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PUBLICATION OF THE 5th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ETHICS GROUP: THE NATIONAL DNA DATABASE

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I am pleased to announce the publication of the 5th annual report of the National DNA Database Ethics Group on 27 November 2012. The Group was established on 25 July 2007 to provide Ministers with independent ethical advice on the operation and practice of the National DNA Database (NDNAD).

I welcome the points raised in the report about information on the effectiveness of the retention regime for DNA profiles, and the consideration given in the report to a number of important issues around the ethical operation of the NDANAD.

The Ethics Group's annual report can be viewed on the website of the independent Forensic Science Regulator and I am arranging for a copy to be placed in the Library of both Houses.