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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the ICO Retention Schedule

The ICO retention schedule is a tool used to ensure the retention of business information for as long as it is needed. It takes account of the context within which the ICO operates, including the legal and regulatory environment, for example compliance with the fifth data protection principle, and the expectations of stakeholders. It is intended primarily as a resource for the Information Governance Team who will assign relevant retention periods across the ICO's Fileplan enabling disposal activity to be carried out in a consistent and controlled manner.

Purpose of the ICO Fileplan

The ICO Fileplan is designed to help organise and manage the ICO's information. Its structure is based on a functional analysis of the ICO's activities and has been built into the ICO's Electronic Document and Record Management system, Meridio. The Fileplan underpins the EDRM system and provides the basis for processing and managing ICO records.

Retention Schedule

A table containing the recommended retention period is given for each relevant level of the Fileplan. The retention period applies to all records in that category by default, and will be adhered to wherever possible, although it is recognised that there may be exceptional circumstances which require documents to be kept for either shorter or longer periods. If individual records or documents require a different retention period to that recommended, Local Records Officers can contact the Information Governance Team to discuss their retention requirements.

Retention periods also apply to all formats of records, i.e. paper and electronic, unless specifically stated otherwise.

The primary actors that inform decisions on retention are:

- Business need as agreed by the Executive Team.
- Legislative and regulatory requirements for example compliance with the fifth data protection principle. Where relevant legislation is listed.
- National Archives requirements or guidelines.

Where preservation is indicated, this means that records relating to this activity will be considered for transfer to the National Archives after 20 years.

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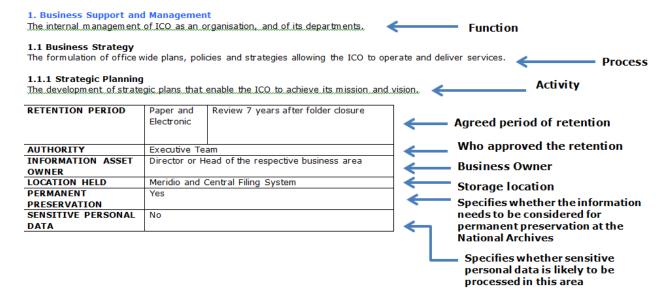
It is important that the retention schedule is kept up to date, to reflect changing business needs, new legislation, changing perceptions of risk management and new priorities for the ICO.

N.B. Not all electronic documents will be declared as formal records within Meridio. Some thought should be taken to ensure that undeclared documents are not retained indefinitely.

Logically, undeclared documents should be ephemeral and deletion possible after a period significantly shorter than that identified as the disposal period for the records.

Understanding this document

The diagram below illustrates the structure used to present retention periods and other useful information in this schedule.



On-going Development

The Retention Schedule will be maintained by the Information Governance Team who will make amendments and additions whenever legislation, National Archives guidance or the ICO changes. Change control procedures will apply to this document once approved by the Executive Team. Once approved changes will be made when there is agreement between the Head of Good Practice and the relevant Information Asset Owner. These changes will be reported to the Executive Team quarterly.

Please forward any queries to the Information Governance Team.

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Glossary

- Appraisal is the process of assigning value to records and is a means of determining the length of retention for a record.
- Central filing system is the ICO's main manual filing system used for paper records.
- Document Review a period of elapsed time after which a document or folder is considered for disposal as dictated by the records management policy.
- Documents printed or electronic papers such as reports, letters, memos, or e-mail messages. The definition also includes handwritten notes and printed out graphical material. An electronic document is any of these held in machine-readable form or as a scanned image.
- EDRM Electronic Document and Records Management. Meridio is the software the ICO have chosen as their non-casework document and records management system.
- Fileplan a classification system used for managing electronic records. The National Archives definition is a structured scheme of categories in which files are grouped – also known as a taxonomy.
- Folder collection of documents or records on a specific topic that are held together for management and disposal as a single entity.
- Information Asset Owners (IAOs) are the senior responsible persons for the management of information within a defined area.
- Metadata information about documents or records that is used to manage and retrieve them. The most common definition is metadata is data about data.
- Records information created, received, and maintained as evidence and information by an organisation or person, in pursuance of legal obligations or in the transaction of business. A record may consist of a collection of documents that together provide a complete 'story' about a particular activity or process.
- Review the process of considering whether a record which has reached a specified point in time has residual value requiring retention for a further period of time.
- Scanned Document an electronic image of a paper document.

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1. Business Support and Management

The internal management of ICO as an organisation, and of its departments.

1.01 Business Strategy

The formulation of office wide plans, policies and strategies allowing the ICO to operate and deliver services.

