

National Guidance on the minimum standards for the Retention and Disposal of Police Records



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1. Preface

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The NPCC Guidance on The Minimum Standards for the Retention and Disposal of Police records has been produced by the Records Management Working Group on behalf of the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) to assist police forces in their statutory responsibility to comply with the Data Protection legislation (GDPR EU 2016/679 and Data Protection Act 2018), Police Information and Records Management Code of Practice and other legislative requirements. The Information Management – Management of Police Information section of the Authorised Professional Practice (APP) is the detailed guidance.
- 1.1.2 The Guidance recognises the need for a common approach across the police service to the retention and disposal of police records following the Soham Murders, the subsequent Bichard Enquiry and recent developments in relation to the Police National Database (PND) which allows police forces to share information in a way that was not previously possible.
- 1.1.3 The Guidance also recognises that the police service creates a plethora of records in the course of the delivery of policing which falls outside the CPIA and other guidance. It is these records that the Guidance is primarily trying to address.
- 1.1.4 The Guidance sets the minimum standards for the police service which all police forces are encouraged to adopt. They are not mandatory and there will be occasions when individual police forces will deviate from them for a variety of technical, operational and organisational reasons. The ultimate responsibility for the retention and disposal of police information rests with the chief constables who are the data controllers under the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 1.1.5 A particular record may exist in several formats such as both paper and electronic. At the point of retention / storage consideration should be given to storing a record in a single form at such as electronic and deleting the duplicated information. When records are stored for long periods due consideration needs to be given to protect and preserve the record against accidental loss, deterioration and obsolescence.
- 1.1.6 The primary target audience for the guidance is chief constables (in their capacity as data controllers), records managers and others directly involved in the management of police information. However it has been designed to be accessible to all police officers and police staff.
- 1.1.7 The guidance refers to all information, regardless of the medium in which it is stored.

1.2 Evidential Material

- 1.2.1 The APP on MoPI provides the following specific guidance in relation to the retention of evidential material, “There is a subset of policing information and records that relates to evidential material. This refers to any physical property, digital data or media that is downloaded or recovered, could form part of the evidence of a criminal offence and may become a court exhibit in any judicial proceedings. This could include downloads from mobile phones, body-worn video footage and CCTV. This definition applies to both digital and physical evidence. Any unused evidential material should be examined as part of a robust post-case review and consideration should be given to the need for retention or disposal under the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act (CPIA) 1996. Other evidential material should be retained in line with this APP. However,

forces should work towards systems and processes that will allow the efficient deletion of evidential material within the CPIA 1996 timescales, in line with the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) National Digital and Physical Evidence Retention Guidance. Metadata relating to digital material should be retained under MoPI as part of the record."

2. Responsibilities for Records Retention and Disposal

- 2.1 Assigning responsibility for the retention and disposal of information is down to each individual Police Force.
- 2.2 Forces will need to document when retention periods are calculated from according to systems and requirements.
- 2.3 Forces should document within their own retention schedule their rationale where it states "Force Policy" within this document.

3. Risk

- 3.1 Responsibility for the managing and use of information within the police service rests with the chief officer of the police force that owns the information.
- 3.2 There are inherent risks attached to the retention and disposal of police records which directly affect operational policing, public protection and public confidence.
- 3.3 This guidance provides chief police officers with a common and consistent approach to the retention and disposal of police records that seeks to balance proportionality and necessity.

4. Benefits of a Retention and Disposal Schedule

- 4.1 There are a number of benefits which arise from the use of a retention schedule:
 - (a) Allows the management of information to be consistent and compliant.
 - (b) The Police Service can be confident about disposal information at the appropriate time.
 - (c) The Police Service is not maintaining and storing information unnecessarily.

5. Disposal

- 5.1 Disposal means deleting or destroying a record to the extent that it cannot be retrieved.

6. Management of Police Information (MoPI)

- 6.1 In addition to legislative requirements the chief constables have to pay due regard to issued APP Information Management MoPI. This retention and disposal schedule has where necessary made reference to MoPI / Groups 1-3.
- 6.2 Individual forces should follow local policies and procedures in place for the review and assessment of information and use the APP National Retention Assessment Criteria Form where necessary.

7. Maintenance

- 7.1 This document will have a full review every two years from the publication date. This review will take place by the Retention Schedule lead and wider consultation will be completed by the NPCC Records Management Working Group.

Any additions and amendments where required for legislative purposes will be updated as and when required and signed off by the Data Foundations Working Group.

8. Glossary

APP – Approved Professional Practice
ARV – Armed Response Vehicle
CAFCASS – Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Services
CLA – Civil Litigation Act (official title is Limitation Act 1980)
CPIA – Criminal Procedures and Investigations Act 1996
CPS – Crown Prosecution Service
DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service
DP / DPA – Data Protection Act 2018
FPN – Fixed Penalty Notices
HMIC – His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabularies
HMG – His Majesty’s Government
HO – Home Office
ICO – Information Commissioners Office
OJEU – Official Journal of the European Union
IOPC – Independent Office for Police Conduct
MAPPA – Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
MoPI – Management of Police Information
NFA – No Further Action
NIM – National Intelligence Model
NPCC – National Police Chiefs’ Council
PACE – Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
PND – Police National Database
POCA – Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
RIPA – Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
RTA – Road Traffic Act 1988
VDRS – Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme

9. Additional Rules for Forces Applying this Schedule.

- 9.1 Where retention is based on force requirements it is up to each individual force to determine their retention regime and justify as necessary locally and within their local retention schedule.
- 9.2 Forces are advised to identify and document when the retention periods start from i.e. immediately, once closed or from end of year.
- 9.3 Where this document identifies further retention should be considered under public interest forces should refer to the APP Information Management MoPI for further guidance and determine their own requirements in this regard.

