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From: Fiona Cameron-General Manager
Sent: 16 November 2000 10:19
To: Lesley Humphrey - Quality Manager
Subject: RE: destruction of health records

We currently don't destroy MH records anyway and for the others it is 8 years. Will ensure that Jan/Ann/Beverly/Lin are all aware.

No immediate major implications but over time we would need to be dug out from under I suspect.

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As we will not now meet ,have checked in dept and we do not destroy records as they all are held by PHT or Haslar . We do not think they destroy ?or their time frame if they do .

Can i suggest B Hall who must have a contact in PHT asks them for you . (they do not like me i upset them when i query their systems)

PS: Code A has rang Yvonne , QA case , Ann Dowd consultant is pulling records and we will reply by your date
 Bill

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