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Dear Mr. Mery

Freedom of Information Request 2008 / 7168

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received in this office on the 21st November 2008.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

Q1. For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.

Q2. 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.)

Q3. 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.)

Q4. 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.

Q5. 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.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, Section 1(1) (a), is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, Section 1 (1) (b), is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Under the provisions of those sections of FOIA, I can confirm that information you requested is held in part by Gwent Police for the above questions therefore we are able to comply in part with your request to supply data.

A1.

2002 - 3396 profiles

2003 - 2308 profiles

2004 - 2603 profiles

2005 - 2925 profiles
2006 - 4174 profiles
2007 - 4488 profiles
2008 - 2674 profiles

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A5. The ACPO Criminal Records Office only hold records from 2006, and we do not keep any records of the requests that are made for destruction/removal of DNA records within Gwent Police.

ACPO Criminal Records Office (ACRO) have records which show the following from 2006 to date:

2006 Destruction/Removals - Nil
2007 Destruction/Removals - One
2008 Destruction/Removals - Four to date.

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I hope this information is satisfactory to your request however, should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the way in which your request was handled, I have attached the Gwent Police FOI Appeals Procedure for your information

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.

Yours sincerely,

Where a response is requested/required would you please allow the initial enquiry to remain attached

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