

Title: Reclosure Panel		THE
Date: Tuesday, 23 June 2025 (Rescheduled from 29/05/2025)	Time: 12:00 – 13:00	NATIONAL
	Location: Meeting Room 21C	ARCHIVES
Attendees		
Lucy Fletcher (LF)	[REDACTED]	Linda Stewart (LS)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Apologies		
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Minutes

1. Actions from previous meeting (held 27th March 2025)

- 1.1. T 640/1097 – The relevant stakeholder is content to proceed with initial recommendation (s40(2) redacted open – extract closed for 61 years until 2051), as the subject matter has been extensively covered.
- 1.2. T 640/378 - Case ongoing, pending response from the relevant stakeholder.
- 1.3. ASSI 36/629, ASSI 52/2005 & CRIM 1/3031 - Related files were checked, and correct closure periods established. The relevant amendments have been processed with the closure period increased in line with our published closure period guidance. No further action necessary on remaining files.
- 1.4. CRIM 1/5306, DPP 2/4598, 4668 & 4669 (obscene publications files) – creation of open extracts for each file agreed. An FOI request was received for CRIM 1/5306, thus removed from this review. Warning labels to be added to the remaining files as per the original recommendation.
- 1.5. J 82/2893 - Panel agreed to full closure under s38 (1)(a) & 40 (2) for 76 years until 2051.. The Discovery title has been deemed suitable and takedown is not required, as the file subject is deceased.

2. Cases

- 2.1. ASSI 13/1055 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 92 years until 2060.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.2. ASSI 26/270 - Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 99 years until 2063.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.3. ASSI 52/1372 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2064.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.4. ASSI 52/1848 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 96 years until 2065.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.5. ASSI 6/182 – Recommendation: full closure under s31 (1), 38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 95 years until 2055.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.6. ASSI 6/336 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2066.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.7. AST 36/1166 & 1167 – Recommendation: redacted opening under s40(2) for 87 and 85 years (respectively) until 2063.

Panel discussed the possible application of s41 (information provided in confidence) to some information within the record but agreed that the information in question was not provided under an obligation of confidence.

Further to discussion, agreed as originally recommended.

- 2.8. AVIA 101/215 – Recommendation: redacted open under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.9. AVIA 101/218 – Recommendation: Redacted open s31(1) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2051.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.10. AVIA 101/220 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 83 years until 2050.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.11. AVIA 101/221 – Recommendation: redacted open under s38(1)(a) for 99 years until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.12. AVIA 101/224 – Recommendation: redacted open under s38(1)(a) for 100 years until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.13. AVIA 101/226– Recommendation: redacted open under s38(1)(a) for 99 years until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.14. AVIA 13/1383 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 97 years until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.15. FCO 9/239 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) for 99 years until 2068.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16. BN 29 Series – 28 Care home related records:

- 2.16.1 BN 29/1825 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 85 years until 2055.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.2 BN 29/1861 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 86 years until 2049.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.3 BN 29/1868 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2060.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.4 BN 29/1869 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 86 years until 2057.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.5 BN 29/1870 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2059.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.6 BN 29/1888 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 87 years until 2043.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.7 BN 29/2044 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2059.

Recommendation agreed.

- 2.16.8 BN 29/2047 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 87 years until 2050.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.9 BN 29/2048 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2063.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.10 BN 29/2053 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2058.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.11 BN 29/2093 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 90 years until 2065.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.12 BN 29/2102 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 84 years until 2052.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.13 BN 29/2103 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 83 years until 2044.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.14 BN 29/2105 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2060.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.15 BN 29/2108 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2064.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.16 BN 29/2138 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2065.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.17 BN 29/2139 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 92 years until 2063.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.18 BN 29/2143 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 91 years until 2062.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.19 BN 29/2148 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 85 years until 2059.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.20 BN 29/2179 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2075.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.21 BN 29/2180 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2073.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.22 BN 29/2413 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 83 years until 2055.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.23 BN 29/2440 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 99 years until 2066.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.24 BN 29/2627 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 87 years until 2059.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.25 BN 29/2675 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 90 years until 2062.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.26 BN 29/2685 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2072.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.27 BN 29/2742 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2065.

Recommendation agreed.

2.16.28 BN 29/2745 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 100 years until 2065.

Recommendation agreed.

2.17. BN 62s Various (5 Records)

The Panel discussed the feasibility of redaction. It was agreed that full closure was more suitable:

2.17.1 BN 62/1727 – Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

Recommendation agreed.

2.17.2 BN 62/1730 – Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

Recommendation agreed.

2.17.3 BN 62/1731 - Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

Recommendation agreed.

2.17.4 BN 62/1732 - Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

Recommendation agreed.

2.17.5 BN 62/1733 - Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

Recommendation agreed.

2.18. BN 62/2819 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 91 years until 2060.

Recommendation agreed.

2.19. BN 62/2995 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 88 years until 2042.

Recommendation agreed.

2.20. BN 75 records

2.20.1 BN 75/11 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2068.

2.20.2 BN 75/12 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2068.

2.20.3 BN 75/14 - Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2068.

Recommendations agreed.

2.21. CRIM 1/3279 - Recommendation: full close under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 85 years until 2045.

The panel queried the closure period, as the youngest person in the file was born in 1944; but the proposal is to close until 2045 – i.e. 101 years. Explained that the opening date would be 1st Jan 2045, allowing for the hundredth year of the individual's lifetime.

