## BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES IRELAND

# **RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**



This document should be read in conjunction with the Brothers of Charity Services Records Management Policy. Together these documents help to ensure that the organisation is maintaining necessary records for an appropriate length of time. This is a controlled document and is subject to change at any time.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

A wide variety of records are held by the Brothers of Charity Services these records include health and social care records, financial records, human resources records and general administrative records. This document outlines the minimum retention period for records and applies to records of all types regardless of the medium on which they are held.

GENERAL CLASSES OF RECORDS HELD	ORIGINATED	DEFAULT RETENTION PERIOD	FINAL DISPOSITION	SOURCE OF GUIDANCE		
2. FINANCIAL RECORDS						
Annual Financial Statements	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Audit reports	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Bank reconciliation	Head Office	Monthly Reconciliations – 1 year Year End Reconciliation - 6 years	Destroy by shredding	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Bank statements	Service Areas/Head Office	Original - 10 years Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Purchase Ledger - Invoices - Payments	Service Areas/Head Office	Original - 6 years Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Cancelled cheques	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Capital Projects – Invoices/Quotations/Tenders	Head Office	Retain for 12 years from end of project	Appraise and evaluate for archiving	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		
Circulars F. Team	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08		

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GENERAL CLASSES OF RECORDS HELD	ORIGINATED	DEFAULT RETENTION PERIOD	FINAL DISPOSITION	SOURCE OF GUIDANCE
	Service			
	Areas/Head	Hold for 2 years after expiry of		HSE Retention of Financial
Contract/Contract Management files	Office	contract	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
Control Account Reports	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	
Department of Health and Children				HSE Retention of Financial
Circulars and Correspondence	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Records NFR-08
				HSE Retention of Financial
Depreciation Schedules	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
	Service	1 year - Service Areas		
	Areas/Head	Year End Report - 6 years at		HSE Retention of Financial
Management Account Reports	Office	Head Office	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
General Correspondence on Financial				HSE Retention of Financial
Administration	Service Areas	Retain for 12 years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
House Accounts	Service			
Receipts/Invoices	Areas/Head			
- Reports	Office	Hold for 6 years at Head Office	Destroy by shredding	
nternal financial policies, accounting				HSE Retention of Financial
standards, procedures etc.	Head Office	Hold for 6 years at Head Office	Archive	Records NFR-08
	Service			
	Areas/Head	Hold for 2 years after end of		HSE Retention of Financial
nvitation to Tender documents	Office	contract	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
ournals	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	
Paid cheques/Copy Cheques/Electronic				HSE Retention of Financial
ransfers	Head Office	6 years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
Payment Authorisation Books	Service Areas	Hold for 2 years	Destroy by shredding	
		Original - 6 years (Head Office)		
Petty Cash	Service Areas	Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	
Property Accounts /Fund Accounts of		Hold indefinitely or for 6 years		HSE Retention of Financial
People Supported by Services	Service Areas	after death		Records NFR-08
		Original - 6 years		HSE Retention of Financial
Purchase order books	Service Areas	Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08

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		Original - 6 years		HSE Retention of Financial
Receipt books	Service Areas	Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
Sales Ledger				
- Invoices		Original - 6 years		HSE Retention of Financial
- Receipts	Service Areas	Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
		Hold for 2 years after award of		HSE Retention of Financial
Supplier proposals	Service Areas	contract	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
		Hold until superseded by a more		
		recent Tax Clearance Cert or for		
		6 years from last supplier		HSE Retention of Financial
Tax clearance certs	Head Office	interaction	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
	Service			
	Areas/Head			
Tenders (successful)	Office	Tender period plus 6 years	Destroy by shredding	
Tenders (unsuccessful)	Service Areas	6 years	Destroy by shredding	
		Original - 6 years		HSE Retention of Financial
Travel claims	Service Areas	Copies – 2 Years	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
<b>3. PROPERTIES, MOTOR</b>	VEHICLES	AND EQUIPMENT		
Buildings and engineering works,- key	Service			
records (e.g. final accounts, surveys, site	Areas/Head			
plans, bills of quantities)	Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
				HSE Retention of Financial
Deeds & Titles of Properties/assets	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Records NFR-08
		Lifetime of installation		
		If there is any measurable risk of		
		a liability in respect of		
		installations beyond their		PATH5 HSE Health Service
Equipment - Inspection reports (e.g.		operational lives, the records		Policy 2013 Record Retention
boilers, lifts)	Service Areas	should be retained indefinitely	Destroy by shredding	Periods

