

Records Retention and Disposal Schedule

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Introduction

The Nottinghamshire County Council Records Retention and Disposal Schedule is arranged by function rather than departments and their hierarchical structures. The act of moving teams between departments does not usually result in a change to the authority's functions. This approach enables the schedule to reflect the business of the authority regardless of the reporting structure of its officers.

Scope

This document provides details of the records created and retained by NCC, including those managed by Inspire's Records Management Service. Records created or processed by a commissioned partner, where that partner is processing on behalf of NCC are also included.

This document applies to all information which record the transactions of NCC whether they be held in paper or electronic format.

Please note this is a working document and is being reviewed.

Objectives of the Schedule

The aims of this document are to:

Prevent the premature destruction of records that need to be retained for a specified period to satisfy legal, financial and other requirements of public administration, for example, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

Support compliance with the Data Protection Act, the Freedom of Information Act, the UK General Data Protection Regulation and other relevant legislation.

Provide consistency for the destruction of those records not required permanently in order to reduce the costs of unnecessary storage.

Promote improved Records Management practices within NCC which gives the public confidence that when information is destroyed it is done so according to well-considered rules.

Assist in identifying records that may be worth preserving permanently as part of

the authority's archives.

Responsibilities

Group Managers and Team Managers are responsible for ensuring:

- Record retention disposal schedules, policies and procedures are implemented in their teams.
- Recordkeeping systems and arrangements of records enable identification of records due for disposal.
- Records due for disposal are routinely identified and reviewed to ensure they are no longer required.
- Divergence from this schedule is authorised by the Information Asset Manager
- Staff dispose of records only in accordance with the approved NCC disposal policy and procedures.
- Records are disposed of appropriately considering their sensitivity, security classification and the media and format in which they are held.
- ICT equipment and storage media are disposed of securely ensuring all records, data and information are removed in such a way that it is not recoverable.
- Records of potential historic interest or research value are identified and transferred to Nottinghamshire Archives.
- Evidence of the disposal process is kept.

All staff are responsible for:

- Following procedures and guidance for managing, retaining and disposing of records.
- Only disposing of records in accordance with the requirements outlined in this document (if authorised to do so).
- Ensuring that any divergence from this schedule is authorised.

Standard Retention Durations

The County Council has approved plans to standardise retention durations so they can be more efficiently applied, predominantly on the County Council's Microsoft 365 platform but also across other business systems which hold records including hard copy paper records.

Other than a short period for transitory operational items, the County Council has adopted a default rule of retaining documents for 7 years. This aligns with the right to launch certain types of claim under the Limitation Act 1980. Where the 7-year rule is not appropriate, other standard retention periods are available.

A trigger date is the date that commences a records retention period. A wide range of events can be the trigger date to commence a retention period. These will vary from service to service and will be specified in this Records Retention and Disposal

Schedule. For example, an employee's leaving date will be the trigger to commence the retention period of their employment record.

The agreed standard retention periods are set out in the table below:

Ref	Retention Period	Additional information
RD1	Trigger date + 1 year then destroy	This will apply to transient data awaiting final deletion. instance, paper documents when they are input into an electronic system (i.e. entered onto a database); survey responses related to prize draws that have taken place etc.
RD2	Trigger date + 7 years then destroy	This aligns with the right to launch certain types of claim under the Limitation Act 1980. It is the Council's default retention period where there are no statutory retention requirements.
RD3	Trigger date +10 years then destroy	This will usually refer to specific kinds of records such as risk and emergency management. It may also include a response to an industry standard that is outside of the county council's control
RD4	Trigger date +12 years then destroy	This refers to certain sections of the Limitation act 1980 and also contract under seal.
RD5	Trigger date +15 years the destroy	This will be predominantly applied to some children's records as well as some land and highways records.
RD6	Trigger date +25 years	This will be predominantly applied to children's records such as Early Help, Child in Need etc and items which have a longer life. It will also be applied to pupil and children's data outside of social care and the trigger will be DoB.
RD7	Trigger date +35 years then destroy	This will be predominantly applied to children's records such as Special Educational Needs, Youth Justice etc.
RD8	Trigger date +40 years then destroy	This will be predominantly applied to records of employees who have worked with children or vulnerable adults and some serious personnel health records (e.g. exposure to asbestos).
RD9	Trigger date +50 years then destroy	This will be predominantly applied to serious personnel health records (e.g. exposure to radiation).
RD10	Trigger date +75 years then destroy	This will predominantly cover anything to do with Children in Care.
RD11	Trigger date + 100 years then destroy	This will usually refer to specific kinds of records such as adoption orders.
RD12	Permanent. Offer to Notts Archive when no longer required.	This will relate to items which generally have been deemed to be of historic value by the Nottinghamshire Archive and therefore need to be kept 'permanently.' Such items should be transferred to the Nottinghamshire Archive for permanent preservation.

Where none of these options is acceptable, including for statutory retention durations, the next available retention duration should be used. In exceptional circumstances the Data Protection Officer and relevant Information Asset Manager can agree on an addition to the list. Where issues about retention or disposal need further resolution, they will be considered by the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO).

The Council is in the process of reviewing the entire retention schedule in order to align all retention periods with the standard set provided above. This schedule will be updated accordingly as and when changes are approved. Consequently, the agreed standardised retention periods are not necessarily yet reflected in the retention periods set out below for specific record sets.

Disposal of Records

Records which are marked as destroy must be reviewed by an appropriate person prior to review, i.e. destruction is not an automatic action at the end of the stated retention period.

Where records are to be destroyed the consent of the Information Asset Manager must be confirmed in writing prior to such destruction.

In keeping with the standard retentions outlined above there is an intention to move to a position where documents and records will be destroyed by default at the end of their retention period subject to limited exceptions. This document will be updated accordingly to reflect this practice as part of future updates.

Destruction must be confidential where required and must comply with the relevant NCC policy and procedures.

Transfer of Records to Nottinghamshire Archives

Records of potential historic interest or research value should be identified and transferred to Nottinghamshire Archives via the Records Management Service (currently operated by Inspire on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council).

'Offer to Archivist for review' is used to indicate record classes where the Archivist will not usually be interested in retaining the class of records, but may wish to retain those concerning high profile or controversial policies/projects.

The Archivist may choose to select a sample of the records for permanent preservation in the archives; the remainder should be destroyed as specified in the Schedule. The sample may be random, selective or purposeful.

Records no longer required for administrative use may still retain sensitive information. The Archivist should be informed of sensitivity at the time of transfer of the material to the archives, and an appropriate closure period agreed. The closure period should comply with Freedom of Information legislation and any internal policy.

The Data Protection Act provides an exemption for information about identifiable living individuals that is held for research, statistical or historical purposes to be held indefinitely, provided specific requirements are met. It is the responsibility of the Archivist to ensure that this is so.

Officers identifying records of historic value or which are noted as such in this schedule should contact the Records Management Service in the first instance.

Reviewing the Schedule

The schedule will be regularly reviewed and updated (every 6 months) by the Records Management Service to ensure that Nottinghamshire County Council is complying with the latest legislation and legal advice. Additionally, updates will take into account the position of ensuring that only a limited number of standardised retention periods are considered when determining how long records should be retained for, in keeping with the restricted list illustrated above.

Searching the Schedule

Aside from using the index, the schedule can be searched for specific words or phrases such as 'youth support' or 'mental health' using the find function. Pressing

Ctrl+F and enter the word(s) in the dialogue box. On Apple computers **Cmd+F** should be used.

