

July - Sep

Section 18 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 allows officers to obtain mouth/hair samples from arrested persons, or persons detained under Section 14 of the same act. These are commonly known as Criminal Justice (CJ) samples. From these samples, DNA profiles are extracted and once obtained they are compared to outstanding crime scene profiles and retained for the duration they are legally held as determined by current legislation.

GENERAL - PROFILES	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of CJ profiles added to Scottish DNA Database this month	2980	3156	3167	9303
Number of CJ profiles matched to crime scene samples this month	40	52	33	125
Percentage of CJ profiles added which matched against a crime scene	1%	2%	1%	1%
Number of DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database this month	3483	3493	2282	9258
Total number of DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	307783	307456	307130	307130

During major incidents for serious offences forces can request members of the public to voluntarily supply mouth swabs samples in effort to identify the source of a crime scene profile. These operations are called Intelligence Led Screens (ILS). Volunteers can choose to have their DNA profile compared to all outstanding crime scene profiles (A class volunteer) or solely for the operation for which the sample was taken (B class volunteer). These samples are retained until permission is withdrawn (A class) or once the operation is finished (B class).

INTELLIGENCE LED SCREEN VOLUNTEER PROFILES	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of new Operations this month	0	1	0	1
Number of ILS profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	0	233	0	233
Number of ILS profiles eliminated from further investigation this month	0	233	0	233
Total Number of ILS DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	4104	4339	4310	4310

Section 56 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 allows officers to obtain mouth/hair samples from persons willing to voluntarily supply their DNA profile. These profiles are compared to outstanding crime scene profiles and retained until permission is withdrawn.

GENERAL VOLUNTEER PROFILES	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of General Volunteer profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	0	0	0	0
Number of General Volunteer profiles eliminated from further investigation this month	0	0	0	0
Total number of General volunteer DNA samples held on the Scottish DNA Database	188	188	188	188

ALL VOLUNTEER (inc ILS and General Volunteer Database)	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Volunteer profile Matches to a crime scene this month	0	0	0	0
Total number of Volunteer profiles Matches to a crime scene to date	37	37	37	37
Number of Volunteer DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database this month	0	0	0	0

SHORTER TERM DNA RETENTIONS

Section 18E of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 allows DNA, fingerprints and other physical data to be retained from children who have been referred to a Children's Hearing. This only applies to those children who are referred for certain relevant violent and sexual offences and either accept these grounds or have them established in court. In such cases their DNA, fingerprints and other physical data can be retained for 3 years plus possible rolling 2 year extensions which can only be decided by a Court. It applies to children aged 8 years and above, as this is the age of criminal responsibility in Scotland.

Children's Hearings	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Section 18E DNA profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	0	1	0	1
Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18E profile this month	0	0	0	0
Total Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18E profile	0	0	0	0
Number of Section 18E DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database this month	0	0	0	0
Total number of Section 18E DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	19	20	20	20

Section 18A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 allows DNA, fingerprints and other physical data to be retained from individuals when criminal proceedings were initiated for specific relevant sexual or violent offences but those proceedings end without a conviction. In such cases their DNA, fingerprints and other physical data can be retained for 3 years plus possible rolling 2 year extensions which can only be decided by a Court.

Relevant Sexual or Violent Offences	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Section 18A DNA profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database	148	191	184	523
Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18A profile this month	0	1	3	4
Total Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18A profile	99	100	103	103
Number of Section 18A DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database	92	109	112	313
Total number of Section 18A DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	5108	5208	5276	5276

Relevant offers are not convictions; they are alternatives to prosecution for an offence. Section 18B of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 allows DNA, fingerprints and other physical data to be retained from individuals who have been issued with and accepted a relevant offer as an alternative to prosecution for an offence.