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		Lifetime of equipment		
		If there is any measurable risk of		
		a liability in respect of		
Equipment – records of non-fixed		equipment beyond their		PATH5 HSE Health Service
equipment, including specification, test		operational lives, the records		Policy 2013 Record Retention
records, maintenance records and logs	Service Areas	should be retained indefinite	Destroy by shredding	Periods
				HSE Retention of Financial
Lease Agreements	Head Office	Hold for 6 years after expiration	Destroy by shredding	Records NFR-08
Manuals (operating)	Service Areas	Lifetime of equipment	Destroy by shredding	
	Service			
	Areas/Head			
Plans – building (as built)	Office	Lifetime of building	Archive	
	Service			
	Areas/Head			HSE Retention of Financial
Properties - Sale and Purchase records	Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Records NFR-08
				HSE Retention of Financial
Property register	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Records NFR-08
Vehicle Records: Drivers' log books,	Service Areas	5 years unless litigation ensues		
Vehicle mileage records etc.			Destroy by shredding	
	Head Office	5 years unless litigation ensues		
Vehicle Records: Registration records			Destroy by shredding	
4. INSURANCE				
				HSE Retention of Financial
	Service			Records NFR-08
	Areas/Head	Original - indefinitely		
Accident Reports	Office	Copies – 2 Years	Archive	
Conjug of Staff Driving Licenses	Head Office		Destroy by shredding	
Copies of Staff Driving Licences			Destus , by shusdalin -	
Copies of Staff Motor Insurance Policies	Head Office		Destroy by shredding	

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	Service		Destroy by shredding	
	Areas/Head	Original - indefinitely		
Incident Reports	Office	Copies – 2 Years		
			Destroy by shredding	
Insurance Certificates	Head Office			
Insurance claim documents	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	HSE Retention of Financial Records NFR-08
Insurance Policies		,		
- Property (Owned)				HSE Retention of Financial
- Property (Leased)	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Records NFR-08
Insurance Policies				
- Motor Vehicles	Head Office		Destroy by shredding	
5. PAYROLL - FILES				
		6 years after the year to which	Destroy under confidential	
Duty Rosters	Service Areas	they relate Hold	conditions	
Listings /payslips	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
P35 Reports	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
P60 Reports	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Payroll Creditors – VHI, AVC, INO	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Payroll Month-end Reports	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Payroll Salary Adjustments	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Payroll Union Contributions	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Payslips	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
PIMS/SIMS Year end Reports	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
	Head Office			2013 Record Retention
Salary Scales/National Wage agreements		Retain indefinitely	Archive	Periods
Sick Certs	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	

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				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
Staff Complement File/Census	Head Office			2013 Record Retention
Returns/Employment Controls		Retain indefinitely	Archive	Periods
		Retain until 6 years after death		
	Head Office	or death of beneficiary and/or		
Staff Personnel Files		qualifying dependent	Archive	
Tax Credit Certs	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
	Service			Organisation of Working Time
	Area/Head	6 years after the year to which	Destroy under confidential	Act 1997 stipulates keeping
Weekly Timesheets – Excel/Word	Office	they relate	conditions	these records for 3 years
6. LEGAL				
		As advised by the organisation's		
		legal advisor. All records to be		HRC49 HSE Health Service
Records/documents related to any		reviewed. Normal review 10	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
litigation	Head Office	years after the file is closed	conditions	Periods
Legal Opinion Records	Head Office		Archive	
			Archive	
7. ADVOCACY, TRAINING	G & EVALUA	ATION		
Advocacy -				
				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
Annual Programme of Courses and				2013 Record Retention
Training	Training Dept.	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Periods
Attendance lists for mandatory training	Training Dept.	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Information and Published Material on				
External Training Courses and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Level		6 years after the information has	Recycle or destroy by	
Courses	Training Dept.	been superseded	shredding	
Minutes of Meetings of Staff Training				
Dept.	Training Dept.	Retain indefinitely	Archive	

