

TYPE OF HEALTH RECORD	MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD	DERIVATION	FINAL ACTION	CODE (see note 2)
Blood gas results	Retain for the period of time appropriate to the patient/ specialty, eg children's records should be retained as per the retention period for the records of children and young people; mentally disordered persons (within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983) 20 years after the last entry in the record or 8 years after the patient's death if patient died while in the care of the organisation			N
Bound copies of reports/records, if made	30 years			S
Day books and other records of specimens received by a laboratory	2 calendar years			S
Equipment/ instruments maintenance logs, records of service inspections	Lifetime of equipment			S
Procurement, use, modification and supply records relevant to production of products (diagnostics) or equipment	11 years			S