10. Records Retention Tables

10.1 Tables below set out the retention and disposal timescales for the following areas:

- Assets and Products
- Crime & Case Files
- Detecting
- Finance
- Information
- Organisation, Programmes and Projects
- People
- Preventing
- Property
- Prosecution

ASSETS & PRODUCTS

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
Alarms	Burglary Alarm installations (non-police locations)	End of subscription			
Asset Register	List of assets e.g., hardware	when superseded or 6 years	Force Policy		
Breath Testing	Evidential breath procedures; breathalyser machine log etc; calibration /certification of the station Intoximeter machine by a qualified engineer	Life of machine + 1 Year			
Breath Testing	Local test records for hand held road side breath test machines. Usually done weekly by a clerk.	6 Months			
CS / PAVA Gas Records	Issue / disposal	Life of canister + 6 Months			
CS / PAVA Gas Records	Discharge	6 Years			
Dogs - Police Dogs	Individual Police dogs files (includes bites records / register)	Service of the dog + 6 Years			

Equipment and Supplies	Personal protective equipment supplied, maintenance logs etc.	6 Years (inspections – Until superseded, maintenance log kept up to date)	The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, Regulation 6 (3) The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992, Schedule 6		
Fire Tests	Fire detection and equipment tests Force buildings	7 Years	Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005/Fire Safety Order 2006		
Records of Firearms issued and returns	Records of firearms issued and returned	6 Years	Force Policy Directive 2008/51/EC Control of the Acquisition and Possession of Weapons The Firearms Regulations 2015 (amendment to the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997)	From last entry	

Police Horses	Individual Police horse files (includes incident records / register)	Service of the Horse + 6 Years			
Information Technology - Back Up Tapes	Back-up tapes	Local Force requirements			
Photographs: Negatives of photographs produced for the force	Photographs: Negatives of photographs produced for the force (not crime related)	Force Policy	Force Policy / Historical		
Police Authority/Police & Crime Commissioner Buildings and Land - Deeds	Deeds	Until the sale of the property Update land registry when necessary	Force Policy Deeds of Arrangement Act 1914, Section 10		

Police Authority/Police & Crime Commissioner Buildings and Land - Police Houses / Stations	Documents/information relating to the ownership of buildings and land property plans and records of work etc.	Until the sale of the property	Some police house / station documents are of public interest and may be kept permanently		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Property - Buildings not owned by Police Authority/Police & Crime Commissioner	Leases	16 years after expiry	Force Policy		
Property - sub-letting of police authority/Police & Crime Commissioner buildings	Leases	16 years after expiry	Force Policy		
Stock taking	Stores inventory etc.	3 Years	HMRC CH15400		
Vehicles (Police) Defects	Vehicles defect reporting, registers	Disposal of vehicle + 3 Years	Force Policy		
Vehicles (Police) Equipment Specifications	Vehicle Equipment Specification Sheets	Disposal date + 3 Years	Force Policy		
Vehicles (Police) Log Book	Log books; mileage records etc	Disposal of vehicle + 3 Years	Force Policy		
Vehicles (Police) Maintenance Records	Vehicle history; Maintenance records register; Job cards; Parts records	Disposal of vehicle +3 years +6 years for accident files	Force Policy Limitation Act 1980		
Vehicles (Police) New Vehicle Check Form	Check list for vehicles prior to being accepted and commissioned into fleet	Disposal date + 3 Years	Force Policy, CLA		
Vehicles on demonstration	Test log for vehicles trialled by the Force; Appraisal forms	3 Years	Force Policy		
Vehicles on Hire	Request to Hire etc.	End of financial year + 6 Years	Force Policy		

Waste Management - Special Waste / controlled	Consignment notes	3 Years	Special Waste Regulations 1996, Environment Protection (Duty of Care) Regs 1991		
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CRIME AND CASE FILES

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
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Crime File	MoPI Group 3 Offence	Minimum of 6 Years.	APP MoPI	Incident report, crime report, case file etc.	Clear period to be taken into consideration. Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Crime File	MoPI Group 2 Offence	10 Years (Then Review) Retain again if necessary	APP MoPI	Incident report, crime report, case file etc.	Clear period to be taken into consideration. If undetected follow MoPI guidance / Force Policy Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Crime File	MoPI Group 1 Offence	100 Years (age) (Review every 10 years)	APP MoPI	Incident report, crime report, case file etc.	Review every 10 years to ensure adequacy and necessity. Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Collisions	Road Traffic Collisions - Non Fatal, Non-Serious and Damage only	Minimum of 6 Years or until the injured party is 21 years old whichever is the longest	CLA /RTA 1988		Includes minor injury and damage only
Collisions	Fatal and Serious	Minimum of 6 Years.	RTA / CLA / CPIA / MoPI	Review as per Nominal / injured party	MoPI Gp1 – e.g. Causing death by dangerous driving. MoPI Gp2 – e.g. Causing danger to road users, MoPI Gp3 – fatalities or accidents where non-violent crimes involved, Others
Collisions – Police Accidents	Road Traffic Collisions – 3 rd Party/injury to officer	6 Years unless injury to child then age 18 + 3 years			
Traffic	Minor Traffic offences – No injuries, collision books	3 Years from Dealt with date	CLA		

Traffic	Minor motoring offences e.g. Defective tyre, lights etc.	1 Year NFA, 3 Years from dealt with date. (if charged)	RTA 1988		
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DETECTING

