

This response was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on *The Forensic use of bioinformation: ethical issues* between November 2006 and January 2007. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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I am responding to your consultation document. The keeping of DNA data of non convicted persons on a database must not happen. We already live in a society where the State increasingly watches its citizens, number plate recognition, CCTV, mobile phone tracking technology this is another step too far where proposals to hold information on a persons DNA although they have committed no crime is an infringement of Civil Rights and must be viewed as ethically incorrect. DNA has too many other uses and potential abuses for this to happen and although we can speak for this generation and the current political situation there is too much potential for future abuse no matter what safeguards are put in place, who knows what would have happened if this information was available in Germany in the 1930's.

We need to safeguard the rights of the individual.