1.01.01 Strategic Planning

The development of strategic plans that enable the ICO to achieve its mission and vision.

RETENTION PERIOD	Paper and Electronic	Review 7 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY	Executive 7	Геат	
INFORMATION	Director or Head of the respective business		
ASSET OWNER	area		
LOCATION HELD	Meridio and Central Filing System		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.01.02 Corporate Planning

The development of Corporate Plans setting the broad objectives of the ICO in three year planning cycles.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 7 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive	Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER			
LOCATION HELD	Meridio and Central Filing System		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.01.03 Business Planning

The development of Business Plans that identify priorities office wide on a 12 month cycle.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 7 years after folder
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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER			
LOCATION HELD	Meridio and Central Filing System		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.01.04 ICO Policies

Developing, reviewing and updating of policies and plans that affect the whole of the ICO. Including finance policies, communication policies, information management policies, human resource management policies but not the interpretation of legislation and regulations that the ICO regulates (see 3 for Policy development activities).

RETENTION	Paper and Review 7 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Director or Head of the respective business		
ASSET OWNER	area		
LOCATION HELD	Meridio and Central Filing System		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION			
REFERENCES	None		
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.01.05 Internal Audit

Reviewing the performance of the ICO through internal audit.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 7 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic: closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:		
	Internal Audit Records		
SENSITIVE	No		
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1.01.06 ICO Constitution

Including the Framework Agreement between the ICO and Ministry of Justice (sponsor body) and liaison with Ministry of Justice regarding changes to the agreement.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic:	Review 7 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.01.07 ICO Risk Management

Corporate risk registers, action plans, and associated administration.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and electronic:	Review 7 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.02 Executive and Board Support

Provision of administrative support for the Commissioner, Directors, Committees and Boards, and liaison with Ministry of Justice (except concerning the Framework Agreement – see 1.1).

1.02.01 Committee and Corporate Governance Support

All aspects of administration and governance of the ICO's key committee's and boards including Management Board, Executive Team, and Audit Committee; Register of interests, Statement on Internal Control, and liaison with non-executive directors.

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RETENTION	Paper and	Review 7 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic:	closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.02.02 Internal Committees and Groups

Administration of internal committees and groups e.g. Information Rights Board, Audit Committee, and Health & Safety Committee.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic:	All internal committees and groups except where specified: Review 7 years after folder closure Regional Office Forum: Review 3 years after folder closure Operational Directorate Department Heads weekly meetings: Review 3 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Respective Committee Chair	
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	No	

1.02.03 Ministry of Justice Liaison

Correspondence with officials at the ICO's sponsor department, administration of the Quarterly Liaison Meetings and correspondence with Ministers and their staff. NOTE – this liaison is on the context of the ICO's relationship with the MOJ as a sponsored body, not any other context.

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RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and electronic:	Review 7 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:	·	
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.02.04 Private Office Support

Support for members of the Executive Team, and correspondence with elected representatives.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic:	Review 7 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Relevant business owner	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.02.05 Delegated authorities

The delegation of authority, by the Commissioner, for others to exercise his powers.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic:	Review 7 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Head of Finance	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

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1.03 Business Continuity

Arrangements for maintaining ICO's capability to deliver services in the event of a business continuity incident.

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of Corporate Affairs	
Central Filing System and Meridio	
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1.04 Management Information

Management information on operational performance at the ICO, such as casework dashboards.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after end of
PERIOD:	Electronic: financial year
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Customer Contact
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Cognos ReportNet and Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.05 Human Resources

The management of ICO staff and administration of staff related activities such as recruitment, disciplinary and grievances. Note, staff development activity is carried out by Learning and Development at 1.17

1.05.01 Recruitment

Records of recruitment exercises, job descriptions, terms and conditions of employment. Where candidates are successful a copy of the job description, application and terms and conditions of employment will be placed on the successful candidate's employee file.

RETENTION PERIOD:	•	Recruitment exercises: Review 6 months from end of recruitment exercise

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Date: 30/01/2013	A re a	application forms: Destroy after months applicant names and addresses: eview after 3 years ob descriptions: Review 6 years after superseded ferms and conditions: Review 6 years after superseded
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Organisational Development	
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing system, Meridio and CIPHR	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
REFERENCES:	Data Protection Act 1998; The National Archives Retention Scheduling: Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

1.05.02 Employee Files

DESCRIPTION	B 1 B 1 1 1/1	1 100
RETENTION	Paper and Retain until	employee age 100
PERIOD:	Electronic	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational [Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Data Protection Act 1998	3; The National
	Archives Retention Scheduling: Employee	
	Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.03 Conditions of employment

Standard contracts and variations of those terms where required, i.e. compressed hours and home working.

Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

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RETENTION	Paper and	Review 6 years after date
PERIOD:	Electronic	superseded
AUTHORITY:	The Nationa	al Archives
INFORMATION	Head of Org	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	ources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.04 Payroll Administration

Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Salary ledger records: Review 6 years from the end of the financial year to which they relate Payroll sheets: Review 2 years from the end of the financial year to which they relate
		Individual employees personal payroll history: Retain until employee aged 100
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Organisational Development	
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling: Departmental Accounts	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

1.05.05 Pensions Administration

All records relating to pensions administration. Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

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RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Pension records: Retain until employee aged 100
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Head of Or	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.06 Disciplinary

Management of staff conduct.

Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION	Paper and	Records of formal disciplinary
PERIOD:	electronic	actions in employee file. Retain both paper and electronic
		for review 6 years after last action
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	sources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.07 Grievances

Management of staff grievances.

Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION		Records of formal grievances in
PERIOD:	electronic:	employee file. Retain both paper
		and electronic for review 6 years
		after last action
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	ources Filing System and Meridio

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PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:
	Employee Personnel Records; Data
	Protection Act 1998
SENSITIVE	Yes
PERSONAL DATA	

1.05.08 Termination of employment

Termination of employment as it relates to ICO staff e.g. Early retirement and severance, Age retirement, Death in service, Redundancy.

Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic:	Records relating to individual employee files: Retain until
		employee aged 100
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Head of Org	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	ources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The Nationa	al Archives Retention Scheduling:
	Employee F	Personnel Records; Data
	Protection A	Act 1998
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.09 Staff Health and Safety

Management of health and safety as it relates to ICO staff. Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and	Individual health records: Retain until employee aged 100
	electronic	
		Review 40 years from date of last entry
		Examination, testing, monitoring and control records: Review 5 years after last action
		Accident books and ill health reports: Destroy 3 years after closure

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	Training, guidance and instructions: Review 3 years from date superseded Risk assessment reports and reviews: Review 5 years from date superseded	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and supporting Regulations; The National Archives Retention Guidelines 4: Health and Safety Records (now withdrawn) The National Archives Retention Guidelines: Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.10 Absence Management

Management of absence as it relates to ICO staff. Use 1.05.02 'Employee Files' for individual staff records

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 7 years from date
PERIOD:	electronic:	superseded
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Head of Org	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	ources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.05.11 Industrial Relations

See also Joint Committee in 1.02

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and electronic	Review 7 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Executive Team	

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INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Organisational Development
LOCATION HELD:	Human Resources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	Yes
PERSONAL DATA	

1.05.12 Occupational Health

Procedures, schedule and forms for the management of occupational health services. Occupational health records relating to an individual should be stored on their employee file.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and electronic	Medicals: Retain until employee aged 100
		Procedures, events, employee assistance schemes: 7 years from date superseded
		Schedules: Destroy 3 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate.
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Or	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Human Res	sources Filing System and Meridio
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The Nation	al Archives Retention Scheduling:
	Employee I	Personnel Records
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.06 Financial Management

Control and management of the ICO's financial resources including accounting records, processing of fee income, purchase orders, expenses, payroll and invoices.

RETENTION	Paper and	Bank and cash
PERIOD:	Electronic	Bank statements: 6 years from
		the end of the financial year to
		which the records relate

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> Bank reconciliations and all other banking records: Current and previous financial year

Petty cash records: 6 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate

Fee income

DD collection and cheque audit trails: Current and previous financial year

Auddis and Direct Debit Mandates: Current and previous financial year (or until scanned if earlier)

Creditors

Supplier statements: Current and previous financial year

Invoices and expenses claims: 6 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate

Debtors

Income vouchers: 6 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate

Ledger

Nominal ledger printout: 6 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate

Journals: Current and previous financial year

Year end

Working papers: 6 years from the end of the financial year to which the records relate

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	Management accounts Monthly management reports: Current and previous financial year	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Finance	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Finance Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	HM Treasury guidelines, National Audit Office	
	advice, Companies Act 2006	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.07 Facilities Management

Day to day management of buildings, land, equipment and accommodation services.