Retention Quick Reference Section

For further information on each of the following functions and associated records and the rationale for the retention period please see the Retention and Disposal Policies section of this schedule.

Adult Social Care and Health		
Function	Retention	
Accommodation Support	6 years after last action/case closure	
Case Management	6 years after last action/case closure	
Community Living and Disabilities Support	6 years after last action/case closure	
Mental Health Support	20 years after last contact or 8 years after death	
Visual Impairment	5 years after date of death, or date individual turns 100 if no notification of death received	
Vulnerable Adult Protection and support	6 years after last contact	

	Retention
I I lock to word a sometimes and a sometimes and a local	transport and antique
services	years after last action
Early Help Records 25	5 years after last action
	weeks after last action
	Review 25 years after last action
	Review 35 years after last action
Adults who present a risk of harm to children	Date of referral + 100 years
	Review 75 years after child reaches 18 or 15 years after death of child)
	Review 7 years after last action
	00 years after adoption order
	5 years after deregistration
	Review 3 years after last action
	5 years after last action
Adoption records 10	00 years after adoption order
	5 years after last action
	Review 75 years after last action
	Review 15 years after last action
	Review after child turns 23 (5 years
	fter death if child dies before age of 3)
Youth Justice R	Review 35 years after last action
Youth Services R	Review 15 years after last action
SEN, ICDS 39	5 years after last action
	Review 7 years after last action
	Review 25 years after last action
	5 years after last action
Education case management records 35	5 years after last action, unless child
	as been in care or has had SEND nvolvement
Admissions and exclusions (schools, pupil referral units, etc.)	5 years after last action
	years after last action
	Review 35 years after last action
	years after last action

Communities	
Function	Retention
Community Support	6 years after date of last action unless otherwise specified by funding rules
Community Response Hub (Covid-19)	3 years after date of last action

Community Safety	
Function	Retention
Animal Health and Welfare Inspection	
•	6 years after site closure, change of
and Monitoring	use, NCC no longer responsible
Civil Emergency Planning Contact Information	Destroy 6 years after closure
Civil Emergency Planning Major Incidents & Near Misses at Sports Grounds	Offer to Archives 10 years after incident
Civil Emergency Planning Major Incident Response and Recovery	Offer to Archives 10 years after incident
Civil Emergency Planning Minor Incident Response and Recovery	Destroy 10 years after incident
Civil Emergency Planning Preparing Emergency Plans	Destroy 10 years after superseded
Civil Emergency Planning Partnership and Liaison	Destroy 10 years from closure
Civil Emergency Planning Risk Assessments	Destroy 10 years from issue of risk register
Civil Emergency Planning Statutory and Regulatory Compliance	Destroy 6 years from cessation of statutory duty
Civil Emergency Planning Volunteer Special Category Data	Destroy 6 years from closure
Civil Emergency Planning Training of Personnel	Destroy 10 years after superseded
Complaint Investigation and	6 years after resolution, end of
Enforcement	enforcement action or sentence
Fair Trading Inspection and Monitoring	6 years after site closure, change of use, NCC no longer responsible
Safety Certification of Sports Grounds	6 years from closure of ground (or withdrawal of safety certificate)
Safety Registration and Licensing	6 years after expiry of licence or registration
Sample and Product Testing	6 years after date created

Democracy	
Function	Retention
Civic Offices Support	6 years after date created
Decision Making	6 years after date created
Electoral System Support	1 year after date created
Member Support	6 years after date created

Economic Development		
Function Retention		
Growth and Economic Development	6 years after date of last action	

Education	
Function	Retention
Admissions and Transfers Processing	6 years after end of academic year
Appeals Administration	2 years after end of appeals process
Pupil Files (e.g. where there is SEN or other involvement)	Until end of academic year following user's 25 th birthday
School Capacity Planning	6 years after end of review, decision, or implementation
SEND Case Files	Until end of academic year following user's 25 th birthday

Environmental Protection	
Function	Retention
Advice Provision	6 years after date created
Complaint Investigation and	10 years after resolution, end of
Enforcement	enforcement action or sentence period
Historic Enforcement Protection and	Until NCC no longer responsible for
Improvement	function
Natural Environment Protection and	Until NCC no longer responsible for
Improvement	function

Finance	
Function	Retention
Accounting and reporting	6 years after end of financial year
Banking administration	6 years after end of financial year
Budgets Management	6 years after end of financial year
Charities and Trusts Administration (Administrative Records)	6 years after end of financial year
Charities and Trusts Administration (Deeds and Instruments)	Transfer after wound-up
Financial Planning	6 years after end of planning period of strategy superseded
External Funding	6 years after end of funding period or as required by funding body
Grant Funding Administration	6 years after end of funding period or as required by funding body
Income processing	6 years after end of financial year
Loans and Leasing Administration	6 years after settlement or end of lease
Payroll Administration	6 years after end of financial year
Pension Fund Management	6 years after end of scheme
Pension Scheme Administration	6 years after death of last known beneficiary of member
Procurement (unsuccessful tenders)	1 year after contract awarded
Procurement (awarded contracts)	6, 12, or 25 years after end of contract
Purchasing and Payment Processing	6 years after end of financial year
Taxes Management	6 years after end of tax year

Health and Safety	
Function	Retention
Accident and Incident Reporting and Investigation (Adults)	3 years after investigation
Accident and Incident Reporting and Investigation (Children)	21 years after date of birth
Advice Provision	6 years after date created
Hazardous Substance Management	100 years after date created
Health Surveillance and Exposure	Until 75th birthday or 40 years after last
Monitoring (identifiable individuals)	medical assessment *50 years if
	exposed to ionising radiation)
Health Assessment	6 years after last assessment
Pre-employment health screening	1 year after date created
RIPA Management	Central records, 1 year after inspection.
	Originals, 6 years after prosecution.
Voice Call Recording	6 months after recording

Human Resources	
Function	Retention
Attendance and Time Recording	2 years after date created
Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures Administration	6 years after end of employment
Disclosure and Barring Service Checking	6 months for disclosure report. 6 years after end of contract for records of check.
Industrial Relations Management	10 years after date created or agreement ceases to be effective
Leave Administration	3 years after end of financial year
Performance Monitoring and Review	6 years after date created
Personal employment and training record of staff (who have <u>not</u> worked with children or vulnerable adults)	7 years after end of employment
Personal employment and training record of staff (who have worked with children or vulnerable adults)	40 years after end of employment
Recruitment and Termination Administration	6 months for unsuccessful candidates.
	6 years after end of employment for successful candidates
Sickness Absence Management	6 years after end of employment
Sickness Absence Management (Fit Notes)	2 years after issue
Staff Training (Individual Training Records)	6 years after end of employment
Training Provision	Course administration: 6 years after date created. Course content and supporting materials until superseded or no longer provided.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	
Function	Retention
ICT Service Design	6 years after date of creation
ICT Service Operation	1 year after date of creation
ICT Service Transition	6 years after date of creation

Information Management	
Function	Retention
CCTV Recording	No longer than 31 days after date of recording, or until overwritten, unless used in legal case in which case CCTV recording will become part of the case file
Information Access Management	6 years after date of creation
Information Security Management	3 years after date of creation
Records Storage Management	Lifetime of organisation
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Processing	1 year after inspection for central record6 years after end of prosecution
Voice Call Recording	6 months after date of recording

