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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02320

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** DNA Profiles

### Request and Answer:

#### Request

I am again writing in relation to DNA. I wish to apply for a full disclosure of the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1- How many people currently have their DNA profiles on the PSNI database?
- 2- Specify how many have (i) a conviction (ii) a caution (iii) not been charged with any offence?
- 3- Please provide a breakdown of all people with profiles on the DNA database by age (under 10s, 10-15, 16-18 and 18+)
- 4- In each instance, state how many have (i) a conviction (ii) a caution (iii) not been charged with any offence?

#### Question 1

How many people currently have their DNA profiles on the PSNI database?

#### Answer 1

The total number of people with confirmed DNA is 91,327.

#### Question 2

Specify how many have (i) a conviction (ii) a caution (iii) not been charged with any offence?

#### Answer 2

PSNI can not correlate complete figures for DNA profiles with conviction and caution. The number of persons with a confirmed DNA flag not charged or reported is 34,137.

#### Question 3

Please provide a breakdown of all people with profiles on the DNA database by age (under 10s, 10-15, 16-18 and 18+).

#### Answer 3

Total number of people aged accordingly with confirmed DNA flags are in the below table.

Under 10	10-15	16-18	Over 18
0	904	2082	88331

A further 10 people were not able to be categorised into age groups.

#### Question 4

In each instance, state how many have (i) a conviction (ii) a caution (iii) not been charged with any offence?

#### Answer 4

As stated previously, PSNI can not correlate complete figures for DNA profiles with conviction and caution. The number of persons aged accordingly with a confirmed DNA flag not charged or reported is shown in the below table.

Under 10	10-15	16-18	Over 18
0	92	228	33810

A further 7 people were not able to be categorised into age groups.

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.

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