1.07.01 Asset Management

Land and buildings, vehicles, office machinery.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Keep asset and depreciation records for 6 years after end of financial year to which they relate. See 1.6 Financial Management.
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Departmental Accounts	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.07.02 Buildings and Land Management

RETENTION PERIOD:		
(i) Records relating	Paper	Destroy 5 years after property is
to a specific		no longer occupied by the ICO
property including		

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building		
maintenance and		
estate planning		
(ii) Records relating	Paper	Destroy 5 years after completion
to a specific project	and	of project
	Electronic	. ,
(iii) Records of	Paper	Destroy 7 years from end of the
health and safety	and	financial year to which they relate
inspections	electronic	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
(iv) Closed circuit	Electronic	Destroy 4 weeks from the date
television		recorded except where required
recordings		as evidence
(v) Building reports	Paper	Retain until superseded
(1) = aag	and	
	electronic	
(vi) Fire Risk	Paper	Retain until superseded
Assessments	and	rtotam anti saperseasa
7.0000011101100	electronic	
(vii) Securitas	Paper	Retain until superseded
Security Reports		
(viii) COSHH	Paper	Retain until superseded
assessments		·
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Or	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio, th	e CCTV system and the Facilities
		Control Centre
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and	
	supporting Regulations, Limitation Act 1980,	
	ICO CCTV Policy	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		
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1.07.03 Buildings Health and Safety

See 1.05.09 for Staff Health and Safety, 1.07.02 for Buildings Health and Safety and 1.02 for the Health and Safety Committee.

1.07.04 Administration – Facilities Management

Documented procedures and risk assessments for facilities management activities and responsibilities.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 3 years from date
PERIOD:	and paper	superseded

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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio and the Facilities Document Control
	Centre
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

Except:

Records relating to notification fee cheques received and Royal Mail Special and Recorded Delivery information (both sent and received)

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy after 1 year
PERIOD:	and paper	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Head of Or	ganisational Development
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Facilities D	ocument Control Centre
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.07.05 Property Law

See 1.12.01 Legal Services - Property Law

1.08 Contracts and Procurement

Procuring goods and services from external sources by means of a contract.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Statements of interest and unsuccessful tender documents: Destroy 2 years after end of procurement exercise
		Keep agreed specifications, evaluation criteria, and invitation to tender for 6 years from end of contract
		Keep records relating to contracts for goods worth less than £5,000 for two years

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	Keep records relating to services for 2 years after payment of the last account For contracts for goods over £5,000, keep successful tender and other contractual documents	
	for 6 years from end of contract	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Finance	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Central Filing System and Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Contractual Records	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.09 Information and Technology Services

Developing and managing IT services and IT projects.

RETENTION	•	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Inf	formation Technology
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.10 Security

Managing Security at the ICO.

RETENTION		Review 5 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic:	closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam	
INFORMATION	Head of Go	Head of Good Practice	
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			

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SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.10.05 Security Incident Management

Management of all reported security incidents

RETENTION	Paper and Review 2 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic: closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Good Practice
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.11 Information Governance

Managing ICO's compliance with the requirements of data protection and freedom of information law.

1.11.02 Monitoring

Ensuring compliance with information governance policies, e.g. records management policy, security policy.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Go	ood Practice
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.11.03 Awareness

Ensuring that staff are aware of information governance policies and their responsibilities.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure

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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Good Practice
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.11.04 Governance

Managing, leading and reporting on information governance activity.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Go	ood Practice
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.11.05 Compliance Advice / PIAs

Projects for which the Information Governance team provides compliance advice and undertakes Privacy Impact Assessments.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Go	ood Practice
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.11.06 Information Management

The ICO's records management procedures and guidance, including the ICO's data protection register entry and publication scheme.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Good Practice	

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ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.11.07 Memoranda of Understandings

Correspondence and final versions of Memoranda of Understandings entered into by the ICO and third party organisations.

RETENTION	Electronic	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	and paper	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Head of Go	od Practice
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes – at IC	0
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.11.08 Information Governance Team Projects

Projects led by the Information Governance Team.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Good Practice	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.11.09 Knowledge and Records Management

Knowledge and records management contacts, guidance and reference material. Management of the ICO's EDRMS.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	

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INFORMATION	Head of Good Practice	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.12 Legal ServicesThe provision of legal services internally.

