



**Your ref: CAF 16-122**  
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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016. You made the following requests for information:

In your tender document you stated that it was difficult to estimate the number of DNA tests that would be required as it was a new service – however the figure of 65 cases requiring DNA testing per month was used in the document – based on the trial you had previously undertaken....

Has that been the level of cases requiring DNA testing – or is it more or less? An indication of the % of the 3,500 odd cases you receive each month would be invaluable to understanding the market and to prepare for any future tender you might issue.

Please see below for our response.

The information provided below is extracted from DNA receipt logs which are held by the Cafcass Police National Computer Team in a secure, online location.

Month	Requests received	DNA analysis complete
Jan	36	30
Feb	34	27
March	40	37
April	29	26
June	35	26
July	28	7
August	30	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>156</b>

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Where a request for DNA testing has been received but analysis not complete, this is either because we were unable to proceed with testing (non-compliant party for example) or, particularly in the latter months, the sample collection/testing is still in progress.

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>):

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Yours sincerely,

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