

# DNA RETENTION PERIODS



OUTCOME FOLLOWING ARREST	RETENTION PERIOD
Adults convicted of <b>any</b> crime/caution	<i>Indefinite</i>
Under-18s convicted of a <b>serious crime</b>	<i>Indefinite</i>
Fixed penalty notice issued by Police	<i>2 years</i>
Under-18s : first <b>minor</b> crime	<i>5 years + custodial sentence</i>
Under-18s : second/recidivist <b>minor</b> crime	<i>Indefinite</i>
Arrested but <b>not</b> convicted	<i>Not retained (but used)</i>
Arrest for a <b>serious</b> crime but <b>not</b> convicted	<i>3 years (but additional 2 year possible: Court)</i>
Arrest for a <b>terrorist</b> offence but <b>not</b> convicted	<i>3 years (but additional 2 year possible:Commissioner)</i>