1.12.01 Property Law

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic and paper	Leases/property and relate records: Destroy 16 years from the end of the lease Building contracts: Destroy 16 years from the end of the contract Advice: Destroy 6 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Finance	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Limitation Act 1980	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.12.02 Intellectual Property, Copyright and Trademarks

RETENTION PERIOD:	Intellectual Property licenses: Destroy 7 years after folder closure
	Misuse of logo: Destroy 4 years after folder closure

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	Trademarks and applications: Destroy 6 years after folder closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Finance	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Limitation Act 1980	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.12.03 Litigation

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic and	Destroy 6 years after folder closure	
PERIOD.	paper	Closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат	
INFORMATION	Head of Fir	nance	
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
REFERENCES:	Limitation Act 1980		
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.12.04 Legal Profession

RETENTION	Electronic Destroy 7 years after folder
PERIOD:	and paper closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Finance
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
REFERENCES:	Limitation Act 1980
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

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1.12.05 Employment Law

RETENTION	Electronic Destroy 6 years after folder
PERIOD:	and paper closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Finance
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
REFERENCES:	Limitation Act 1980
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.12.06 Legal Advice to the Commissioner

RETENTION	Electronic	Review 7 years after folder
PERIOD:	and paper	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Fir	nance
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	Limitation A	Act 1980
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.13 Internal Communications

Provision of internal communications to keep staff well informed, seek, listen and respond to their views and to share best practice within the organisation.

1.13.01 ICO Intranet

Operation of the Intranet service within ICO.

RETENTION	Electronic	Until superseded
PERIOD:		
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	ICON	
PERMANENT	No	

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PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.13.02 Corporate Calendar

See 1.13.1 ICON.

1.13.03 Staff Events

RETENTION	Electronic	3 years after event
PERIOD:		
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Co	rporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.13.05 Staff Briefings

RETENTION	Electronic	3 years after briefing issued
PERIOD:		
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Co	rporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.13.06 Publications and Materials

RETENTION	Paper	Keep 2 copies permanently for
PERIOD:		ICO reference
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Team
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Communic	ations Filing System
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		

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SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.13.07 Informer

Staff newsletter produced monthly.

RETENTION	Electronic	Review 7 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Head of Co	rporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.13.08 Internal Market Research

Staff surveys and research.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic and paper	Draft reports: Destroy 1 year after completion of market research project Presentations: Destroy 5 years after completion of market research project Final Report: Review 7 years after completion of market research project
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Гeam
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Corporate Affairs	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio and Communications Filing System	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	No	

1.13.09 Internal Communications Projects

Significant project documentation and supporting information, not notes.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure

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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.14 ICO departmental administration

Internal management of ICO departments, including, team meetings, team-specific procedures, local staffing and budget management records.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	Departmental Business Plans: Review 5 years after folder closure Budget management: Review 3 years after folder closure Meetings: Review 3 years after folder closure Management meetings: Review 3 years after folder closure Team Procedures: Review 3 years after folder closure Team Planning and Reporting: Review 3 years after folder closure Team staffing: Review 3 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Team
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of department	
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	

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PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

1.15 Corporate Programmes and Projects

Major projects and cross office initiatives.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Relevant p	roject sponsor
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.16 Complaints about ICO (office-wide)

Handling of external complaints about the ICO

1.16.01 Complaints from other Regulators

RETENTION	Electronic	Review 2 years after last action	
PERIOD:			
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат	
INFORMATION	Director of	Operations	
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION HELD:	CMEH and	CMEH and Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes – certain cases only, in accordance with		
PRESERVATION:	agreed criteria		
SENSITIVE	Yes		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.17 Learning and Development

Developing, delivering and monitoring an induction process for new staff, and developing, delivering and monitoring internal and external learning and development activities.

1.17.01 Further Education

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 6 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure

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		Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years
		Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.17.02 Staff L&D records

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years Former employees: Review 6
		years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio and	d CIPHR
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.17.03 Management Development

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure
		Personal Data: Current employees: duration of

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Date. 50/01/2015			
	employment + review after 6 years		
	Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO		
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	Yes		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.17.04 Training Course Delivery

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after course is no longer delivered Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Organisational Development		
LOCATION:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	Yes		
PERSONAL DATA			

1.17.05 Training Course Evaluation

RETENTION	•	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure
		Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years

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		Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.17.06 Personal Development Review

1.17.06.01 – Procedures, Forms & Templates

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	Review 5 years from date superseded Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive	Геат
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Or	ganisational Development
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

1.17.06.02 to **1.17.06.06** Staff records

RETENTION PERIOD:	Review 6 years from date of declaration
	Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6

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Date. 30/07/2013		years
		Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES:	The National Archives Retention Scheduling:	
	Employee Personnel Records	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.17.07 Talent Management

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Team
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Or	ganisational Development
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

1.17.08 Training Projects

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure
		Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6

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		years
		Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Organisational Development	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

1.17.09 Procurement

See 1.08 Contracts and Procurement

1.17.10 ISEB

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after course is no longer delivered Personal Data: Current employees: duration of employment + review after 6 years Former employees: Review 6 years after employee left ICO
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Or	ganisational Development
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

2. Enquiries, Advice and Complaints Handling

The resolution of complaints and provision of advice.