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
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Abnormal loads		6 Months after transport.	Force Policy		
Air Operations / Support Unit - Videos	Surveillance, Operations etc.	31 days or review as per nominal file if evidential			
ARV Mobilisation		25 Years	Force Policy		
Calls for Police Assistance / Call Management Records		6 Years	CLA		
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television Tapes. Video tapes produced by any CCTV system used by a force e.g. custody	31 days or relevant parts copied and retained as per MoPI rules or if the whole tape is evidential retain as per MoPI.	N/A or MoPI Groups 1-3 CPIA	Force Policy /Civil Litigation / MoPI if appropriate	
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television Tapes. Video tapes not owned by a force but needed for evidential purposes	Minimum of 6 years / review as per nominal file	MoPI Groups 1- 3 CPIA		
Command & Control Logs	Command & Control Logs	6 Years or relevant parts copied and retained as per MoPI rules or if the whole tape is evidential retain as per MoPI.	CLA, MoPI Groups 1-3		
Custody Records		Minimum of 6 Years / review as per nominal file	MoPI Groups 1- 3	It is recommended that any crime, process or custody records held locally relating to a Nominal holding a current firearm/shotgun licence must be retained. This means that the firearm/shotgun licence re-sets the clear period and the nominal	

				record must be retained for the length of the certification period.	
Custody Images		Please see Custody Images guidance within APP MoPI	APP MoPI		
Custody Medical Records	Medical Records of custody detainees	6 Years	CLA		
DNA		<p>Profile - for adults is retained indefinitely where there is a conviction, retained for 3 years where there was a charge but no conviction (and no previous convictions recorded) and deleted immediately if not charged (a single search is permitted before destruction).</p> <p>Profile – for under 18s is retained indefinitely where there is a conviction for qualifying offence, 1st recordable minor offence conviction 5 years (plus length of prison</p>	Protection of Freedoms Act 2012		

		<p>sentence) or indefinite if prison sentence is 5 years or more, 2nd recordable minor offence conviction indefinite DNA in relation to fixed penalties are retained for 2 years.</p>			
Dog Bites		<p>6 Years unless injury to child (age 17 or under) then age 18 + 3 years</p>	<p>CLA MoPI Group 3 - Other Offences</p>		
Dogs - Dangerous	<p>Dangerous Dogs/Worrying livestock investigation records/complaints</p>	<p>6 Years</p>	<p>MoPI Group 1-3</p>	<p>Force Policy</p>	
Drone Footage		<p>Non-evidential 31 days Evidential as per MoPI or DPEG</p>	<p>Force Policy or MoPI Groups 1-3 CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG)</p>	<p>Force Policy /Civil Litigation / MoPI if appropriate</p>	
Fingerprint and Palm Prints Arrested / Attendees		<p>For adults is retained indefinitely where there is a conviction, retained for 3 years where there was a charge but no conviction (and no previous convictions recorded) and deleted immediately if</p>	<p>Protection of Freedoms Act 2012</p>		

		<p>not charged (a single search is permitted before destruction). For under 18s is retained indefinitely where there is a conviction for qualifying offence, 1st recordable minor offence conviction 5 years (plus length of prison sentence) or indefinite if prison sentence is 5 years or more, 2nd recordable minor offence conviction indefinite Prints in relation to fixed penalties are retained for 2 years.</p>			
Fingerprint Evidence Files		Minimum of 6 Years (Review)	CPIA / CLA / MoPI / RIPA	Review as per Nominal / Crime	
Fingerprint Files - Serving Officers and staff		Duration of service + 6 Months	Force Policy / HO Regulations The Police Regulations 2003, Regulation 18		If used for elimination purposes in court additional retention may need to be evaluated.
Fingerprints - Elimination Prints	Elimination prints (victims, witnesses)	Until no longer needed	PACE Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Regulation 64 Protection of Freedoms Act 2012		

ID Parades	Video, Pictures, records audit trails	Retain Case / Crime			
Intelligence		Case by Case at least 6 years	MoPI / RIPA / NIM		
Major Incidents	Multi agency investigation e.g. Rail crash, public enquiry	Review when finalised / Case by Case	APP MoPI Group 1		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Missing Persons	Found	6 clear years minimum dispose if no further indicators of risk	APP MoPI		
Missing Persons	Outstanding	Until found or 100 Years from report	APP MoPI		
Mobile Phone & Other Digital Device Data Extraction	Requests	Minimum of 6 years then review	APP MoPI / CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG)		
	Extraction data	Case dependent	Police Property Act / CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG)		
Photographs: Scenes of crimes	Photographs taken at scenes of crimes; DVDs, Videos, CDs etc.	Minimum of 6 Years / review as per nominal file or associated risk if no nominal	APP MoPI Groups 1- 3		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Premises Searched Logs		Minimum of 6 Years, retain case/ crime			
Road Search	Vehicles stopped at road checks authorisation	12 months	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Regulation 3		
SOCO/CSI Files	Details of examinations	Minimum of 6 Years, retain Case / Crime	APP MoPI Groups 1- 3		
Telecommunication / Surveillance (RIPA)	Requests	Minimum of 6 Years, (Review)	RIPA		
Telecommunication / Surveillance (RIPA)	Results	Retain Case / Crime / Intel	APP MoPI / RIPA		

		At least 6 years			
Technical Support Units (TSU Files)	Requests for Technical Support	6 Years	RIPA, APP MoPI		
Unused material	Material not provided to CPS for prosecution	Minimum of 6 Years, retain Case / Crime	APP MoPI Groups 1- 3		
Video Interviews (Child / vulnerable adult)		Minimum of 6 Years, retain Case / Crime	APP MoPI Groups 1- 3		
Wildlife files		6 Years	APP MoPI Groups 1-3 Force Policy		

