

**Forensic DNA Databases:
Balancing Criminal Investigation with Civil Rights**

A Briefing

Chaired by Dr Sheila Willis, Director of Forensic Science Laboratory

Dr. Sheila Willis is director of the National Forensic Laboratory and was appointed October 2002. Dr. Willis studied science at University College Dublin, and ended up specialising in chemistry. She began working at the Forensic Science laboratory in 1979. In 1985 she was appointed head of chemistry within the laboratory. In 2000 she was appointed deputy director, and appointed director in October 2002. Dr Willis is also President of the Medico-Legal Society of Ireland.

Programme

10.00 am to 10.30 am	Registration and Coffee
10.30 am to 10.40 am	Welcome Address Dr Siobhán O’Sullivan Scientific Director of the Irish Council for Bioethics
10.40 am to 11.10 am	Detecting Crime Using Criminal Intelligence DNA Databases Mr Martin Fairey Head of DNA Section, Strathclyde Police Authority
11.10 am to 11.20 am	Questions
11.20 am to 11.50 am	The Establishment of a DNA Database Mr Ray Byrne Director of Research, The Law Reform Commission
11.50 am to 12.00 pm	Questions
12.00pm to 12.30 pm	Human Rights Compatibility of the Establishment of a DNA Database Ms Aisling Reidy Director, The Irish Council for Civil Liberties
12.30 pm to 12.40 pm	Questions
12.40 pm to 12.50 pm	Closing of Conference
12.50 pm	Lunch