

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

- A) Please confirm whether members who subscribed to an NHS pension in the 1960s have their data secured by the NHS Pensions Agency. How long would this data be kept for?
- B) Please provide the circumstances where data would be deleted for the above

Status: Complete**Response Date:** 29 April 2010

A) Continuous since the inception of the NHS Pension Scheme in 1948, and before the existence of the Data Protection Act, our general practice has been that member records are kept indefinitely unless all pension rights have become exhausted ie the member has transferred their pension rights to another scheme or applied for a refund of their pension contributions, or has died with no contingent benefit [eg widow (er) pension]. Where, historically, all pension records were largely paper based, a limited archived record might still be retained indefinitely even where no evident continuing pension liability existed, although some very old archived records were periodically disposed of where they had remained dormant for some time

B) Following a refund of pension contributions or transfer of accrued pension rights to a different pension scheme or upon the death of the member as described above.