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Casework

Information relating to individual complaints and enquiries by post and email submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, Data Protection Act, Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations, and Environmental Information Regulations.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 2 years after last
PERIOD:	and paper	correspondence
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Director of	Operations
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	CMEH ¹ and	central filing system
PERMANENT	Yes – certa	in cases only, in accordance with
PRESERVATION:	agreed crite	eria
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

Physical evidence and voluminous information which is not scanned into CMEH:

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 6 months after last
PERIOD:	and paper	correspondence
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Director of	Operations
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	CMEH ² and	central filing system
PERMANENT	Yes – certa	in cases only, in accordance with
PRESERVATION:	agreed crit	eria
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

2.01 Service Adjustment Reviews

Service Adjustment reviews are convened to formally consider adjustments or restrictions to our services. Where a decision is made to adjust or restrict contact a record will be retained.

RETENTION	Paper and	Destroy 2 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure

¹ Casework is stored on CMEH wherever possible. Casework information classified as Confidential or above (using the HMG Protective Marking scheme) cannot be stored electronically.

² Casework is stored on CMEH wherever possible. Casework information classified as Confidential or above (using the HMG Protective Marking scheme) cannot be stored electronically.

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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Customer Contact
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio and CMEH
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	Yes
PERSONAL DATA	

2.02 Customer Contact – Responding to requests for advice

Procedures governing the Advice service

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 2 years after folder closure then destroy Restricted contact entries –
		CMEH shell case destroyed 2 years after last contact
		Single point of contact entries – CMEH shell case destroyed 2 years after last contact
		Reasonable adjustments – CMEH shell case destroyed 2 years after last contact
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Customer Contact	
LOCATION:	Meridio and CMEH	
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA	Yes	

2.02.11 Information Access

The ICO's information request handling procedures. Requests handled outside CMEH – Meridio/manual

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	Destroy 5 years after folder closure.
		Emails received in the Information Governance

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Date: 30/07/2013		Mailbox are retained for 6 months from the date of receipt.
		Destroy 2 years after last correspondence
		Section 29 / section 59 (2) (e) DPA requests: Destroy 6 years after last correspondence
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Customer (Contact
LOCATION HELD:	Meridio/Manual Sto	rage
PERMANENT PRESERVATION:	No	
SENSITIVE PERSONAL	Yes	
DATA		

2.03 Decision Notices

The administration of the decision notice sign off process.

RETENTION	Paper and Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Performance Improvement
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	Yes
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	Yes
PERSONAL DATA	

2.04 Complaints and Concerns

Information supporting the investigation and resolution of complaints made under the Data Protection Act, Freedom of information Act, Environmental Information Regulations and Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations.

		Standard letters and templates:
PERIOD:	Electronic	Destroy 2 years after folder
		closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	

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INFORMATION	Head of Performance Improvement & Head
ASSET OWNER:	of Customer Contact
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	Yes
PERSONAL DATA	

2.05 FOI/EIR Appeals

The handling of appeals against ICO decisions under the Freedom of information Act, and Environmental Information Regulations.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 6 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Director of Freedom of Information	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio and Central Filing System	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES	Limitation Act 1980	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

2.06 Legal Casework Advice

Advice provided in relation to specific pieces of casework.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 6 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
REFERENCES	Limitation Act 1980	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

2.07 Customer Contact - Registrations

Administration of the Registration process.

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RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	New registrations, changes, renewals, general enquiries, standard letters and procedures: Destroy 2 years after last correspondence. Lapsed database register entries: Destroy 2 years from the date of entry
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Гeam
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Cu	stomer Contact
LOCATION:	Meridio, ICE and Finance Filing System	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

2.08 Publication Schemes Management

Development of model publication schemes and monitoring of compliance.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Po	licy Delivery
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

3. Policy and Guidance Development and Establishment

Developing policy directly related to freedom of information, data protection and related legislation, including developing codes of practice responding to consultations and stakeholder liaison.

3.01 Policy engagement with stakeholders

Interaction with key stakeholders on matters relating to the interpretation of data protection and freedom of information law and regulation.

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RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive T	eam
INFORMATION	Head of Str	ategic Liaison
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

3.02 Codes of practice

Developing Codes of Practice under the Data Protection Act and contributing to the development of Codes of Practice under the Freedom of Information Act.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	Yes
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

3.03 Guidance

Developing guidance under all of the legislation that the ICO regulates.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

3.04 Legislative Development

Policy input to the development of new legislation.