Management	
Function	Retention
Business Continuity Impact	6 years from closure
Assessments	
Business Continuity Incident	6 years after incident
Business Continuity Planning	6 years after superseded
Business Continuity Training and	10 years from date of training or
Exercises	exercise
Communications Management and	6 years after date created
Marketing	
Complaints Management	7 years after resolution
Consultation and Engagement	6 years after date created
Events Management	6 years after date created
Feedback processing	2 years after date created
Freedom of Information Requests	2 years from case closure
Performance Monitoring and Reporting	6 years after date created
Policy and Procedures Development	6 years after superseded
Research and Analysis	6 years from date processed
Strategic Planning	6 years after superseded
Subject Access Requests	2 years from case closure
Transformation and Change	6 years after date created
Management	

Occupational Health and Wellbeing	
Function	Retention
Counselling records	20 years or 8 years after patient's death if died while in care of organisation
Health records for classified persons under medical surveillance	50 years from date of last entry or age 75, whichever is longer
Immunisation and vaccination	10 years after conclusion of treatment
Litigation	Review after 10 years
Occupational Health Records	3 years after termination of employment unless litigation ensues
Ophthalmic and auditory screening records	11 years
Personal exposure of an identifiable employee monitoring record	40 years from exposure date
Personnel health records under occupational surveillance	40 years from last entry on record
Radiation dose records for classified persons	50 years from the date of the last entry or age 75, whichever is the longer

Physical Assets and Property	
Function	Retention
Equipment Management	6 years after disposal of equipment, fixed or plant system
Facilities Management	1 year after date of created
Land Access Agreements and Licensing	6 years after expiry of agreement or licence
Land and Premises Acquisition and Disposal	15 years after NCC ceases to own or lease site or premises
Land Management	12 years after NCC no longer responsible for site
Land Reclamation Scheme Management	15 years after NCC ceases to own or lease site or premises
Premises Design and Construction Supervision	15 years after completion.
	As built records until NCC no longer responsible for site.
Vehicle and Fleet Maintenance	6 years after disposal of vehicle

Planning and Permitted Development	
Function	Retention
Complaint Investigation	6 years after resolution of complaint or expiry of planning permission
Consultations (Adjoining Authorities or Statutory Bodies)	6 years after date of response submission
Inspection and Monitoring (NCC Development)	6 years after final site inspection
Inspection and Monitoring (Minerals)	6 years after final site inspection
Inspection and Monitoring (Waste)	6 years after final site inspection
Non-Planning Applications	Permanent
Permitted Development Orders	Permanent
Permitted Development Orders	6 years after date order served
(Correspondence)	
Permitted Development Enquiry Confirmation	Permanent
Planning Appeals (Confirmation)	12 years after decision notice
Planning Appeals (Inspectors)	Permanent
Planning Appeals (Statements)	6 years after decision notice
Planning Applications	Permanent
Planning Applications (Consultation)	18 months after commencement of development
Planning Applications (Consultation Lapsed)	Immediately upon lapse of permission
Planning Applications (Other)	6 years after decision notice
Planning Applications (Returned)	Immediately upon return
Planning Applications (Withdrawn)	6 years after withdrawal
Planning Enforcement Action (Correspondence)	6 years after issue of notice
Planning Enforcement Action Notices	Permanent
Pre-Application Advice	6 years after issue of advice
Scoping Requests	Permanent
Scoping Requests (Correspondence)	6 years after opinion issued
Screening Requests	Permanent
Screening Requests (Correspondence)	6 years after opinion issued

Planning Policy	
Function	Retention
Developer Contribution and Obligation	6 years after funding period
Negotiation	
Land and Property Enquiry Processing	6 years after creation
Minerals and Waste Local Plans	Until superseded

Registrars	
Function	Retention
Citizenship Ceremonies	6 months after date of ceremony unless complaint received, then 6 years from complaint
Marriage services. Process of	3 years after last action
conducting a marriage service.	
Notices. Process of notification in relation to birth, death or marriage.	2 years after last action
Process of certification of the registration of a birth, death or marriage.	7 years after last action
Process of the summary registration of a birth, death or marriage.	Permanent

Risk Management and Insurance Administration	
Function	Retention
Audit	6 years after audit or legal action
Business Continuity Planning	6 years after superseded
Insurance Claims Administration	6 years from close of case. If claimant is a child, 6 years from close of case or date claimant turns 21, whichever is later.
	100 years from close of cases for claims related to abuse.
Insurance Policies Administration	Liability policy for 40 years after policy expiration or termination
	Non-liability documents 10 years after policy expiration or termination

Transport and Infrastructure	
Function	Retention
Concessional Passes	1 years after last account activity
Highway Asset Management	15 years after end of life or structure or asset no longer part of highway
Highway Adoption and Dedication	Until NCC no longer responsible for function.
Highway Maintenance	6 years after date created (personal data), 21 years after date created (non-personal data)
Highway Scheme Delivery	15 years after scheme completion As built records until NCC no longer responsible for site, premises, or structure.
Highway Works Regulation	6 years after expiry of permit or licence, or from change to, removal of licenced structure
Passenger Transport Provision	6 years after date created
Parking Enforcement	6 years from date of last action
Rights of Way Network Management	Until NCC no longer responsible for function.
Traffic Management	6 years after date created
Traffic Regulation	For TROs 6 years after extinguishment or expiry of order

Records Retention and Disposal Schedule

This section provides details of the records retention periods, disposal action and authority such as legislation, codes of practice or guidance.

Divergence from the retention and disposal schedule may be appropriate in certain circumstances. For example, a pending or actual legal action, investigation or inquiry, change of legislation or regulation, or to support legitimate business need.

Any divergence from this schedule must be approved by the Information Asset Owner.

Adult Social Care and Health

Accommodation Support		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after last action/	Destroy	Limitation Act 1980 s.5 and Department of
case closure		Health Guidance to Social Services
Example of Scope: residential and nursing care, supported accommodations.		

Case Management				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after last action/ case closure	Destroy	Limitation Act 1980 s.5 and Department of Health Guidance to Social Services		
Example of Scope: Management of adult health and social care cases, including referrals, enquiries, needs assessment.				

Community Living and Disabilities Support					
Retention	Disposal	Authority			
6 years after last action/ case closure	Destroy	Limitation Act 1980 s.5 and Department of Health Guidance to Social Services			
Example of Scope: Administration of personal allowances, occupational therapy, learning disabilities, rehabilitation, provision of equipment and carer support, housing needs and adaptation support.					

Mental Health Support				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
20 years after last contact, or 8 years after death	Destroy	NHS Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016		
Example of Scope: Mental	health case	e records.		

Visual Impairment			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
5 years after date of death, or date individual turns 100 if no notification of death received	Destroy	Section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014	
Example of Scope: Certific	ates of Visu	ual Impairment	

Vulnerable Adult Protection and Support				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after last contact	Destroy	Limitation Act 1980 s.5 and Department of Health Guidance to Social Services		
Example of Scope: Mental	health case	e records.		

