

# We keep the personal data only as long as necessary

- You must keep personal data **only as long as you need it**.
- You need to think about – and be able to justify – how long you keep personal data. This will depend on your purposes for holding the data.
- As best practice, you should have a policy that specifies how long you keep each type of personal data you process.
- You can keep personal data for longer if you are only keeping it for public interest archiving, scientific or historical research, or statistical purposes.