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**ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS
OF ENGLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

NATIONAL DNA DATABASE STRATEGY BOARD

OPEN MINUTES

DATE:	15 May 2007
LOCATION:	Custodian's Offices, Birmingham
CHAIRMAN:	Mr Tony Lake, Chief Constable, Lincolnshire Police

1. **ATTENDANCE**

CC T LAKE (CHAIR)	Lincolnshire Police, ACPO
Dr L FEREDAY	NPIA
Dr M PRIOR	NPIA NDNAD Delivery Unit/Custodian
Ms J GUINNESS	NPIA NDNAD Quality Adviser
Mr D MONEY	Association of Police Authorities
ACC D SHAW	DNA Operations Group (Chair)
Dr D PEARSTON	Scottish DNA Database Manager
Mr K MANNINGS	Association of Police Authorities
Prof S BAIN	Human Genetics Commission
Prof S CUNNINGHAM-BURLEY	Human Genetics Commission
DI PAUL GIBSON	Forensic Staff Officer

APOLOGIES

DCC K MATHIESON	Association of Chief Police Officers, Scotland
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2. **DNABOOST – UPDATE (CLOSED ITEM)**

3. **MINUTES OF THE 8 FEBRUARY 2007 (OPEN MINUTES)**

The open minutes of the NDNAD held on 8 February 2007 were agreed as correct record of that meeting.

3.3 **Publication of Minutes**

3.3.1 **Summary of Minutes on Home Office Website**

3.3.1.1 The December Summary Minutes were agreed by the Board. It was agreed that the February Summary Minutes would be prepared for the agreement of the Board.

Action: February Summary Minutes to be prepared for agreement by the Board.

3.3.2 **Open Minutes on the Genesis Website (Closed Item)**

3.3.3 **Circulation to the DNA Operations Group (Closed Item)**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1.6 Discharged.

4.1 ACPOS representation on the NDNAD – the Chair confirmed that DCC Kevin Mathieson would represent ACPOS on the Board, although he had been unable to attend this Board meeting.

9.1.3 Equality Impact Assessment of the DNA Good Practice Guide – Lyn FEREDAY advised that the NPIA Equality and Human Rights Directorate were taking this forward. She said that they would do a full assessment of version 3 of the Guide, which she had provided them with, and would advise the Board who was taking that forward and provide any necessary support.

5. **RESEARCH PROPOSALS (CLOSED)**

6. **CUSTODIAN ISSUES (CLOSED)**

7. **POLICY ISSUES (CLOSED)**

8. **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

8.1 **Governance**

8.1.1 This item had previously been discussed during Closed Matters Arising. Mike PRIOR added that there were issues of Board membership and constitution following the establishment of the NPIA, and that there was now no representative from the Home Office on the Board. Lyn FEREDAY suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting and this was agreed.

Action: Discussion on representation on the NDNAD Strategy Board to take place at the next Board meeting.

8.2 **Ethics**

8.2.1 The Chair advised that he had recently been involved in the selection process for the Chair of the Ethics Group. He said that Professor Peter HUTTON had been chosen as the Chair and would now go on to select the remaining part of the group. He said that the advertisement had raised approximately 55 applicants. Lyn FEREDAY thanked the HGC members for their excellent work in helping to circulate the adverts.

8.2.2 Steve BAIN asked what would happen next, and Lyn said that there would be a series of interviews for the Group members. The Chair said that the group would consist of about nine individuals and there would have to be a paper sift in order to shortlist approximately 20 individuals to interview. He said that the Chair of the Ethics Group would play an integral part in that process.

9. **DNA OPERATIONS GROUP UPDATE (CLOSED)**

10. **ISSUES RELATING TO SCOTLAND**

10.1 Doug PEARSTON had left the meeting prior to this item and there was therefore no update.

11. **CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES (CLOSED)**

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 **Nuffield Council: Update**

12.1.1 Lyn advised that she had provided a report to the Nuffield Council, which had been circulated to Board members. She advised that a report would be put on their website in Autumn. Mike said that he had received further questions, and he and Lyn were liaising to provide a response. The Chair said that there was a need to draw a line on this at some stage as the Board had provided an abundance of information.

12.2 **NDNAD Annual Report: Update**

12.2.1 This had been dealt with during the Custodian Report.

12.3 **PACE Review**

12.3.1 Steve BAIN said that he had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as HGC would be responding to the consultation launched by the Home Office on the Review of PACE. He said that the document raised the issue of justification for extending the ability to take DNA for non-recordable offences. He said that HGC felt that the additional DNA legislation was being tagged onto existing law rather than being fully discussed, a criticism often voiced in connection with NDNAD developments. Moreover, the Home Office were seeking to justify the taking of DNA in these circumstances so as to allow an identification of an individual within a four hour period, something that was not practically possible. He advised that HGC would be critical of these aspects of Consultation Paper, and would comment that if a massive expansion of the NDNAD was proposed, this should be clearly spelt out and thoroughly justified.

12.4 **Samples Arising from Terrorist Offences (Closed Item)**

13. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

13.1 The next meeting of the National DNA Strategy Board would take place on 7 August 2007 at Lincolnshire Police Headquarters.