GENERAL CLASSES OF RECORDS HELD	ORIGINATED	DEFAULT RETENTION PERIOD	FINAL DISPOSITION	SOURCE OF GUIDANCE
Records of all Staff Training completed including Health & Safety Training Student Work Placement Records - Application Forms - Placement Reports Training Course content and revision Evaluation -	Service Area/H&S Dept. Service Areas/Training Dept Training Dept.	Retain until 6 years after death Original – indefinitely Copies – 2 Years Retain One set indefinitely	Destroy by shredding Destroy by shredding Archive	
8. HUMAN RESOURCES	1			
			Destroy under confidential	Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 stipulates keeping
Annual Leave Request Records	Service Areas	Retain for 3 years	conditions	these records for 3 years.
<ul> <li>Recruitment Competition Files <ul> <li>Applications and CV's of</li> <li>candidates called for interview</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applications and CV's of</li> <li>candidates not qualified or short listed <ul> <li>Interview marking sheet</li> <li>Interview Board notes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				See Employment Equality Act 1998. The legal requirement is to keep competition files for a minimum of 6 months with a further 6 months necessary if a case is brought against the employer under the Equality Act. A period of 2 years more than adequately meets the legislative requirements and provides a reasonable period of time to provide reasons for
<ul> <li>Job Advert</li> </ul>			Destroy under confidential	Decisions under Section 10 of
- Selection Criteria	HR Dept.	Retain for 2 years	conditions	the FOI Act 2014

GENERAL CLASSES OF RECORDS HELD	ORIGINATED	DEFAULT RETENTION PERIOD	FINAL DISPOSITION	SOURCE OF GUIDANCE
Personnel File				
- Application and CV		Personnel files to be retained for		
- Carer's Leave Records		7 years after the employees term		
- Contract/Personal		of service has completed.		
Specification/Job Description		Retain for duration of		
- Parental Leave Records		employment and forward to		
- Probation Forms		Pensions Section on retirement		6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
- Sick Leave Records		of staff member. Hold for 7	Destroy under confidential	2013 Record Retention
- References	HR Dept.	years	conditions	Periods
Pensioner File				
- Refund File				
- Preserved Benefit Statement				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
- Temporary Service Files		7 years after the death of the	Destroy under confidential	2013 Record Retention
- Pension Benefit Statements		pensioner	conditions	Periods
HR Absence Management Reports Copies			Destroy under confidential	
– Service Areas	HR Dept.	Retain for 2 Years	conditions	
				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
Industrial Relations/Trade Union				2013 Record Retention
negotiation	HR Dept.	Retain indefinitely	Archive	Periods
				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
				2013 Record Retention
Pay and conditions (exceptions)		Retain indefinitely	Archive	Periods
				6.0 HSE Health Service Policy
		7 years from completion of the	Destroy under confidential	2013 Record Retention
Employer/Industrial Relations Case Files		case	conditions	Periods
Occupational Health Records				
- Pre-employment medical				
reports	HR Dept.	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
References	HR Dept.	See Staff Personnel Files.	Archive	
Unsolicited Applications for Jobs	HR Dept.	Retain for I year	Destroy by shredding	

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9. ADMINISTRATIVE				
	Service			
Agendas of board meetings, committees,	Areas/Head			
sub-committees (master copies,	Office	Retain indefinitely		
including associated papers)			Archive	
Annual/corporate reports	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Complaints (Correspondence,				
Investigation and outcomes)	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Data Protection – record of subject	Head Office	3 Years	Destroy under confidential	
access request processing			conditions	
Data Protection – General compliance				
records				
Freedom of Information requests	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
Litigation dossiers (complaints including				
accident/incident reports)				
Records/documents relating to any form	Head Office	Retain indefinitely		
of litigation			Archive	
Meetings and minutes papers of major				
committees and sub-committees	Head Office	Retain indefinitely		
(master copies)			Archive	
Papers of minor or short-lived				
importance not covered elsewhere, e.g				
anonymous or unintelligible letters drafts				
duplicates of documents known to be	Service			
preserved elsewhere (unless they have	Areas/Head	2 years after the settlement of	Destroy under confidential	
important minutes on them)	Office	the matter to which they relate	conditions	
	Service			
	Areas/Head	6 years after the leaflet has been		
Information leaflets	Office	superseded	Destroy	
	Head Office	Retain indefinitely		
Quality assurance records	L		Archive	D 10 . f 1(