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery			
ASSET OWNER:				
LOCATION:	Meridio			
PERMANENT	Yes			
PRESERVATION:				
SENSITIVE	No			
PERSONAL DATA				

3.05 Policy Research

Carrying out of research on policy issues either by the ICO or third parties commissioned by the ICO.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

3.06 International Legislative Developments, Policy and Co-operation

Work with international organisations to develop policy and formulate legislation at international level.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Director of Data Protection		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	No		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

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3.07 Internal Policy Advice

Providing advice to internal stakeholders on the interpretation of freedom of information, data protection, privacy and electronic communications, and environmental information law and guidance.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат	
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION:	Meridio		
PERMANENT	Yes		
PRESERVATION:			
SENSITIVE	No		
PERSONAL DATA			

3.08 Consultations, Inquiries and Select Committee evidence

Initiating and responding to consultations, and providing evidence to public inquiries and Parliamentary Select Committees.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder		
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure		
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Head of Po	licy Delivery		
ASSET OWNER:				
LOCATION:	Meridio			
PERMANENT	No			
PRESERVATION:				
SENSITIVE	No			
PERSONAL DATA				

3.09 External consultations initiated by the ICO

See 3.8 above.

3.10 European and International Working Groups

Participating in international groups on the development of privacy and transparency law and regulation.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic	•	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team		
INFORMATION	Director of Data Protection		
ASSET OWNER:			
LOCATION:	Meridio		

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

3.11 – 3.22 Legal Services – Policy and Guidance Development

Providing legal advice in relation to policy and guidance development.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 6 years after folder	
PERIOD:	Electronic closure	
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Policy Delivery	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

4. External Communications

Managing the ICO's external profile and activities to promote the ICO and its messages.

4.01 Communications and External Relations

Preparing and providing information to explain and publicise legislation or guidance that has already been produced.

4.01.01 Projects plans and campaigns

The planning and execution of projects to produce and distribute ICO publications in all formats.

RETENTION PERIOD:	•	Review 5 years after folder closure – retain if project is still live Retain 2 copies of any publications for ICO reference permanently.
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio and Communications Filing System	

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.02 Image bank

Images used by the ICO in publications and communication materials.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	ICO staff: Review 2 years from declaration date
		ICO Events: Review 3 years from declaration date
		Abstract: Review 5 years from declaration date
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

4.01.03 Events and Conferences

Planning, holding and results of events held by ICO or attended to publicise guidance or advice.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.04 ICO Website and Online Communications

The development and management of the ICO website, including planning the structure of the website, drafting content and publishing web pages, monitoring, reviewing and updating website content.

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	Website content: Current only
		Website updates: Destroy 7 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Co	rporate Affairs
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes. The N	ational Archives regularly captures
PRESERVATION:	an image o	of the ICO website for permanent
	preservation	on.
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

4.01.05 Market research

The collection and analysis of information about the ICO's target audiences for external communication.

RETENTION	Electronic	Responses:
PERIOD:	and paper	Destroy 6 months after completion of market research project
		Tables: Destroy 2 years after completion of market research project
		Draft reports: Destroy 1 year after completion of market research project
		Presentations: Destroy 5 years after completion of market research project
		Final Report: Review 7 years after completion of market research project
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Гeam
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Co	rporate Affairs

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

LOCATION HELD:	Meridio and Communications Filing System
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.06 Grayling Archive

Information relating to the ICO's external press office. Note this activity has now been brought in-house, see 4.01.11.

4.01.07 Public engagements

Planning and arranging ICO attendance at external events.

RETENTION	Paper and	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геаm
INFORMATION	Relevant b	usiness owner
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

4.01.08 Political monitoring

Identifying and monitoring trends in political discourse that may impact on transparency and data protection regulation.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	Yes
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.09 Green Group

Assessing and managing the ICO's environmental impact.

RETENTION	Paper and	Destroy 2 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic	closure

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Chair of the Green Group
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.10 Regional office projects plans and campaigns

The planning and execution of communication activity specific to the ICO's Regional Offices.

RETENTION	Paper and Destroy 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.01.11 Press office

The management of the media relations activity from 2010 when the press office function was brought in-house.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Press cuttings: Destroy 3 years from date of publication NB – must be stored in hard copy
		Evaluation: Destroy 7 years after folder closure
		Draft Press releases: Destroy 1 month from approval
		Published Press Releases: Review 7 years after publication with a view to permanent preservation by the ICO

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AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs
ASSET OWNER:	·
LOCATION:	Meridio and Communications Filing System
PERMANENT	Yes
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.02 Stakeholder Engagement and External Organisations Liaison

Meetings, speaking engagements, correspondence with businesses, government, parliamentarians and opinion formers, media to maintain good relations and receive feedback. For engagement on policy matters see 3.Policy and guidance development and establishment.