Recommendation agreed, following discussion.

2.22. CRIM 1/3946 – Recommendation: full close under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 83 years until 2046

The Panel queried the extent to which this case is in the public domain and discussed the feasibility of a redacted open rather than a full close.

Action: to be re-reviewed by handler

2.23. CRIM 1/4856 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2069.

Recommendation agreed.

2.24. FCO 9/4090 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 90 years until 2074.

Recommendation agreed.

2.25. FO 950/4219 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 68 years until 2034.

Recommendation agreed.

2.26. HO 144/22638 & 22639 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2047

Recommendation agreed.

2.27. HO 291/2186 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2053

Recommendation agreed.

2.28. HO 291/223 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 100 years until 2053

Recommendation agreed.

2.29. HO 291/224 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2037

Recommendation agreed.

2.30. HO 325/219 - Recommendation: redacted open under s23/24 'in the alternative' for 60

years until 2034.

Recommendation agreed.

2.31. HO 494/342 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2080

Recommendation agreed.

2.32. HO 494/465 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 99 years until 2098

Recommendation agreed.

2.33. HO 494/467 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 82 years until 2082

Recommendation agreed.

2.34. HO 494/468 – Recommendation: redacted open under s40(2) for 93 years until 2097

Recommendation agreed.

2.35. J 180/80/1-3 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 89 years until 2067

Recommendation agreed.

2.36. J 212/63 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 90 years until 2064

Recommendation agreed.

2.37. J 265/17 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 90 years until 2063

Recommendation agreed.

2.38. J 265/45-48 (4 Files) – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 85 years until 2059

Recommendation agreed for all four files.

2.39. J 267/1210 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a), 41(1) & 40(2) for 95 years until 2089

Recommendation agreed.

2.40. J 331/12 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 99 years until 2072

Recommendation agreed.

2.41. J 82/1155 – Recommendation: full closure under s40(2) for 84 years until 2055

Recommendation agreed.

2.42. J 82/1695 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 98 years until 2070

Recommendation agreed.

2.43. J 82/4214 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) for 80 years until 2064

Recommendation agreed.

2.44. J 82/596 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(a) & 40(2) until for 100 years 2066

Recommendation agreed.

2.45. PIN 46/483 – redacted open under s40(2) for 97 years until 2077

Recommendation agreed.

2.46. T 492/200 & T 629/40 – Recommendation: full closure under s23(1), 24(1) & 26(1)(a)(b) for 50 years until 2035.

Recommendation agreed – the Panel noted that the relevant stakeholder was consulted and agreed with this recommendation.

2.47. WO 305/4649 – Recommendation: full closure under s38(1)(b) & 40(2) for 84 years until 2061

Recommendation agreed

3. Virtual Reclosures¹

The Panel noted that the seven records on the Virtual Schedule that had previously been 'Access under Review' were now resolved following FOI requests, having been through the complete FOI process.

- 3.1. ASSI 26/132
- 3.2. BN 27/63
- 3.3. BN 29/2180
- 3.4. PRO 84/469
- 3.5. RG 19/1144
- 3.6. T 380/86
- 3.7. T 630/286

4. Access Under Review (AUR) Records to return to open access

A schedule of 20 records that were reviewed by the FOI Centre and are to revert to open status was presented to the Panel for their information. These records previously had an 'access under review' status and were found not to contain any sensitive information.

- 4.1. ACT 1/2580
- 4.2. AVIA 101/216
- 4.3. AVIA 101/217

¹ 'Virtual' reclosure occurs where a Freedom of Information request is received for a record held at The National Archives which has the status of 'access under review'. The review of these records is conducted through the standard FOI process, which includes consultation with the transferring department and (if a qualified exemption applies), the Advisory Council for National Records and Archives (ACRNA) and the Secretary of State for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

- 4.4. AVIA 101/219
- 4.5. AVIA 101/222
- 4.6. AVIA 101/223
- 4.7. BN 62/1245
- 4.8. BN 62/2173
- 4.9. BN 62/2496
- 4.10. BN 62/2997
- 4.11. BN 75/10
- 4.12. BN 75/13
- 4.13. BN 75/15
- 4.14. HO 144/22033
- 4.15. HO 325/453
- 4.16. J 77/2012/3046 – *The recommended approach (content warning) was discussed and agreed as suitable; there is no relevant legislation to warrant closure – opening the file, with a warning note added to it, thus deemed proportionate.*
- 4.17. J 82/4613
- 4.18. T 492/238
- 4.19. T 517/531
- 4.20. T 694/161

5. **AoB**

- 5.1. Recurring Item: Access Under Review (AUR) data at TNA.

Panel noted data trends: AUR figures are on a downward trend. This includes AB/ES records, as well as the remaining reclosure caseload (though it was noted that many of the remaining reclosure caseload concerns complex topics/information, requiring external consultation). Panel also noted increasing trends toward full/redacted opening of records (i.e. opening more than re-closing).

- 5.2. [REDACTED]

- 5.3. [REDACTED]

- 5.4. Panel membership to be reviewed to ensure the Panel consists of an appropriate mix of staff across TNA with varied and relevant expertise. LF to speak with members individually.

- 5.5. Panel noted that a new Reclosure report template is being used/phased in, to reflect current practices and panel are content to adopt new report format

- 6. **Date of next meeting: 31st July 2025, 15:00**