Children's Services

Purpose: Providing Care to Children

Information Type	Keep From	Keep For (years)	End Action	Description and included record types	Data Types	Authority
Universal services or non-targeted services	Last Action	6	Destroy	Processes involving administration and provision of universal or non-targeted services Children centre records recording attendance at activities not related to targeted services Registration details of parents, carers not receiving targeted services	•	The Limitations Act 1980
Early Help Records	Last Action	25	Destroy	 Individual case management of services or support to children and young people who have not met children in need thresholds, not been adopted or looked after and who have not been the subject of a child protection inquiry or plan Assessment materials Records of interviews Reports Multi-Agency Team single-focus plans Team Around the Family plan 		The Limitations Act 1980
MASH	Last Action	6 weeks	Destroy	Process involving contacts to NCC but do not progress to a Children's Social Care assessment Contacts that do not meet statutory threshold or do not have consent for a referral to be made This includes no further action referrals		Children Act 1989
Children in need	Last Action	25	Review	Process involving children referred to NCC but do not progress beyond Children in Need MASH records CAFA		Children Act 1989

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				 Children open as CIN S47 enquiries not progressing to ICPC 	
Child protection	Last Action	35	Review	Process involving children referred to NCC whose cases progress to Child protection:	Limitation Act 1980 s.5 recommended by the Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016 Children Act 1989
Adults who present a risk of harm to children	Age	Referral plus 100	Destroy	Process involving case management of adults convicted of Schedule 1 offences: • Schedule 1 Offenders	
Looked After	Child reaches 18	75 (or 15 years after death of child if	Review	Process involving individual case management of children looked after by the Local Authority This includes: In Children's homes Fostered by Local Authority Young Persons Looked After Files Residential Care Children's File	Reg 50 Care Planning and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010
AsylumSeekers	Last Action	7	Review	Service for asylum seekers:	Limitation Act 1980
Adopted Children	Adoption order	100	Destroy	Process involving individual case management of children placed for adoption by the Local Authority	Adoption and Children Act 2002 Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005
Fostering	Deregistration	75	Destroy	Relates to the Care in checking their suitability to become adoptive/fostercarers: • Approved Foster Parents and Adoptive	Fostering Services Regulations (2002)

				Parents Suitability of a Carer Financial support Information that is foster care related Legal Issues Care or Care Licence Details of views of Carer Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and associateddocumentation		
Foster Applications	Last Action	3	Review	Enquiries/applications to become foster parents which do not lead toapproval		Fostering Service (England) Regulations 2011 Care Planning Regulations
Foster Service Record	Last Action	15	Destroy	Fostering Service Records: Register of Placements Details of each person working for foster service provider Record of all accidents Foster Carer Files Supported Lodging Files		Fostering Service (England) Regulations 2011 Care Planning Regulations
Adoption	Adoption order	100	Destroy	Adoption information relating to the Carer:	PD/SCD	Adoption & Children Act 2002 and the Disclosure of Adoption Information (post commencement Adoptions) Regulations 2005
Adoption (Unsuccessful)	Last Action	25	Destroy	Uncompleted adoptions: Unsuccessful Adoptive Parents Counselling of Birth Parents which did not lead to adoption	PD/SCD	Adoption and Children Act 2002 Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005

Residential Homes	Last Action	75	Review	Information on residential homes for children: Running of Children's Homes Individual client's information to go into the child's individual file Information about activities in the home Home's diaries and daily log and Night Book Menu information, rosters and arrangements Children's Home register Accident Books Medicinal Product administered to any child Register RA1 and RA3 Sanctions Book Valuables deposited by the child and date of their return	The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015
Misc. (Children's Home)	Last Action	15	Review	Accounts Kept in Home Fire Drill or Alarm Test conducted with details of any deficiency andsteps taken to remedy Diaries Environmental Health Inspections/Miscellaneous Health and Safety Checks	Children's Home Regs 1991 (Reg 17) Schedule 3
Placements	Last Action	5 (Age 23 or 5 years ifchild dies before 23)	Review	Children placed in Nottinghamshire (not deceased before age 23): Information on Children in Care placed in Nottinghamshire by Other Authorities andheld on register of Children in Care	
Youth Justice	Last Action	35	Review	Youth Justice:	Limitation Act 1980 Recommended by the Youth Justice Board Guidance 2014
Youth Services	Last Action	15	Review	Youth Services: Youth Clubs and Voluntary Youth Organisations Services to young people by statutory bodies	

SEN, ICDS	Last Action	35	Destroy	Information on Special Education Services: Educational arrangements for those with learning difficulties Support for other special cases e.g. talented/gifted children Those disadvantaged by language or gender	Limitation Act 1980 Children and Families Act 2014 s.46
Support	Last Action	7	Review	Process involving individual case management in the provision of support bythe Local Authority to families: • Parenting Skills • Special Education • Attendance Records • Project Files	Statute of LimitationsAct
Supporting Disabilities	Last Action	25	Review	Information on general support for individuals with disabilities (not casefiles):	Limitation Act 1980s.5
Educational psychology	Last Action	35	Destroy	Process involved in assessing and providing individual support for children requiring educational psychology support • Educational psychology file	The Limitations Act 1980
Education case management records for children and families	Last Action	35 (unless child has been in care or has had SEND involvement)		Process involving individual case management in the provision of support by the local authority to children, young people and families - Assessment materials - Records of interviews - Reports - Behaviour Support Service case files - Pupil absence penalty notices - Children Missing from Education records - Central pupil list on case management system	The Limitations Act 1980
Admissions and exclusions	Last Action	25	Destroy	Appeal files	Common Practice

(schools, pupil referral units, etc.)				Exclusion files	
School admissions transfer and admission application forms	Last Action	6	Destroy	Application forms	Common Practice
Childminding	End of registration	35	Review	Information related to childminding: List of registered childminders Information and Support for those interested in becoming a registeredchildminder and those already registered	Departmental Policy
Complaints	Last Action	7	Destroy	Communication of child services – complaint records	Limitation Act S2

Communities

Community Support				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after date of last action, unless otherwise specified by funding requirements	Destroy	Business need		
Example of Scope: Comm coordination records	unity grant fu	unding and administration, local area		

Community Response Hub (Covid-19)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after date of last action Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980		
Example of Scope: Records stored on the Community Response Hub		

Community Safety

Animal Health and Welfare		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after closure or change of use of site, or NCC no longer responsible for function	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Inspections and monitoring, excluding complaint investigation and enforcement, registration and licencing		

Civil Emergency Planning Contact Information		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after closure	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11
Example of Scope: Personal data such as email and home addresses, and telephone numbers		

Civil Emergency Planning Major Incidents & Near Misses at Sports Grounds		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after incident	Offer to archivist	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Incident logs, debrief reports		

Civil Emergency Planning Major Incident Response & Recovery		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after closure of investigation	Offer to archivist	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Incident log books, notes of meetings; survivor, evacuee and volunteer forms		

Civil Emergency Planning Minor Incident Response and Recovery		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after closure of investigation	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: incident log books		

Civil Emergency Planning Partnership and Liaison		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after closure	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Local Resilience Forum meeting notes and sub-group notes.		

Civil Emergency Planning Preparing Emergency Plans		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after plan superseded	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Emergency plans, planning group minutes.		

Civil Emergency Planning Risk Assessments		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years from issue of risk register	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Individual risk assessments, community risk register, local risk assessment guidance		

Civil Emergency Planning Statutory and Regulatory Compliance		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years from cessation of statutory duty	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: COMAH and MAH pipelines notifications		

Civil Emergency Planning Training of Personnel		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after superseded	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11 and business need
Example of Scope: Exercise and training records, lessons learnt, scenarios.		

