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Subject: Your Enquiry (Our ref: 2008/1625)
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To: <dmery@acm.org>

Dear Mr Mery,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2008.1625

On 17th November 2008 you sent an e-mail constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

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.

After correspondence with Chief Inspector Steve Radcliffe, Head of Corporate Information Management Bureau, on the 14th May 2009 you amended your request to:

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that the Gloucestershire Constabulary does not hold any relevant information.

1.The forces Scientific Support Unit deal with DNA removals that have been requested by DQIT (Data Quality and Integrity Team) at the NPIA for offenders who have had DNA mistakenly taken for non-recordable offences. In 2008 there were 47 requests that were authorised for removal by our Scientific Support Manager. So far in 2009 there have 8 requests.

Our Criminal Justice Department would deal with the removal of DNA from the National DNA Database in all other cases then described above by Scientific Support. We did not start to collate this information until December 2008 so from that date to present there have been five requests. Three of which were in December 2008 and two so far in 2009.

2.All the requests stated above for non-recordable offences were removed by our Scientific Support Unit. None of the requests for removal by our Criminal Justice Department were granted.

I hope this information is useful.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Baynes
Freedom of Information Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary

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