FINANCE

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
Accounts	Receivable accounts	6 Years	Auditors HMRC		

Accounts	Final accounts tabulations	6 years	Auditors HMRC		
Accounts	Statements of accounts rendered and payable; accounts outstanding and outstanding orders	6 Years	HMRC		
Audits	Finance – internal and external	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors HMRC		
Banking Records	Cheque book/stubs for all accounts; Dishonoured cheques; Stoppage of cheque payment notices; Record of cheques opened books; Cheque registers	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		
Banking Records	Fresh cheques; record of cheques paid/presented	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		
Banking Records	Bank deposit books/slips/stubs; Bank deposit summary sheets; Summaries of daily banking; Cheque schedules; Register of cheques lodged for collection	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		

Banking Records	Reconciliation files/sheets; Daily list of paid cheques; Unpaid cheque records	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		
Banking Records	Bank statements, periodic reconciliation's Bank certificates of balance	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		
Banking Records	Electronic records, audit trails	4 years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims, Financial Services Act 1986 HMRC		
Budgets	Control year-end tabulations; End of year summaries; quarterly summaries.	6 Years	HMRC		
Budgets	Chartered Institute of Public Accountancy, estimates and actuals	Permanently	Auditors HMRC		
Cash Books/Sheets	Expenditure sheets; Cash books/sheets; Monies book	3 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims HMRC		
Central Stores Requisitions	Purchase orders	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors, Disputes, Claims HMRC		
Creditors	Creditors history records, lists and reports	6 Years	HMRC		

Debtors	Debtors records and invoices, debit notes, invoices paid or unpaid etc.	4 years	HMRC		
Duty Records	Record of hours worked	2 Years	Working Time Regulations 1998, Regulation 9		
Employment Cost	Cost of employment	6 Years	Force Policy		
Expenditure Records	Creditors' history records; lists/reports	6 Years	HMRC VAT implications		
Expenditure Records	Statements of accounts outstanding; outstanding orders; statements of accounts - rendered payable	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Expenses	Mileage/travel and subsistence - claims and authorisation; Credit Card statements and receipts	6 Years	Taxes Management Act 1970, Regulation 34 HMRC		
Financial Working Papers	Closing Papers; estimates working papers (including spreadsheets); grants working papers (or until completion of audit)	6 Years	Force Policy, Auditors HMRC		
Income Generation	Income generation, sponsorship	6 Years	HMRC		
Invoices	Paid invoices (except utility invoices)	6 Years	VAT implications HMRC		
Invoices	Utility invoices	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		

Ledger Records	General and subsidiary ledgers produced for the purposes of preparing certified financial statements or published information; Creditors' ledgers	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Ledger Records	Audit sheets - ledger postings	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Ledger Records	Journals - prime records for the raising of charges	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Overtime Forms	Overtime forms	6 Years	Force Policy		
Payroll	Payroll records/personal record cards	6 Years	Force Policy		
Payroll	External Payroll records/personal record cards	6 Years	Force Policy		
Payroll	Pay ledger	6 Years	Force Policy		
Payroll - external	Government forms etc. Required for tax.	6 Years	Force Policy		
Payroll - internal	Not required for tax	6 Years	Force Policy		
Pension files	Police pension files (including Widows)	Until age 100 then review	Force Policy		
Petty Cash	Petty cash records/books/sheets; Petty cash receipts	6 Years	VAT implications HMRC		
Postage	Postage expenditure records / franking machine records	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Precept Notification	Precept charges	6 Years			
Purchase Orders - Official	Certified copies of official orders	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Revenue	Revenue Estimates, summaries	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Revenue Outturn	Revenue outturn	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		

Time sheets	Time sheet registers	2 Years	Force Policy The Working Time Regulations 1998, Regulation 9		
Travel and Subsistence	Claims	6 Years	Force Policy HMRC		
Value Added Tax (VAT)	Quarterly VAT tabulations	6 Years	VAT implications HMRC		

INFORMATION

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
ACRO	Police Certificates	2 Years			
ACRO	International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC)	10 Years			

ACRO	Applications for deletion/rectification	6 years			
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Claims (see also Litigation against the force)	Claims by persons injured	6 Years from time dealt with. Involving a child retain until age 18 + 6 years	CLA Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995		
Data Breach Records/Investigations	Non-crime	6 years from completion		Consider risk of litigation and fines.	Consider further retention if Civil claim may exist.
Data Processing Agreements/Contracts	Data processing agreements with external organisations	Life of contract or end of agreement + 6 Years	APP Information Management – Data Protection		
Data Protection Impact Assessments	Data Protection Impact Assessments	Length of processing + 6 years	APP Information Management – Data Protection		
Disclosures	Subject Access Requests	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	APP Information Management – Data Protection CLA		
Disclosure	DBS	Retain for 10 Years from date of request			
Disclosures	Requests including Clare's Law (DVDS) and Sarah's Law	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	APP Information Management – Data Protection		

			CLA		
Disclosures	s3 Mental Health Act Requests	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	APP Information Management – Data Protection CLA		
Disclosures	Social Services, local authority, DP registers and ad hoc	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	APP Information Management – Data Protection CLA		
Disclosures	Cafcass checks	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	Guidance on Assessment of Children in Need, and ACPC Child Protection Procedures p203, 5.7		
Disclosures	Court Orders	6 years. Child 18 years of age + 6 years	CLA		
Disclosures	Freedom of Information	2 Years from disclosure or from completion of any appeal, local or ICO.	APP Information Management – Data Protection		
Disclosures	Common Law Police Disclosures (CLPD), formerly known as Notifiable Occupations	6 years from disclosure or 2 years if no disclosure made.	CLA		
Information Sharing Agreements, Protocols, Memoranda of Understanding	Copies of Information sharing protocols & Memoranda of Understanding	End of contract/agreement + 6 years			