Civil Emergency Planning Volunteer Special Category Data		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after closure	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11
Example of Scope: Personal data such as email and home addresses, and telephone numbers		

Complaint Investigation and Enforcement				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after resolution, end of enforcement action or sentence period	Destroy	UK Police Information Management Standards		
·		Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (section 23(1)) Code of Practice		
Example of Scope: Complaint investigation, intelligence operations, intelligence gathering, formal notification and prosecution, property and sample seizure				

Fair Trading Inspection and Monitoring				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after closure or change of use of site OR	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of tort under Limitation Act 1980 s.2		
NCC no longer responsible for function				

Example of Scope: Inspections and monitoring, excluding complaint investigation and enforcement, registration and licencing

Safety Certification of Sports Grounds				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years from closure of ground (or withdrawal of safety certificate)	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of personal injury or property damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.11		
Example of Scope: safety certificates, SAG minutes, match inspection reports				

Safety Registration and Licensing				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after expiry or revocation of licence or registration	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action can be brought in case of a simple contract Limitation Act 1980 s.5		
Example of Scope: Registration, licencing and safety certification of sites, sellers, animal movement licensing, animal trainer and exhibitor licensing, public weighbridge operators, sports ground licensing				

Sample and Product Testing		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after creation	Destroy	Business need based on maintaining records as contractual evidence under Limitation Act 1980 s.5 or negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Testing and analysis of samples, including handling, storage,		
methodologies, sample disposal and return.		

Democracy

Civic Offices Support		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date	Destroy	Local Government (Access to Information)
created		Act 1985 s.50c
Example of Scope: Support to Chair and Vice Chair in relation to civic functions,		

Example of Scope: Support to Chair and Vice Chair in relation to civic functions, event arrangements, civic gifts, civic exchanges.

Decision Making				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after date created	Transfer signed master records to	Local Government (Access to Information Act 1985 s.50c)		
	Nottinghamshire Archives	Local Government Act 1972		
	Destroy copies.			

Example of Scope: Management, administration and support for democratic decision-making process, administration of committees. Excludes support for individual members.

Electoral System support		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year after date created	Destroy	Based on timescale in which an action under can be brought under the Representation of the People Act 1983 s.76
Example of Scope: Support for county electoral system including process advice		

Example of Scope: Support for county electoral system including process advice, appointment of returning officers and verification of electoral expenses.

Member Support			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date created	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need	
Example of Scope: Support to members, including information, advice, and research.			

Economic Development

Growth and Economic Development

Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after last action	Destroy	Business need

Example of Scope: Economic development strategies and programmes, issuing of grants and funding, advice and support to businesses

Education

Admissions and Transfers Processing

Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of academic year	Destroy	Based on a 6 year timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of tort under Limitation Act 1980 s.2
Evample of Scape: Primary and accordant school admissions and transfers		

Example of Scope: Primary and secondary school admissions and transfers (excludes appeals processing)

Appeals Administration

Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after end of	Destroy	Based on a 2 year timescale of the
appeals process		appeals code.
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Example of Scope: Administration of appeals panels, case preparation including exclusions and admissions, home-school transport appeals.

Pupil Files (with SEND or other NCC involvement)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
End of academic year of 25 th birthday of user	Destroy	Common practice
Example of Scope: SEND and other NCC involvement papers		

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School Capacity Planning		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of review, decision, or implementation	Destroy	Business need

Example of Scope: Review of school places, development of and proposals for expansion or reduction in capacity of local authority-maintained schools, changes to catchment areas.

SEND Case Files		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
End of academic year of 25 th birthday of user	Destroy	Common practice
Example of Scope: Eligibility and assessment, requests for support, consent.		

Environmental Protection

Advice Provision		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Provision of environmental management, protection and improvement advice		

Complaint Investigation and Enforcement		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after resolution, end of enforcement action or sentence period	Destroy	Business need based on UK Police Information Management Standards
Example of Scope: Complaint investigations, informal resolutions, enforcement		

Historic Envir	onment Prote	ection and Improvement		
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
Until NCC no longer responsible for function	Transfer to new authority Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need		
Example of Scope: Planning, monitoring and review, surveys, historic environment record. Excludes planning application consultation.				

Natural Environment Protection and Improvement

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Until NCC no longer responsible for function	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: Scheme management and monitoring, consents, strategic planning, surveying and monitoring, including geological and landscape, species and habitat. Excludes planning application consultation.

Finance

Accounting and Reporting		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the financial year in which records created Destroy Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18 pt.3		
Example of Scope: Statutory, corporate and management accounts, abstracts, ledgers, budgetary control.		

Banking Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the financial year in which records created	Destroy	Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18 pt.3
Example of Scope: Bank accounts administration, instruction and payments, deposits, account monitoring and reconciliation.		

Budgets Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the	Destroy	Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax
financial year in which		Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18
records created		pt.3
Example of Scope: Management of capital and revenue budgets.		

Charities and Trusts Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the financial year in which records created	Destroy	Period for which annual reports and supporting documents must be retained under Charities Act 2011 s.165
Trust deeds and charity and endowment instruments until charity, trust or endowment wound up		Business need

Example of Scope: Administration of charity, trust and endowment for which NCC acts as trustee including annual reports and deeds.

External Funding		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of	Destroy	Funding body requirements
funding period unless		
specified otherwise by		
external funding body		
Example of Scope: Funding opportunities, resources, development, bid		
submission, management of funding resources, monitoring, reporting.		

	Financi	al Planning
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of planning period or strategy suspended	Destroy	Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18 pt.3
Example of Scope: Strategic medium- and long-term financial planning.		

Grant Funding Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of funding period unless specified otherwise by external funding body	Destroy	Funding body requirements

Example of Scope: Processing and assessment of applications for grant funding, administration of funding payments, financial and outcome monitoring and reporting.

	Income	Processing
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of	Destroy	Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax
planning period or		Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18
strategy suspended		pt.3
Example of Scope: Processing income received for supply of good and services,		
income records, receipt books, debtor accounts, cash books, till rolls.		

Loans and Leasing Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of lease period or settlement of loan	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Processing income received for supply of good and services, income records, receipt books, debtor accounts, cash books, till rolls.		

Payroll Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the financial year in which records created Destroy Taxes Management Act 1970 s.34		
Example of Scope: Transactional HR records, expenses claims, increments,		

Example of Scope: Transactional HR records, expenses claims, increments changes to pay, statutory and non-statutory payments and deductions, redundancy payments, income tax, national insurance records.

Pension Fund Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the scheme	Destroy	The Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995 s.15
Example of Scope: Pension fund management records including strategy, policy, guidance and decision making. Excludes accounting and reporting.		

Pension Scheme Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after death of last known beneficiary of member The Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 1995 s.15		
Example of Scope: Records of member and employee contributions, administration of benefit, policies affecting contributions.		

Procurement		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year for unsuccessful tenders after contract award	Destroy	Business need.
Awarded Contract: 6 years for signed contracts		Limitation Act 1980 s.5
12 years for contracts under seal		Limitation Act 1980 s.8
15 years for conveyancing, after end of contract, substantial completion, end of overage or clawback period		Limitation Act 1980 s.14B
Example of Scope: Pre-tender planning, process, contract awards, invitations to		

tender, tender evaluation, negotiation, approval, bids and correspondence.

Purchasing and Payment Processing		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the financial year in which records created	Destroy	Companies Act 2006, Value Added Tax Act 1994 s.6, Finance Act 1998 Sch.18 pt.3
Example of Scope: Orders, credit notes, invoices, delivery notes, payment records, advances.		

Taxes Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of the	Destroy	Taxes Management Act 1970 s.34
financial year in which		
records created		
Example of Scope: Payment of collected taxes and National Insurance		
contributions to HM Revenue and Customs, claims and negotiations of refunds,		
e.g. overpayments. Exclud	les transact	ional HR records.

Health and Safety

Accident and Incident Reporting and Investigation (Adults)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after end of investigation	Destroy	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, Reg. 25(3) Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Reg. 7.

