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Dear Mr Mery

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/03875/08

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by the Information Compliance Unit at Hampshire Constabulary on 18th November 2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information concerning the processing of DNA records by the Hampshire Constabulary force for each calendar year since 2002:

1. How many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.
2. 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. 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. 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. 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).
6. How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.

RESULT OF SEARCHES

Points 1 & 2



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Hampshire Constabulary does not hold information prior to July 2003.

From July 2003 information as follows:

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| 2003 | 7217 |
| 2004 | 14494 |
| 2005 | 18175 |
| 2006 | 15360 |
| 2007 | 19563 |
| 2008 | 15295 Year to date. |

Point 3

Hampshire constabulary does not hold full data as this information is not recorded. Many volunteer samples taken are not loaded to the database. Volunteer samples recorded on the database are as follows:

2007 = 11
2008 = 236.

There are also additional casework samples that are not recorded whether they are loaded or not, in 2008 to date 118 records have been processed.

Points 4, 5 & 6

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been an issue in retrieving this information from constabulary's systems. There is, therefore, going to be a delay in responding to this part of your request. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused in this instance. We hope to respond to you before the end of the week.

You may wish to contact the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) who may be able to assist further with your request. However I am unable to neither confirm nor deny what information they may or may not hold.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet detailing your rights.

Thank you for your interest in Hampshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Becky Hill on telephone number 01962 814757 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Becky Hill
Freedom of Information Decision Maker



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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Hampshire Constabulary to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer who dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Hampshire Constabulary made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. Hampshire Constabulary must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information
Information Compliance Unit
Police Headquarters
West Hill, Romsey Road
Winchester
Hants SO22 5DB

In all possible circumstances, Hampshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 3 months.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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