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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How long does the Southern HSC Trust retain records of blood transfusions?**Response:**

BSQR (SI 2005 No. 50) Regulation 9 (1)(e) requires hospital transfusion laboratories to maintain, for not less than 30 years, the data needed to ensure full traceability of blood and blood components, from the point of receipt of the blood or blood component by the hospital blood bank. Therefore, we will retain transfusion records for at least 30 years. With the advent of electronic retention systems, it may be possible to retain records past the minimum 30 years in future.

I have read that blood transfusion records are retained for at least 30 years but are there occasions when they are held longer?**Response:**

Please see response to question 1.

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