Example of Scope: Reporting and investigations of accidents, incidents, violent or aggressive conduct, involving adults.

Accident and Incident Reporting and Investigation (Children)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
21 years after date of birth	Destroy	Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, Reg. 25(3) Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995, Reg. 7.

Example of Scope: Reporting and investigations of accidents, incidents, violent or aggressive conduct, involving children.

Advice Provision		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Provision of health and safety advice and support		

Hazardous Substances Control		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
•	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A and Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 Reg. 10(5)
of operations involving hazardous substances		Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 Reg. 10 Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 Reg.22 Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 Reg.24

Example of Scope: Surveying, testing, monitoring, risk assessment, records of control measures, plans of work, notifications of demolition, Excludes individual health surveillance and exposure monitoring.

Health Assessment		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after last assessment	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Manager referred and self-referred employee health assessment records		

Health Surveillance and Exposure Monitoring

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Retain identifiable individual's records until 75th birthday or 40 years after last medical assessment or exposure monitoring period (50 years if working with or exposed to ionising radiation)	Destroy	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 Reg. 10(5) Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 Reg. 10 Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 Reg.22 Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 Reg.24

Example of Scope: Health and exposure monitoring of employees working with or exposed to substances hazardous to health.

Pre-Employment Health Screening

Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year after date created	Destroy	Business need.
Example of Scope: Pre-employment health screening assessment.		

Risk Assessment		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after last	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be
assessment superseded		brought in the case of negligence under
		Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Identification, assessment of and mitigation of risks to		
employees, service users etc, health and safety audits, first aid. Excludes		
hazardous substances.		

Human Resources

Attendance and Time Recording		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after date created	Destroy	Working Time Regulations 1998
		Road Transport (Working Time)
		Regulations 2005 Reg.11
Example of Scope: Timesheets, drivers' log cards.		

Disciplinary and	Grievano	ce Procedures Administration
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of employment	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Example of Scope: Administration of formal disciplinary and grievance processes including tribunal cases.		

Disclosure and Barring Service Checking		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 months after reports for disclosure reports	Destroy	Home Office Code of Practice for Registered Persons and other recipients of Disclosure Information
6 years after end of		
employment for records of checking		The Information Commissioner's Office, Employment Practices Code (data protection)
		Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Example of Scope: Record of routine DBS checks as required by nature of job role.		

Industrial Relations Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after date created or agreement no longer effective	Destroy	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development recommendation.
Example of Scope: Management of relationship between NCC, trade unions or employee representative organisations.		

Leave Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after end of financial year in which records created	Destroy	Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations 1982 reg.13 Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986 reg.26 Statutory Paternity and Statutory Adoption
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Example of Scope: Maternity and paternity leave and non-statutory leave, e.g.		

Performance Monitoring and Review		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Example of Scope: Individual target setting to meet business plan requirements, mid-year and end of year formal review of performance against targets.		

contractual and unpaid leave.

Personal employment and training record of staff (who have not worked with children or vulnerable adults)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
7 years from end of	Destroy	Limitation Act 1980, s.5
employment with NCC		

Example of Scope: Records include routine assessments of employees' performance, appraisals; secondment information; employment termination records

Personal employment and training record of staff (who have worked with children or vulnerable adults)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
40 years from end of employment with NCC	Destroy	Business need.

Example of Scope: Records include routine assessments of employees' performance, supervision records; outcomes; employment termination records

Recruitment and Termination Administration

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Unsuccessful applicants: 6 months after recruitment decision	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Successful applicants: 6 years after end of employment		

Example of Scope: Recruitment planning, application processing and assessment, interview and candidate administration, pre-employment checks, probationary period, administration of employment termination processes. Excludes transactional HR payments administration.

Sickness Absence Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of employment	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Example of Scope: Formal sickness absence management processes including, self-certification, fit notes, occupational health referrals, return to work administration.		

Sickness Absence Management (Fit Notes)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after issue Destroy Business need		
Example of Scope: fit notes certified by health care professional		

Staff Training (Individual Training Records)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after end of	Destroy	Chartered Institute of Personnel and
employment Development recommendation		
Example of Scope: Training and development records for individual employees.		
Excludes records of training for work with hazardous substances.		

Training Provision					
Retention	Disposal	Authority			
6 years after end of employment (course administration)	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need.			
Course content and materials until					
superseded or no					
longer provided.					
Example of Scope: Development and provision of training, records of completion and attendance. Excludes individual training records.					

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

	ICT Service Design	
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5	
Example of Scope: Architecture management, capacity and availability		

management, design coordination, service catalogue maintenance.

ICT Service Operation		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year after date created Destroy Business need.		
Example of Scope: Systems access management, application management.		

event and incident management, operations control, problem management, request fulfilment, technical management.

ICT Service Transition				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after date created	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5		
Example of Scope: Application development, change evaluation, release and				

e of Scope: Application development, change evaluation, release and deployment management, service validation and testing, service asset and configuration, transition planning and support.

Information Management

CCTV Recording		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
No longer than 31 days after date of recording, or until overwritten, unless used in legal case in which case CCTV recording will become part of the case file	Destroy	Home Office National CCTV Strategy Report 2007
Example of Scope: CCTV recordings from NCC owned, operated or commissioned cameras or surveillance equipment.		

Information Security Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after date of Creation Destroy Business need based on Computer Misuse Act 1990 s.11		
Example of Scope: Incident response, investigation, and compliance audit.		

Records Storage Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Lifetime of organisation. Transfer to new authority Business need based on Freedom of Information Act s.46 Code of Practice		
Example of Scope: Records transfer processing, retrieval and disposal.		

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Processing (RIPA)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Central record: 1 year after inspection	Destroy	Business need
Originals: 6 years after end of prosecution		

Example of Scope: RIPA application forms and approvals for directed surveillance an access to communications data.

Voice Call Recording		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
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Example of Scope: Recordings of content of telephone calls.		

Management

Business Continuity Impact Assessments		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after closure Destroy Business need.		
Example of Scope: Business impact assessments		

Business Continuity Incidents		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after incident Destroy Business need.		
Example of Scope: Log books		

Business Continuity Planning			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date superseded	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need.	
Working papers and drafts for 1 year			

Example of Scope: Business planning to achieve operational service delivery priorities based on corporate priority outcomes, and management of NCC's relationships with, and planning of joint and 'joined up' service delivery with other local authorities, partnership, private and third sector (voluntary) organisations including joint service delivery planning, monitoring and review

Business Continuity Training and Exercises				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
10 years after training or exercises	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need.		
Example of Scope: Traidebriefs	ning records, exerc	l ise planning documents, scenarios,		

Communications Management and Marketing Retention Disposal Authority 6 years after date created Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives Business need.