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Records Management –				
<ul> <li>Records of records destroyed</li> </ul>	Head Office	Retain indefinitely	Archive	
National Intellectual Disability Database	C&F Centre			
Records				
		Retain indefinitely		
Volunteer records			Archive	
Volunteer records – applicants who have		Retain indefinitely		
been judged to be unsatisfactory			Archive	
Diaries – Staff				
- Senior Management				
<ul> <li>Multidisciplinary Professionals</li> </ul>				
- Team Leaders				
- Front Line Staff		Retain for 10 years		
- Administrators			Destroy by shredding	
Diaries - Service Areas		Retain indefinitely		
			Archive	
10. PENSION/SUPERANN	UATION F	ILE		
Calculations and final awards	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Contributions Paid – Reports &				
Adjustments	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Copy of Birth Certificate/Passport				
Unpaid Absences Records				
Payroll adjustments letters for:				
<ul> <li>Unpaid Sick Leave</li> </ul>				
Parental Leave				
<ul> <li>Unpaid Maternity Leave</li> </ul>				
· Career Break	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Pensionable Service - Payroll Adjustment				
or letters	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Pre Entry Service	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	

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Purchased Service i.e. Notional Service –				
Payroll Adjustments or letters	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Records of Refunds (to former staff)	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
Transferred Service - Certificates of				
Service Letters	Head Office	Retain until 6 years after death	Archive	
11. HEALTH AND SAFET	Ϋ́			
Accident Statistics	H&S Dept	Retain permanently	Archive	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Fire Drill Records	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			
Fire Equipment Certificate Copies –	Areas/H&S	6 years from date equipment is	Destroy under confidential	
Service Areas	Dept.	de-commissioned	conditions	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Archive	
Fire Registers	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years		
	Service		Destroy under confidential	
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	conditions	
H&S Audits	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years		
	Service		Destroy under confidential	
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	conditions	
H&S Codes of Practice	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years		
	Service	·		
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
H&S Insurance correspondence	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			1
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Hazard Report forms	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Bopt.		conditions	4

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	Service			
Health & Safety Authority	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Correspondence	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Health & Safety Meeting	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			S.I. No. 44/1993 Safety, Health
	Areas/H&S			and Welfare at Work (General
	Dept.			Application) Regulations 1993
				– 60. Keeping of Records –
		Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	recommends - Retain for 10
Incident Report forms		Copies – 2 Years	conditions	Years
	Service			
Manual Handling Risk assessment	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Checklists	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Pregnant Employee assessment Forms	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	
	Service			S.I. No. 44/1993 Safety, Health
	Areas/H&S			and Welfare at Work (General
	Dept.			Application) Regulations 1993
				– 60. Keeping of Records –
		Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	recommends – retain for 10
Risk Assessments		Copies – 2 Years	conditions	Years
	Service			
	Areas/H&S	Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	
Safety Audits Copies	Dept.	Copies – 2 Years	conditions	

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	Service			Regulation 30: Inspection of
	Areas/H&S			work equipment – Safety,
	Dept.			Health and welfare at Work
				(General Application)
				Regulations 2007-
		Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	Recommends - 5 Years from
Safety Inspections		Copies – 2 Years	conditions	the date of inspection
	Service			
	Areas/H&S		Destroy under confidential	
Safety Manuals	Dept.	Retain for 7 Years	conditions	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S		Destroy under confidential	
Safety Policies	Dept.	Retain for 7 Years	conditions	
	Service			S.I. No. 44/1993 Safety, Health
	Areas/H&S			and Welfare at Work (General
	Dept.			Application) Regulations 1993
				– 60. Keeping of Records –
		Original - indefinitely	Destroy under confidential	recommends - Retain for 10
Safety Statements		Copies – 2 Years	conditions	Years
	Service	Retain on personnel file for		
	Areas/H&S	duration of employment and for		
	Dept.	5 years after last pension		
Safety Training Records		payment	Archive	
	Service			
	Areas/H&S			
	Dept.			
Safety Training Records Copies – Service		2 years from date of Audit	Destroy under confidential	
Areas (Manual Handling etc.)			conditions	