<p>Identity Access Management Records</p>	<p>Records of the supporting evidence and methods used to verify and validate identity</p>	<p>7 Years from the end of the business relationship</p>	<p>HMG Minimum Requirements for the Verification of the Identity of Individuals, Section 2.3</p>		<p>Following discussion with the PND Project Team there is a requirement to retain records validating the identity of individuals in accordance with HMG's Minimum Requirements for the verification of the identity of individuals for the purposes of Scheme accreditation.</p>
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ORGANISATION, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
Air Operations / Support Unit - Flight Records	Flight records; helicopter records	6 Years			
Annual Reports	Chief Constable's	Permanently	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Section 12		
Audits	System and internal security audits	6 Years	Force Policy		
Campaigns	Campaigns - plans, briefs final documents	End of campaign +1 Year	Force Policy		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Ceremonial, official openings, dedications	Force ceremonials, openings, events etc.	5 Years	Force Policy		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Committee – Senior Management Team (SMT) & Senior Partnership Meetings (SPM)	Agendas, minutes, conferences	6 Years	Force Policy Companies Act 2006, Section 248	All senior management & senior partnership meetings	Consider permanent retention for historic purpose/public interest
Committees - Police Authority, Police and Crime Commissioner	Corporate	Permanently	Main Committee agendas and minutes	Force Policy, Historical	Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Complaints from the Public	Complaints lodged against the Service received from the public	6 Years from closure of the complaint			
Contingency Planning	Planning and Policy matters; meetings	Until Superseded or Revoked	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Section 2	Corporate	
Continuous Improvement Reviews	Performance indicators & all associated spreadsheets and statistics relating to their production. Best Value Reviews	2 Years			

Contracts	Pre-Tender Documentation i.e. adverts and notices, expressions of interest, references, shortlist	3 years from date of award of the contract	The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Regulation 84(9) The Utilities Contract Regulations 2006, Regulation 37 OJEU Regulations		
Contracts	Pre-Tender Documentation i.e. evaluation reports (PQQ's)	7 Years	OJEU Regulations		
Contracts	Contract Documents i.e. original tender, signed acceptance plus any variations to contract, performance notices, records of complaints, termination notices, extensions to contract	6 years from end of contract unless it's a Deed where 12 years is necessary	Force Policy		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Correspondence - General	Correspondence from members of the public or Organisations	2 Years from final communication on topic	Force Policy		
Correspondence - Internal	Correspondence between stations, departments, staff etc.	If connected to a criminal case, HR or project retain in line with other paperwork, all other retain for 12 Months	Force Policy		
Crime Statistics	Various; see also Crimsec, Scorecards, Breath test Statistical returns - depersonalised information provided to Home Office on a regular basis.	Retain for 2 Years (Min)			Consider Operational need. Consider archiving records in the public interest.

Crimsec Reports	All annual, monthly and quarterly returns - either paper based or electronic HMIC annual statistical returns.	2 Years			
Directorate Management Information	Risk Registers, Asset Registers	6 years from last update			
Evaluation Questionnaires	Training courses	2 Years			
HMIC Inspection & Audit Reports	Inspection Reports; Thematic Inspection Reports; HMIC Audit reports	1 Year after actions completed		HMIC owned	
Insurance Policy Documents	Fidelity Guarantee, Liability and Aviation, Motor, Personal Accident and travel, Professional Indemnity, Property and Engineering	Until superseded or cancelled + 10 Years	Force Policy		Where a claim has been made consider retaining related documentation for 10 years from resolution – for insurance policy tender and renewal purposes it is required to provide underwriters claim data for the last 10 insurance policy years
Insurance Policy Documents	Employers' Liability Insurance Certificates	40 Years	Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regs 1998		
Museum and Force Archives	Documents, photographs, artefacts	Permanently	Museums and Galleries Act 1992 - Not specific		
Local Tasking and Briefing	Reports, Team Meetings, Supervisory Meetings	1 year + current	Force Policy		

Policy - Force	Policy documents relating to the introduction of new legislation, and its documents/information interpretation and the formation of policy regarding major incident planning	15 years then review	Home Office Retention and Disposal Standards	Retention of final policy / procedure itself, not supporting developmental paperwork	Consider Operational need. Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Policy & Procedure	Policy documents/information relating to the formation of policy	15 years then review	Home Office Retention and Disposal Standards	Retention of policy / procedure itself, not supporting developmental paperwork	Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Press Releases	Press Office Press Releases	6 years consider historical archive			Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Press Releases – Unused Press Releases	Draft Contingency Press Releases	6 Months			
Projects	Reports, Plans, Briefings etc.	5 Years following completion of project & consider final report of major projects for permanent retention (in local archives office)	Force Policy		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Publications - Printed	Printed Publications; force newspapers; etc.	6 Years consider historical archive			Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Re-organisation	Amalgamations, boundary issues, establishment, inspection reports	25 Years & consider historical			Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Surveys	Public surveys, research reports	2 Years			Consider archiving records in the public interest.

TEAMS Chat	General information	Force policy	Forces need to determine individual retention requirements		
TEAMS Meetings Minutes	Recording only used to make minutes	28 days	Force policy If used as Committee – Senior Management Team (SMT) & Senior Partnership Meetings (SPM) follow retention as above		
Training Course content - Non Operational		6 Years from when training ceases/course content changes			
Training Course content - Operational		10 Years from when training ceases/course content changes		Retain all versions whilst training course in existence + 10 years.	Consider archiving records in the public interest.

