



## Freedom of Information Request 840/08

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

2002 – 11222  
 2003 – 10278  
 2004 – 9546  
 2005 – 14669  
 2006 – 11486  
 2007 – 9315  
 2008 – 10780

Please note: these figures are for samples from suspects and also volunteer DNA samples.

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.)

Samples Profiled and Loaded	Number of Times Officers Took Samples
2002 – 11221	2002 – 15406
2003 – 10278	2003 - 13960
2004 – 9522	2004 - 12417
2005 – 14668	2005 - 14672
2006 – 11479	2006 – 11481
2007 – 9311	2007 - 9313
2008 – 10767	2008 – 11698

Please note: these figures are for samples from suspects. Due to the way information is retrieved from our computer system, we are unable to differentiate between samples taken on arrest or charge so the above figures include both. To separate the status between samples taken on arrest or charge would involve manual checks within other systems and paper documents in order to provide the requested information. It is estimated that the cost of providing you with the information 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.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

The difference between samples contributed to the NDNAD and the samples actually taken can be explained in a number of ways. Some samples were taken but a profile already existed on the NDNAD for the individual and therefore the subsequent sample would not have been submitted for inclusion. Samples may have failed for various administrative or scientific reasons and would therefore not have been loaded.

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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.)

South Wales Police does not hold full data in relation to volunteer DNA samples as this information is not recorded. Many volunteer DNA samples which are taken are not loaded to the National DNA Database.

2002 – 1  
2004 – 24  
2005 – 1  
2006 – 7  
2007 – 4  
2008 – 13

Please note I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information due to the way the information is stored within the two systems and the way the information has been retrieved.

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.

2002 – 2005 No definitive statistics available across the force of how many DNA removal requests from volunteer or arrest.

2005 – 2008 Four requests researched at PNC, from individuals arrested, none from volunteers.

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.

2002 – 2005 No definitive statistics available across the force of how many DNA removal decisions from volunteer or arrest.

2005 – 2008 Two ACPO decisions for removal.

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