
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**Arrangements for Placement of
Children (General) Regulations 1991**

Retention and confidentiality of records

9.—(1) A case record relating to a child who is placed shall be retained by the responsible authority until the seventy-fifth anniversary of the date of birth of the child to whom it relates or, if the child dies before attaining the age of 18, for a period of 15 years beginning with the date of his death.

(2) The requirements of paragraph (1) may be complied with either by retaining the original written record, or a copy of it, or by keeping all of the information from such record in some other accessible form (such as by means of a computer).

(3) A responsible authority shall secure the safe keeping of case records and shall take all necessary steps to ensure that information contained in them is treated as confidential, subject only to—

- (a) any provision of or made under or by virtue of, a statute under which access to such records or information may be obtained or given;
- (b) any court order under which access to such records or information may be obtained or given.