

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-294-01	26 th August 2021
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The information I have that since the Shipman Enquiry Dame Janet Smith held that CD Books needed to be kept for 11 years due to potential criminal/civil actions.

Furthermore I am unaware of when the last entry on the book was so it is impossible to gauge 2 years. However as the law recommends that they need be kept for 11 years ..the 2 year NICE guideline is obsolete.

The Health Board has reviewed your comment along with the Government's response to the Fourth Report of the Shipman Inquiry, and we can see that there was agreement in principle to amend the requirement to retain a CDR for longer than 2 years. However, this has not been enacted in legislation and therefore, the NICE guidelines referring to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, as stated in our previous responses, remain the extant policy.

Please be aware that the Health Boards response of 26th July 2021 stated that we will refuse further requests on the same subject. I must advise that any further requests about the same subject matter will be refused on the basis of Section 14 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act which states that the Health Board has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.