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### The National DNA Database® (NDNAD)

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- The Forensic Science Service® (FSS®), world renowned pioneers in the use of DNA profiling, set up the world's first national intelligence DNA database in April 1995.
- The FSS now carries out the day-to-day running of The National DNA Database® (NDNAD) under contract to the Home Office. The FSS is responsible for loading DNA profiles onto the NDNAD to search for matches and reporting these back to police forces. The FSS is also the largest supplier of DNA profiles to the NDNAD, and is renowned for its technological innovations and developments in the area of DNA profiling and systems.
- The NDNAD is independently governed by a tri-partite board comprising the Home Office, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), the Association of Police Authorities (APA) with independent representatives invited from the Human Genetics Commission. A dedicated NDNAD Custodian unit in the Home Office is responsible for setting the expected Standards of Performance for forensic science laboratories which wish to provide DNA profiles to the NDNAD and ensuring that these are achieved and maintained. This unit is also responsible for overseeing delivery of the NDNAD operations contract by the FSS.
- The profile data on the NDNAD remains the property of the individual police forces who obtained the samples for analysis.
- For more information about the FSS's involvement with the NDNAD, and on all aspects of DNA profiling, please contact the FSS communications office on 0121 329 5293.
- For more information about the governance of The National DNA Database® relevant legislation and figures, please contact the Home Office newsdesk on 020 7035 3535.
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- For more information about The National DNA Database® see the [Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology Postnote258](#).

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