corporate Support and Information Services – Data Protection, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Compliant Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Disclosure Officer