



DNA Sampling and Retention Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will obtain, process and retain DNA samples in compliance with set procedures and in accordance with all the necessary ACPO Guidelines, legislation and Home Office documents to ensure admissibility in court proceedings and aid in the detection of criminality.

2.0 Overview

2.1 This policy replaces D90097.

2.2 This policy stems from section 64 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the Codes of Practice, section 81 and 82 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, Section 10 Criminal Justice Act 2003, ACPO guidelines and the DNA best practice guide.

2.3 This policy will apply to all BTP staff.

2.4 This policy applies in England, Scotland and Wales only.

3.0 Applicable Date, Monitoring and Review

3.1 This policy is applicable from 20 June 2006.

3.2 This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

4.0 Ownership

4.1 This policy is owned by ACC Crime.



4.2 Any queries related to this policy should be directed to Scientific Support Unit.

5.0 Associated Documents

5.1 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND INVESTIGATIONS ACT 1996

5.2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 2003