Example of Scope: Management of the council's engagement with both its external and internal audience including media monitoring and media relations management, marketing Excluding consultation and engagement, events management

Complaints Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
7 years after complaint resolution	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of tort under Limitation Act 1980 s.2

Example of Scope: Processing and investigation of, and response to complaints against NCC concerning decision making, service provision or staff, including statutory, ombudsman, and non-statutory complaints processes, data breach investigations, and legal defence case preparation

Consultation and Engagement			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after complaint resolution	nt Offer to Business need Nottinghamshire Archives		
Example of Scope: Community and stakeholder consultation and engagement including surveys, questionnaires, display materials			

Events Management			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after event	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need	

Example of Scope: Management of communications, marketing, engagement and training events to promote NCC, partner organisations, supported organisations and their services, and management of business events including development of programmes of events, event planning, delegate, event delivery and evaluation

Feedback Processing		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after date created Destroy Business need		
Example of Scope: Processing of customer feedback and comments Excluding complaints management processes		

Freedom of Information Requests		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after case	Destroy	Business need
closure		
Example of Scope: Requests under Freedom of Information or Environmental		
Information Regulations, associated casework, internal reviews and responses		

Performance Monitoring and Reporting		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Performance monitoring, bench marking, collection and analysis of performance data, reporting to external agencies, partner organisations and internally within NCC		

Policy and Procedures Development Retention 6 years after date superseded Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives Notinghamshire Archives

Example of Scope: Development and review of NCC corporate and operational policy, development and review of safe, efficient and effective business processes, methods of work and quality assurance measures and compliance monitoring

Research and Analysis			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date created or processed for processed data	Destroy	Business need	
Retain until out of date/no longer in use for raw datasets			

Example of Scope: Primary data collection, secondary source raw data, data processed for specific purposes, data analysis and interpretation

Strategic Planning			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after superseded	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need	
Working papers and			
drafts for one year after strategy adoption.			
Example of Scope: Identification, development and planning to establish corporate strategic aims and objectives and priority outcomes			

Subject Access Requests		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after case Closure Destroy Business need		
Example of Scope: Subject access requests, associated casework and responses		

Transformation and Change Management				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
6 years after date created Working papers and	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need		
drafts for one year after implementation.				
Example of Scope: Planning and management of change, oversight of major projects to achieve strategic aims and objectives and improve business delivery				

Occupational Health and Wellbeing

Counselling Records		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
20 years or 8 years after the patient's death if patient died while in the care of the organisation Destroy Business need Business need		
Example of Scope: counselling records		

Health Records for Classified Persons under Medical Surveillance		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
50 years from the date of the last entry or age 75, whichever is the longer COSHH (Regulations 2002 (reg.24(3))		
Example of Scope: Health records		

Immunisation and vaccination		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after conclusion of treatment Destroy Business need		
Example of Scope: Immunisation and vaccination		

Litigation		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
10 years after file is Review Council practice closed		
Example of Scope: Litigation		

Occupational Health		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after termination of employment unless litigation ensues Business need Business need		
Example of Scope: Occupational health		

Ophthalmic and Auditory Screening		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
11 years Destroy Business need		
Example of Scope: Ophthalmic and auditory screening		

Personal Exposure of an Identifiable Employee Monitoring Record		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
40 years from exposure date	Destroy	COSHH Regulations 2002 (reg. 10(5))
Example of Scope: Employee monitoring records		

Personnel Health Records under Occupational Surveillance		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
40 years from last entry on record Destroy Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 (reg. 11(3))		
Example of Scope: Personnel health records		

Radiation Dose Records for Classified Persons		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
50 years from the date of the last entry or age 75, whichever is the longer Destroy Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 (reg. 19(3)(a))		
Example of Scope: Radiation dose records		

Physical Assets and Property

Equipment Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after disposal of equipment, fixed plant or system	Destroy	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5 or negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A

Example of Scope: Portable equipment, plant, fixed equipment and systems defects reporting and repair, inspections, testing, servicing and maintenance, transport, storage.

Facilities Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year after date created	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Visitors books, signing-in sheets, venue and resources enquiries and bookings		

Land Access Agreements and Licencing		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after expiry of agreement or licence Destroy Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5		
Example of Scope: Land and premises access rights.		

Land Management			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
12 years after no longer responsible for site	Transfer to new owner	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of a land dispute under Limitation Act 1980 s.15	
	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives		

Example of Scope: Management of access land, open spaces and common land. Maintenance, improvement, pest and invasive species control, animal management. Excludes premises sites and management of environmental protection and improvement schemes.

Land and Premises Acquisition and Disposal			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
15 years after NCC	Destroy	Based on time in which action can be	
ceases to own or lease brought in the case of latent damage			
site or premises under Limitation Act 1980 s14b			
Example of Scope: Land and premises access rights.			

Land Reclamation Scheme Management			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
15 years after no longer responsible for site	Destroy	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of latent damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.14b	
Example of Scope: Management of land reclamation schemes. Excludes procurement, acquisition, outcome monitoring and reporting and tenancies management			

Premises Design and Construction Supervision				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
15 years after completion	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of latent damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.14b		
As built records until				
NCC no longer				
responsible for premises, site or				
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Example of Scope: Building, site and fixed plant and systems design, construction. Excludes procurement.

structure

Vehicle and Fleet Maintenance		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after disposal of vehicle	Destroy	Maintaining records as contractual evidence based on Limitation Act 1980 s.5 or negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Vehicle and vehicle equipment defect reporting and repair		

Example of Scope: Vehicle and vehicle equipment defect reporting and repair, routine inspection, maintenance, servicing, statutory testing and taxing. Excludes financial transactions.

Planning and Development Control-Permitted Development

Complaint Investigation			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after resolution of complaint or expiry of planning permission, whichever is the latter, (if resolved without formal enforcement action)	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A	

Example of Scope: Investigation of complaints relating to unauthorised minerals and waste development, or unauthorised development on sites for which the County Council has granted planning permission

Consultations (Adjoining Authorities or Statutory Bodies)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date of submission of response	Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A	
Example of Scope: consultations on neighbouring authority's planning applications, environmental permit applications		

Inspection and Monitoring (County Council Development)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after final site inspection	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: reports and correspondence		

Inspection and Monitoring (Minerals)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after final site inspection Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A		
Example of Scope: reports and correspondence		

Inspection and Monitoring (Waste)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after final site inspection Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A		
Example of Scope: reports and correspondence		

Non-Planning Application				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	NCC service need – retention of the committee report would retain the scope of any responses received to consultation exercises on these projects, without the need to retain any sensitive personal information		
Example of Scope: committee reports				

Non-Planning Application Consultation		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Until next project review	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: correspondence		

Permitted Development Orders		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: serving of Orders under The Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working and Mineral Waste Depositing) Regulations 1997, includes discontinuance, modification, revocation, prohibition, suspension; copy of order and referenced

Permitted Development Orders (Correspondence)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after the date that the Order is served	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A

Example of Scope: serving of Orders under The Town and Country Planning (Compensation for Restrictions on Mineral Working and Mineral Waste Depositing) Regulations 1997, includes discontinuance, modification, revocation, prohibition, suspension; correspondence

Permitted Development Enquiry Confirmation			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need	
Example of Scope: Confirmation that development is permitted including referenced plans and documents.			

Permitted Development Enquiry (Other)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after issue of confirmation of permitted development rights	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: information related to permitted development except those referenced above.		

Planning Appeals (Correspondence)			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
12 years following the date of the decision notice	Destroy	Business need.	
Example of Scope: Documentation relating to appeals against the refusal of planning permission for minerals and waste development or appeals against conditions attached to the grant of planning permission., e.g. correspondence			

Planning Appeals (Inspectors)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: Appeals against the refusal of planning permission for minerals and waste development or appeals against conditions attached to the grant of planning permission. Inspector's report including any schedule of conditions or reasons for refusal and any planning obligation/legal agreement –

Planning Appeals (Statements)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years following the date of the decision notice	Destroy	Business need.

