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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00102

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** DNA Removal

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose answers to questions numbered 1 and 2.
- advise in respect to questions numbered 3 and 4 that the Information is not categorised in a way that would enable us to accurately answer this part of your request.

#### Question 1

How many people's DNA did your force collect for its database in 2008/2009?

#### Answer 1

10,646 DNA Samples were collected during this time.

#### Question 2

How many people's DNA did your force collect for its database in 2007/2008?

#### Answer 2

12,265 DNA Samples were collected during this time.

#### Question 3

How many people requested to have their DNA removed from your database in 2008/2009?

#### Question 4

How many people requested to have their DNA removed from your database in 2007/2008?

#### Answer 3,4

The Information is not categorised in a way that would enable us to accurately answer this part of your request.

Under Section 16 – Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, there is a previous request where similar information may assist you further. Below is the link to this request.

[http://www.psni.police.uk/dna\\_profiles.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/dna_profiles.pdf)

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.