Relevant Offers	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Section 18B(5b) DNA profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	27	34	19	80
Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18B(5b) profile this month	1	0	0	1
Total Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18B(5b) profile	10	10	10	10
Number of Section 18B(5b) DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database	3	2	0	5
Total number of Section 18B(5b) DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	900	929	947	947
Number of Section 18B(5c) DNA profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	163	123	110	396
Number of Section 18B(5c) DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database	161	167	162	490
Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18B(5c) profile this month	5	3	3	11
Total Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18B(5c) profile	53	56	59	59
Total number of Section 18B(5c) DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	4005	3976	3919	3919

Fixed penalty notices are not convictions; they are alternatives to prosecution for an offence. Section 18D of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 allows DNA, fingerprints and other physical data to be retained from individuals who have been issued with and accepted a fixed penalty notice as an alternative to prosecution for an offence. In such cases their DNA, fingerprints and other physical data can be retained for 2 years after which it must be destroyed. That period cannot be extended.

Fixed Penalty Notices	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Section 18D DNA profiles added to the Scottish DNA Database	52	48	51	151
Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18D profile this month	2	0	1	3
Total Number of crime scene samples matched to a Section 18D profile	54	54	55	55
Number of Section 18D DNA profiles removed from the Scottish DNA Database	106	96	85	287
Total number of Section 18D DNA profiles held on the Scottish DNA Database	1933	1882	1836	1836

NUMBER OF DNA PROFILES RETAINED ON THE SCOTTISH DNA DATABASE BY GENDER ADDED THIS MONTH	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Male	2150	2372	2356	6878
Female	830	784	811	2425

NUMBER OF DNA PROFILES RETAINED ON THE SCOTTISH DNA DATABASE BY GENDER TOTAL NUMBER TO DATE	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Male	256276	256016	255795	255795
Female	51507	51440	51335	51335

Scene of Crime Officers will attend and obtain productions/sample lifts that could be of evidential value left at crime scenes. Forensic laboratory staff obtain DNA profiles from these items if possible and the profiles loaded onto the relevant databases for comparison. These are commonly known as Scene of Crime (SOC) profiles and matches against subject DNA profiles are then reported to the relevant force

CRIME SCENE MATCHES – GENERAL	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of crime scene samples added to the Scottish DNA Database this month	248	165	276	689
Number of crime scene samples matched to CJ profile this month	159	103	142	404
Percentage of Matches to a CJ profile this month	64%	62%	51%	59%
Number of crime scene samples matched to other outstanding crime scenes this month	6	7	10	23
Total number of crime scene samples held on the Scottish DNA Database	19096	19135	19306	19306
Total number of crime scene matches to date	34501	34663	34858	34858

CRIME SCENE MATCHES – BY CRIME TYPE

Group 1 – Non-Sexual Crimes of Violence

This group includes - murder, attempted murder, serious assault, robbery and assault with intent to rob, cruelty to children, threats and extortion.

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 1 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	27	15	30	72
Total Group 1 Crime since April 2011	1087			

Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency

This group includes - rape, indecent assault, lewd and libidinous practices.

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 2 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	4	8	7	19
Total Group 2 Crime since April 2011	128			

Group 3 – Crimes of Dishonesty

This group includes - theft, housebreaking, thefts of and from motor vehicles and fraud.

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 3 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	122	91	96	309
Total Group 3 Crime since April 2011	3806			

Group 4 – Fire-raising, malicious damage and reckless conduct

This group includes - vandalism, malicious mischief, fire-raising, and reckless conduct.

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 4 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	23	18	20	61
Total Group 4 Crime since April 2011	746			

Group 5 – Other crimes

This group includes - all drugs offences, carrying offensive weapons (including knives), Bail offences, and crimes against justice such as perjury

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 5 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	12	14	13	39
Total Group 5 Crime since April 2011	501			

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences

This group includes - Breach of the peace, petty assault, racially aggravated conduct or harassment and alcohol related offences such as consuming alcohol in public places

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 6 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	19	13	13	45
Total Group 6 Crime since April 2011	112			

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences

This group includes - dangerous and careless driving, drink/drug driving, speeding or harassment, unlawful use of vehicle and vehicle defect offences

	July	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Total
Number of Group 7 crimes matched to a DNA profile this month	1	3	6	10
Total Group 7 Crime since April 2011	114			