PEOPLE

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
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Accidents at work	Accident report forms – Accident books	6 Years	The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Regulation 7		
Accidents at work	Employers Liability Claims	6 Years	CLA, Health & Safety Executive Limitations Act 1980		
Accidents at work	Reportable injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrence	6 Years	CLA, Health & Safety Executive The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Regulation 7		
Annual Leave Records		2 Years	Force Policy		
Business Interests	Records relating to the business interests for officers and staff	6 Years	Force Policy		
Conduct Records	Records relating to the investigation of personnel who may have committed a criminal offence or behaved in a manner which would justify disciplinary proceedings	Minimum of 6 years and review in line with MoPI	MoPI	Conduct incidents should be MoPI graded 1-3 based on the offence which is being investigated (regardless of whether the incident is officially crimed) and reviewed and retained in line with MoPI. This means that the officer/staff member's record will be retained subject to their overall clear period.	Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Complaints Records	Records relating to an expression of dissatisfaction by a member of the public about the conduct of a serving member of the police	6 years from end of sanction/closure of investigation (whichever is longest) If a crime allegation results – keep in line with the MoPI offence	MoPI	At the discretion of PSD records can be retained beyond 6 years where the officer/staff member has received further complaints since the last incident and this shows a pattern of behaviour.	

Employment Tribunals	Records and files	6 Years from conclusion of case	The Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2013, Regulation 14		
Firearms Training Certificates	Firearms Training	until age 100	Force Policy		
Grievances	Equal opportunities, sexual / racial harassment	2 Years (Min)	The Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2013, Regulation 14		Not to be confused with discipline Internal Grievance process
Health & Safety - Audits	Audits, safety inspections	5 Years	The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, Regulation 5 Force Policy		
Health & Safety Records	Accident Report Forms: Forms F2508 (accidents and dangerous occurrences): Form F2058A (diseases)	3 Years from date of event (or 6 years after claim)	The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Regulation 7		
Health & Safety Records	Records where exposure may lead to disease many years later	40 Years	The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Regulation 10		
Health & Safety Records - Air Monitoring	Air monitoring - lead	5 Years	The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002, Regulation 9		
Health & Safety Records - Asbestos	Asbestos Records of those exposed to asbestos	40 Years (from the date of last record entry)	The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, Regulation 22		
Health & Safety Records - Asbestos	Asbestos inspections and building records	Removal of asbestos + 5 Years or subsequent inspection + 5 Years	Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, Regulation 13		
Health & Safety Records - Awareness Records	Health and safety awareness records	100 years old	Force Policy		

Health & Safety Records - Biological Agents	List of employees exposed to group 3 & 4 biological agents	40 Years from last exposure	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Schedule 3 The Section 4		
Health & Safety Records - Buildings	Buildings	Lifetime of building (plus 3 Years)	The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994, Regulation 12		
Health & Safety Records - Compressed Air	Compressed Air	40 Years from last exposure	The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994, Regulation 12		
Health & Safety Records - Exposure to Lead	Exposure to Lead	40 Years from last exposure	The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002, Regulation 10		
Health & Safety Records - Exposure to Lead	Maintenance control measures	5 Years from date of entry	The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002, Regulation 8		
Health & Safety Records - Fire	Risk Assessments (which replaced Fire Certificates)	12 Years after expiry or until superseded Stays on site	Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005/Fire Safety Order 2006	Risk assessments have replaced fire certificates, retain certificates as detailed.	
Health & Safety Records - Fire	Fire precautions and services	10 Years after issue Retain until superseded	Force Policy		
Health & Safety Records - Incident Reports	Incident Reports	See accident reports	The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Regulation 7		
Health & Safety Records - Inspections Reports	Inspections Reports	5 Years	The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Section 9		
Health & Safety Records - Ionising Radiation equipment	Examination of respiratory protective equipment and passbook	5 Years after last use	The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999, Regulation 10 The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999, Regulation 21		

Health & Safety Records - Ionising Radiations	Ionising radiations health records	50 Years from date of last entry	The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999, Regulation 21.3 (a)		
Health & Safety Records - Medical Reports	Medical Reports	40 Years	The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, Section 10		
Health & Safety Records - Portable Appliance Testing	Records of tests	Lifetime of equipment	The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, Regulation 4		
Health & Safety Records - Risk Assessments	Risk Assessments	10 Years Until superseded	The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, Section 3		
Injury on Duty Forms		100 Years of age	Force Policy		
Personnel Records	Relating to Individuals Service Records	Until age 100 Consider 85 years of age for non-pay/pension records	Home Office Retention & Disposal Standards The Police Regulations 2003, Section 17		
Promotion Board Notes		1 Year	Force Policy		
Recruitment - Police Officers		1 Year			
Recruitment - Police Staff		1 Year			
Sickness Records		until age 72	Force Policy		
Training Administration Records	Records relating to admin for training, not training itself	2 Years	Force Policy		
Training Evaluation Questionnaires	Questionnaires completed after training courses	2 Years	Force Policy		
Training Records	Record of Training received by the Individual	Until age 100	Home Office Retention & Disposal Standards		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Vetting	Contractor vetting	End of contract + 1 Year	Force Policy		

Vetting	Successful vetting: Personnel vetting, local intelligence checks, references, referees checks, counter terrorist checks etc.	Police personnel - 15 years after leaving	National Policy		
Vetting - refusals	Failed vetting	6 Years	CLA		
Vetting - Temporary Staff & Contractors	Non Police Personal Vetting	End of contract + 1 Year	Force Policy		
Visitors Passes	Record of visitors to police property.	3 years	Force Policy		
Warrant Cards & ID cards		Destroy on end of service			

PREVENTING

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
Chief Constable's Log	Overnight summary sheet	1 Year	Force Policy		Consider archiving records in the public interest.

