



**FOI Reference: 328/2009**

**Request:**

1. How many requests for DNA records removals has your force received in 2008? (a) And so far in 2009?
2. 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) so far in 2009?

**Response:**

1. Due to the fact that any information held prior to 2009 was not held in an easily retrievable format, the cost of providing you with the information for the year 2008 is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would exceed 18 hours (i.e. minimum of 75 hours) to comply with this part of your request. The regulations can be located @

[www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2004/20043244.htm](http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2004/20043244.htm).

It has been calculated that there are for that year (2008) 15 lever arch files containing a minimum of 200 letters and correspondence, which may contain information applicable to the request. In order to retrieve and collate the information requested would require opening and researching each and every letter and correspondence. Going on the estimate that it would take a minimum of 1.5 minutes to research a single letter or correspondence, to complete the whole task would take a minimum of 75 hours.

**In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for this request.** However, you may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the time shown above to fall within the 18 hours. Please contact me if you would like some advice on refining your request.

**Response:**

1. (a) I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested. For the year 2009 up to the date of the request Dyfed-Powys Police had received a total of **six** DNA record removal requests.

**Response:**

2. I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police as no requests for DNA record removals have been agreed.