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12. RECORDS OF PEOPLE S	SUPPORTEI	D BY SERVICES		
	Services			
	Areas/Multi-D	Retain indefinitely during the		HRC42 HSE Health Service
Records of people currently supported by	Support	lifetime of the person, and for 8	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
services	Teams	years after death	conditions	Periods
	Services			
	Areas/Multi-D			HRC42 HSE Health Service
Records of people who are no longer	Support	Retain for 20 years from date of	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
availing of services	Teams	last entry in the records	conditions	Periods
		Retain indefinitely during the		HRC48 HSE Health Service
Psychology Records of people supported		lifetime of the person, and for 8	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
by services		years after death.	conditions	Periods
,				HRC52 HSE Health Service
		Retain indefinitely during the		Policy 2013 Record Retention
Social Work Records of adults supported		lifetime of the person, and for 8		Periods
by services		years after death.		
· ·		Retain indefinitely during the	Destroy under confidential	HRC52 HSE Health Service
		lifetime of the person, and for 8	conditions	Policy 2013 Record Retention
		years after death.		Periods
		Note: Records created under the		
Social Work Records of children		Child Care legislation – hold in		
supported by services		perpetuity.		
11 /			Destroy under confidential	HRC53 HSE Health Service
		Retain indefinitely during the	conditions	Policy 2013 Record Retention
		lifetime of the person, and for 8		Periods
Speech and Language Therapy Records		years after death		
				HRC11 HSE Health Service
			Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
Clinical Audit Records		5 Years	conditions	Periods

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Photographs (where the photograph		Retain indefinitely during the		HRC43 HSE Health Service
refers to a particular patient it should be		lifetime of the person, and for 8	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
treated as part of the healthcare record)		years after death.	conditions	Periods
				HRC23 HSE Health Service
<sup>1</sup> Healthcare records (excluding records		8 years after conclusion of	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
not specified elsewhere in this schedule)		treatment or death	conditions	Periods
				HRC24 HSE Health Service
			Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
"Serious untoward incident" records		30 years	conditions	Periods
Records of Destruction of Individual				
Healthcare records (case notes) and				
other health related records contained in				HR50 HSE Health Service
this retention schedule (in manual or				Policy 2013 Record Retention
computer format)		Permanently		Periods
		20 years after the last entry in		HR51 HSE Health Service
Scanned Records relating to people		the record or 8 years after the	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
supported by services		person's death	conditions	Periods
			Likely to have archival	
			value. Contact the National	HR3 HSE Health Service Policy
Admission Books (where they exist in			Archives (Records	2013 Record Retention
paper format)		8 years after the last entry	Acquisition Division)	Periods
			Likely to have archival	
			value. Contact the National	HR18 HSE Health Service
Discharge Books (where they exist in			Archives (Records	Policy 2013 Record Retention
paper format)		8 years after the last entry	Acquisition Division)	Periods

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "A healthcare record refers to all information collected, processed and held both in manual and electronic formats pertaining to the service user and their care. It includes demographics, unique identification, clinical data, images, investigations, samples, correspondence and communications relating to the service user and their care" HSE Health Service Policy 2013 Record Retention Periods

GENERAL CLASSES OF RECORDS HELD	ORIGINATED	DEFAULT RETENTION PERIOD	FINAL DISPOSITION	SOURCE OF GUIDANCE
		20 years after the date of last		
		contact between the		
		patient/client/service user and		
		any health care professional		
		employed by the mental health		
Records of persons with a Mental		provider, or 8 years after the		HR31 HSE Health Service
Disorder (within the meaning of the		death of the patient	Destroy under confidential	Policy 2013 Record Retention
Mental Health Acts 1945 to 2001)		/client/service user if sooner	conditions	Periods

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