Child Abuse Warning Notice	CAWN documentation	Until child age 18 +6 years			
Explosive Certificate		End of certificate period or last contact with applicant + 6 years (dispute/Civil Litigation) or in line with MoPI where there is a policing purpose to retain for longer in connection with crime/offence related records.	Civil Litigation/MoPI		
Firearm Licensing Local Records	Licence Application Form, Dealers Licences, Certificates, Licences Inc. - Temp and visitors, Cancelled cert Rifle Club	End of licence period or last contact with applicant + 6 years (dispute/Civil Litigation) or in line with MoPI where there is a policing purpose to retain for longer in connection with crime/offence related records.	Civil Litigation/MoPI		local disposal is contingent on forces meeting the statutory retention requirements via their NFLMS record-keeping, and if forces have a business need and lawful purpose for retaining longer this is a matter for force policy.
	Licence Refused	Retain until subject has reached 100 years of age or in line with the relevant NFLMS/local record retention period if this is	EU Directive 2017/853, MoPI		Retain all associated documentation obtained during decision making
	Licence Revoked				Retain all associated documentation obtained during decision making

		longer. Review every 10 years.			
Firearm Licensing NFLMS Records	Weapons	30 years from date of destruction of weapon or essential components	EU Directive 2017/853		
	Person Records	until disposal of last linked weapons record (ie 30 years from destruction of all weapons held). Where subject to a refusal or revocation, retain to age 100, if longer.	EU Directive 2017/853		
Firearms Operational	issues and returns	6 Years	Force Policy Directive 2008/51/EC Control of the Acquisition and Possession of Weapons The Firearms Regulations 2015 (amendment to the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997)		
Firearms - Police	Presented or Discharged - Police Use Form	6 Years			Consideration ought to be linked to serious matters, coroners etc.
Foreign Nationals	Police Registration Scheme	6 Years + current year	The Immigration (Registration with Police) (Revocation) Regulations 2022 The Immigration (Registration with Police) Regulations 1972(2)		The requirement for foreign nationals to register with the police has been removed as outlined in The Immigration (Registration with Police) (Revocation) Regulations 2022 Which came into force on 09/11/2022
Licensed and Supervised Trades	Gaming licences, pedlars certificates, betting shop files	6 Years	The Gaming Licence Duty Regulations 1991		

Liquor Licensing	N/A	10 Years then review	Licensing Act 2003, Section 115		
s136 Mental Health Act Detention Forms	S136 Mental Health Act Detention Forms	Retain in line with file or reason for recording within crime information system	MoPI		
Operations Planning	Notifiable Events Planning - Operation Orders, notifications for Royals, VIPs; Sponsored events, races, fetes, cycle races, rallies; Large public events horse racing, bonfires, parades, football matches Includes supporting / developmental documentation & notices for events	3 Years	Public Interest. Force operational need – planning for future events		Consider archiving records in the public interest.
Police Information Notices (PIN) (formerly Warning Notices) - Harassment	Harassment Forms	12 Months from issue date	APP MoPI Groups 2 and 3		
Stop and Search	Forms and electronic data	1 Year	Force Policy		
Taser - Police	Presented or Discharged - Police use Form	6 Years			Consideration ought to be linked to serious matters, coroners etc.
Taser - Police	Taser Wires, Probes and Paper aphids	6 Years	CLA, IOPC and Discipline Cases		A Taser contains a chip that records when it was fired and for how long but does not provide evidence of distance fired.

PROPERTY

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
Disposal of Property	Auctions – records of sales	Current year + 6	Financial regulations; Limitation Act HMRC		
Lost and Found Property	Handed in weapons (not used in crime)	Dispose of ASAP if no reason to retain.	Force Policy Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Section 22		
Lost and Found Property	Lost and Found Property - non prohibited items – includes cash	Found 30 day review,		Not covered by any legislation	These Items should be cross-check against Found property / crime exhibits and stolen property
Lost and Found Property	Lost and Found Property - Prohibited items – includes drugs and firearms	30 days		Not covered by any legislation	Prohibited items are items that cannot be returned to members of the public e.g. drugs, knives, weapons
Seized Property (Crime Exhibits)	Records of Seized property - crimed - e.g. crime exhibit cards, labels etc.	min 6 Years and then review	MoPI; CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG) The Police (Retention and Disposal of Items Seized) Regulations 2002, Regulation 5		
Seized Property (Crime Exhibits)	Records of Seized property - non-crimed	Current year + 6	Financial regulations; Limitation Act Police (Porperty) Act 1997, 86E		
Seized Property (Crime Exhibits)	Seized property – physical crime exhibits – includes cash, drugs, firearms, frozen exhibits and vehicles	Case dependent	Police Property Act; CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG); Powers of Criminal Courts Act; PoCA; Tissues Act Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Section 22	See Police Property Act 1997 s 86e; see also Powers of Criminal Courts Act s 143; PACE 1984 s 22 provides alternative solutions for storage / investigation if there is a risk to personnel	Will also need to pay due regards to health and safety issues, environmental concerns when storing and retaining
Seized Property (Crime exhibits)	Seized property - non crimed	minimum 6 Months	Powers of Criminal Courts Act s143 Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, Section 144 and 2		Proceeds may be payable to force under Police Property Act Fund
Sudden death	Sudden death – property seized from location of deceased	Until authorised for disposal by Coroner's Office			May be needed for inquest