Example of Scope: Documentation relating to appeals against the refusal of planning permission for minerals and waste development or appeals against conditions attached to the grant of planning permission., e.g. County Council's and the appellant's statements of case, proofs of evidence

Planning Applications		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: including full, outline, approval of reserved matters, variation, environmental statement, temporary, change of use, prior notification, certificate of lawfulness of proposed use, certificate of lawful use/development, and periodic review of minerals permissions applications), including those which are not implemented. Planning application forms, decision notice, any plans/documents referenced in the decision notice, any planning obligation/legal agreement relating to the decision notice, any details approved pursuant to conditions attached to the planning permission (approval letter and approved plans/ documents), any Non-Material Amendments (approval letter, application form, and approved plans/ documents), and delegated/committee report (including any plans/appendices) –

Planning Applications (Consultation)			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
18 months after date of	Destroy	Based on complaints trigger set	
commencement of		by Local Government	
development		Ombudsman.	
Example of Scope: correspondence such as consultation responses, neighbour			
representations and general	correspondence		

Planning Applications (Consultation - Lapsed)			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
Immediately upon lapse of permission	Destroy	Based on complaints trigger set by Local Government Ombudsman.	
Example of Scope: correspondence such as consultation responses, neighbour representations and general correspondence			

Planning Applications (Other)			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years following the date of the decision notice	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A	
Example of Scope: Processing of planning applications for minerals, waste and the County Council's own development including post-application advice/approval of details. Other documentation.			

Planning Applications (Returned)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Immediately following the date of the return of the application	ate of the return of the	
Example of Scope: Processing of planning applications for minerals, waste and the County Council's own development.		

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date of withdrawal of application	Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A		
Example of Scope: Processing of planning applications for minerals, waste and the County Council's own development.			

Planning Enforcement Action Correspondence			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years following the issue of the notice, or the end of the site's life, whichever is the latter	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A	
Example of Scope: Correspondence.			

Planning Enforcement Action Notices			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
Permanent	N/A	Business need	
Example of Scope: including Enforcement Notices, Breach of Condition Notices, Stop Notices, Temporary Stop Notices, Planning Enforcement Orders, and any applications to the High Court or County Court for an injunction to restrain a breach of planning control. Copies of notices			

Pre-Application Advice			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date of formal issue of advice	Destroy Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A		
Example of Scope: Provision of pre-application advice and any related consultations and correspondence.			

Scoping Requests (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: Scoping Opinion issued by the County Council, the matters submitted as part of the Scoping Request, any consultation responses received

Scoping Requests (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) Correspondence

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Any other information/ correspondence relating to a scoping request – 6 years after issue of Scoping Opinion	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: correspondence.		

Screening Requests (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need

Example of Scope: Screening Opinion issued by the County Council, the matters submitted as part of the Screening Request.

Screening Requests (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) Correspondence

Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after issue of Screening Opinion	Destroy	Based on period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: correspondence.		

Planning Policy

Developer Contribution and Obligation Negotiation			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after expiry of funding period of lifetime of development Destroy Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s.106 and Highway Act 1980 s.278			
Example of Scope: Negotiation and management of developer contributions and obligations for developments impacting, e.g. highways and school places.			

Land and Property Enquiry Processing			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
6 years after date created	Destroy	6 year period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A	
Example of Scope: Processing of land and property search enquiries including common land, highway extent, mineral and waste sites and developments, rights of way searches.			

Minerals and Waste Local Plans				
Retention	Disposal	Authority		
The Plan Period of the original plan, or until superseded	Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017		

Example of Scope: Matters concerned with preparation and consultation on a Minerals or Waste development plan, including all evidence documents, consultation responses and associated files to support the Plan.

Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Citizenship Ceremonies		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 months after date of	Destroy	Common practice and KCC schedule
ceremonies unless		
complaint received, then		
6 years from complaint		
Example of Scope: booking forms, attendance lists, letters and associated		
documents		

Marriage Services		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
3 years after last action	Destroy	Common practice
Example of Scope: process of conducting a marriage service		

Notices (birth, death or marriage)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
2 years after last action	Destroy	Common practice
Example of Scope: Wedding banns, notices of marriage.		

Registration (certification of birth, death or marriage)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
7 years after last action	Destroy	Common practice
Example of Scope: birth or death certificate.		

Registration (summary)		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Permanent	N/a	Civil Registration Legislation
Example of Scope: Birth registers, death registers, marriage registers.		

Risk Management and Insurance Administration

Audit		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after audit, investigation or legal action	Destroy	Business need

Example of Scope: Audit of financial management, administration, systems, and transactions to identify fraud and misappropriation.

Business Continuity Planning		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after superseded	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Identification of risks and response planning affecting business activities.		

Insurance Claims		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
General claims (including personal injury claims involving adults): 6 years from date of closure	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Personal injury claims involving children: 6 years from closure or date of child's 21st birthday, whichever is alter		
Claims related to abuse: 100 years from claimant's date of birth		
100 years from claimant's date of birth	stration of li	ability and non-liability insurance claims.

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Insurance Policies Administration		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
40 years after policy termination or expiration for liability policy.	Destroy	Business need
10 years after policy		
termination or expiration		
for non-liability		
Example of Scope: Administration of insurance policies including arrangement, variation, renewal and termination of policies.		

Transport and Infrastructure

Concessional Passes		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
1 year after last activity	Destroy	Business need
on account		
Example of Scope: Customer records of concession passholders, pass applications		

Highway Adoption and Dedication		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Until NCC no longer	Transfer	Business need
responsible for function.	to new	
	authority	
Example of Scope: Administration of developer agreements, Adoption of road by		
NCC as Highway Authority, dedication of land as public highway.		

Highway Asset Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
15 years after end of life of structure or asset no longer part of highway	Destroy or transfer to new authority	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of latent damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.14b
Example of Scope: Traffic and asset data management, dispute resolution		

Highway Maintenance		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created (personal data), 21 years after date created (non-personal data)	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A or in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5

Example of Scope: Processing of fault reports and requests for service, safety and condition inspection, maintenance works scheduling and maintenance operations.

Highway Scheme Delivery			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
15 years after scheme completion As built until NCC no longer responsible for	Destroy Transfer to new authority	Timescale in which an action can be brought in the case of latent damage under Limitation Act 1980 s.14b	
premises, site or	Offer to		
structure	Nottinghamshire Archives		

Example of Scope: Delivery of highway schemes including programme management, scheme brief development, site investigations, public consultation. Excludes procurement and contract management.

Highway Works Regulation		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after expiry of permit or licence, change to or removal of licensed structure	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A
Example of Scope: Regulation and co-ordination of works on the highway including licensing and permits for excavation, skips, temporary traffic signals.		

Passenger Transport Provision		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date created	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A or in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5

Example of Scope: Provision of community, voluntary and provision of public, school, special needs and social care transport. Excludes procurement, contract management and complaint investigation.

Parking Enforcement		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after date of last action	Destroy	Period in which an action can be brought in the case of negligence under Limitation Act 1980 s.14A or in the case of a simple contract under Limitation Act 1980 s.5
Example of Scope: Records related to civil parking enforcement, including Penalty Charge Notices and associated correspondence, appeals and enforcement warrants.		

Rights of Way Network Management			
Retention	Disposal	Authority	
Until NCC no longer responsible for function	Transfer to new accountable body Offer to Nottinghamshire Archives	Business need	
Example of Scope: Created, establishment, modification or extinguishment of			
Example of Scope: Crea	Nottinghamshire Archives ted, establishment	. •	

Traffic Management		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
Until NCC no longer responsible for function	Transfer to new accountable body	Business need

Example of Scope: Abnormal load management, congestion management, traffic incident management, excluding civil contingency planning and response

Traffic Regulation		
Retention	Disposal	Authority
6 years after extinguishment or expiry of order	Destroy	Business need
Example of Scope: Traffic Regulation Orders including temporary orders.		

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