RETENTION	Paper and Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	Electronic closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Strategic Liaison
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

4.03 Parliamentary questions

Responding to enquiries of a formal or official nature, such as, responding to parliamentary questions, writing briefings etc.

4.03.01 Parliamentary Questions (PQs)

ICO responses to oral and written PQs received from a government department.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 5 years after folder closure
		Note: (i) PQ information will appear in public domain in "Hansard" (ii) Retain duplicate of responses relating to major policy/procedural issues with relevant files
AUTHORITY:	Executive ⁻	Геаm

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INFORMATION	Head of Corporate Affairs	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

5. Regulation and Enforcement

Taking enforcement action, conducting audits of good practice, investigating and prosecuting alleged criminal offences.

5.01 Audits, Advisory Visits and Workshops

Conducting audits, advisory visits and workshops aimed at educating organisations and improving the way that they process personal data. This includes research to develop audit programmes, outcomes reports and self-assessment toolkits.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Electronic	Report and letter of engagement: Review 5 years after folder closure Audit correspondence, policies and working papers: Destroy 1 year after folder closure Research and related correspondence: Destroy 5 years after folder closure
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION ASSET OWNER:	Head of Good Practice	
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes - certain cases only, in accordance with	
PRESERVATION:	agreed criteria	
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

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5.02 Remedies and Resolutions

Informal resolution of compliance issues. Note – this process is now obsolete existing information is held in case files on CMEH.

5.03 Investigations

Investigating criminal offences under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

RETENTION PERIOD:	Paper and Electronic	Review 6 years after folder closure Cautions and undertakings – retained for 6 years from date of caution Search Warrants – retained for 6 years from date of application NOTE – forensic evidence should be retained in line with the investigation file Investigation data is held until it is decided whether or not to prosecute. If not the data is returned to the data controller
AUTHORITY:	Executive ⁻	Team
INFORMATION	Head of En	forcement
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes but section 55 DPA and section 77 FOIA	
PRESERVATION:	only	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

5.04 Enforcement and Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP)

Taking enforcement action and serving CMPs under the Data Protection Act, Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations, Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations.

Individuals complaints are handled in CMEH as casework (see 2 above).

RETENTION	Paper	Review 6 years after folder
PERIOD:	and	closure

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Date. 30/07/2013		
	Electronic	Investigation data is held until it is decided whether or not to prosecute. If not the data is returned to the data controller
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Enforcement	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	Yes if they fit the casework preservation	
PRESERVATION:	criteria in Annex A	
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

5.05 Prosecutions

The prosecution of offences under the Data Protection Act, Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations, Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations.

RETENTION	Paper	Review 6 years after folder
PERIOD:	and	closure
	Electronic	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of En	forcement
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

5.06 Non Registration

Investigating organisations not registered with the Information Commissioner under the Data Protection Act and taking action where appropriate.

RETENTION	Electronic	Destroy 2 years after last
PERIOD:		correspondence
AUTHORITY:	Executive Team	
INFORMATION	Head of Enforcement	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	

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PERMANENT	No
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	

5.07 Intelligence Hub

Intelligence obtained from sources inside and outside the ICO to support the Enforcement and Operations functions.

RETENTION	Paper	Review 5 years after folder
PERIOD:	and	closure
	Electronic	
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of Enforcement	
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	Yes	
PERSONAL DATA		

5.07.07 PECR SBN

Personal data breaches reported to the ICO by electronic communications service providers under regulation 5A of Privacy and Electronic Communication (EC Directive) Regulations 2003

Logs and breach reports where no further action is taken by the ICO

RETENTION PERIOD:		Destroy 2 years after breach report
AUTHORITY:	Executive 7	Геат
INFORMATION	Head of En	forcement
ASSET OWNER:		
LOCATION:	Meridio	
PERMANENT	No	
PRESERVATION:		
SENSITIVE	No	
PERSONAL DATA		

Logs and breach reports where regulatory action is taken

RETENTION	Electronic	Review 6 years after folder
PERIOD:		closure

Author: Lesley Bett Version: 3.0 Date: 30/07/2015

AUTHORITY:	Executive Team
INFORMATION	Head of Enforcement
ASSET OWNER:	
LOCATION:	Meridio
PERMANENT	Yes
PRESERVATION:	
SENSITIVE	No
PERSONAL DATA	