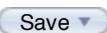


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Dear Mr Mery

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

With reference to your e-mail dated 17/11/2008 requesting information as reproduced below and our subsequent telephone conversation of today's date:

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.

I can confirm that Northamptonshire Police holds the information requested in respect of question 1) as follows:

2002- 3249, 2003 - 2763, 2004 - 2841, 2005 - 4412, 2006 - 5291, 2007 - 4732, 2008 (to 20/11/08) - 4258.

As discussed, Northamptonshire Police does not hold the information in any readily retrievable format in respect of questions 2) to 5). There is no single database holding the information requested. Some information may be held on individual custody records but manual examination would take the request over the cost limit and any results would not be conclusive in any case.

Northamptonshire Police provides a review and appeals procedure within the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If you decide to make an appeal and, having followed the full process you are still dissatisfied, you will then have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give due consideration to the matter. See Appendix 'a' enclosed.

I trust you find this information to be satisfactory but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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