PROSECUTION

Information Activity / Task	Description / Example of Record	Retention (Minimum Period)	Rationale	Scope Notes	Comments
ANPR	Reads	1 Year	Chief Constables Council	Retain for 12 months from the date of capture with automatic deletion thereafter effective from 01/04/18.	All forces to comply with CPIA to preserve and store any ANPR data required for investigative purposes beyond the standard 12 month retention period. All data currently retained beyond 12 months, if not otherwise preserved, is to be deleted by 31 March 2018.
	Hits	1 Year			
Civil Injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders (formerly ASBO)	All Civil Injunction and Criminal Behaviour Order Records	6 Years			
Bodycam / Headcam/Webcam	Non Evidential	30 days	MoPI CPIA/NPCC NPCC Digital and Physical Evidence guidance (DPEG)		
	Crime	Minimum of 6 Years, retain Case / Crime			
Breath Testing	NFA	6 Years			
	Charge	6 Years			
Drug Testing on Arrival (DToA)	NFA	6 Years			
	Charge	6 Years			
Cannabis Warnings	Offender Details (All details)	3.5 Years	Management Information	Cannabis Warnings do not have a legislative validity period. Offender should only receive one Cannabis Warning	Pentip retention only
Cautions	Custody related cautions	Case by Case			
Convictions/ Reprimands	Non custody related cautions i.e. Street	Minimum of 6 Years, retain Case / Crime			Review when Protection of Freedoms Act is enabled
Counterfeit Currency	Counterfeit Currency forms	Minimum 6 Years / review as per nominal file	APP MoPI Group 3	Force Policy	
Deaths	Sudden death forms, Non suspicious	1 Year		If the death becomes suspicious it is assumed that a case file will be created and managed in line with MoPI	

Endorsable FPN	Offender details (Personal Details)	3.5 Years		Period of Endorsement – To support Operational decisions in event of further offending	Pentip retention only
	Offender details (Non Personal)	6 Years	Management Information		
	Registered Keeper	3.5 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Driver Nominations	3.5 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Offence Details Inc. Offence Codes, Offence Location, Offence Date/ Time and Notice Number	6 Years	Management Information		
	Licence Details (Personal Details)	3.5 Years		Period of Endorsement – To support Operational decisions in event of further offending	
	Licence Details (Non Personal Details)	6 Years	Management Information		
	Payment Details (Transaction Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Fine Registration Certificate)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Payee Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
HO/RT1	Satisfied (Personal Details)	6 Months (No offence)			Pentip retention only
	Satisfied (Non – Personal Details)	6 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Partially Satisfied/ Unsatisfied (Personal Details)	3.5 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Partially Satisfied/ Unsatisfied (Non-Personal Details)	6 Years	Management Information		
Interview Tapes	Master Copy	Case by Case	CPIA / MoPI		
	Working Copy	One Month following finalisation	CPIA / Force Policy		
Litigation against the Force	Corporate / Legal Services	Including claims for compensation, Solicitors documents, statements,	6 years (or if crime related apply MoPI)	Civil Litigation (Limitation Act 1980)	Consider archiving records in the public interest.

		letters etc. All records including advice, reports, evidence, etc. In relation to Employers Liability Claims, Litigation against the force, CICA claims			
Non-Endorsable FPN	Offender Details (Personal Details)	3.5 Years		To support Operational decisions in event of further offending	Pentip retention only
	Offender Details (Non-Personal Details)	6 Years	Management Information		
	Registered Keeper	3.5 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Driver Nominations	3.5 Years			
	Offence Details Inc. Offence Codes, Offence Location, Offence Date/ Time and Notice Number	6 Years	Management Information		
	Payment Details (Transaction Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Fine Registration Certificate)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Payee Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
PER Form	Prisoner Escort Record	6 Months			Police Records
Penalty Notice Disorder	Offender Details (Personal Details)	3.5 Years		To prevent duplicate issue – To support Operational decisions in event of further offending	Pentip retention only
	Offender Details (Non-Personal Details)	6 Years	Management Information		
	Guardian Details (Satisfied PND)	6 Months		Guardian details are no longer required once PND has been satisfied	
	Guardian Details (Cancelled PND)	6 Months		Guardian details are no longer required once PND has been satisfied	
	Guardian Details (Fine Registered)	6 Years	Financial Transaction		

	Offence Details Inc. Offence Codes, Offence Location, Offence Date/ Time and Notice Number	6 Years	Management Information		
	Payment Details (Transaction Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Fine Registration Certificate)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
	Payment Details (Payee Details)	7 Years	Financial Transaction		
Pocket Notebooks / CID Diaries	Officers notebooks and diaries	6 years from last entry	MoPI / Force policy		It is recommended that entries relating to crimes that require retention are copied and stored within the crime file and retained in line with MoPI The original entry may be required for ongoing court proceedings consider further retention where required.
VDRS	Complied with (Personal Details)	6 Months (No Offence)			Pentip retention only
	Complied with (Non – Personal Details)	6 Years	Management Information		
	Partially Complied / Not Complied (Personal Details)	3.5 Years	Part of FPN Process		
	Partially Complied / Not Complied (Non – Personal Details)	6 Years	Part of FPN Process		
Warrants	Records	Until withdrawn / executed		Documents originally Issued by the Courts/ Local Records.	
	Outstanding				

Please refer to APP Information Management for the latest versions of the Review Schedule and the MoPI National Retention Assessment Criteria (NRAC) Form.