



The National Archives

- **Formed 2003-2006**
 - Public Record Office, Historical Manuscripts Commission, HM Stationery Office, and the Office of Public Sector Information.
- **UK Government Archive**
 - Government department - Executive Agency of DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport)
 - Advise ministers on archival and information policy
 - Keep the record of government
- **National Archive for England and Wales**
 - Over 11 million records, 974 – present day
 - Over 600,000 documents consulted each year
 - Over 100 million documents downloaded each year
- **Sector leader for archives in England**
 - Leadership role for the archives sector
 - Strategic engagement role

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Our archive sector leadership role:

- **Closure of Museums Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) in 2011**
 - Libraries and Museums to Arts Council England
 - Archives to The National Archives
 - Engagement Managers for England: North, East, West and London
- **Archive leadership by The National Archives:**
 - Long history of contact with the archive sector
 - Regulatory role for sector
 - TNA has approved Teesside Archives as a place of deposit for public records.
- **Who do we lead?**
 - Over 2,000 archives in England
 - Massive variety: size, subject, parent body, funding
 - Two dozen major local authority, higher education and specialist archives in Yorkshire
- **Gives us a unique perspective**
 - Within archive sector
 - Wider heritage and cultural sectors
 - Close working with ACE, HLF, LGA, ARA, CALGG, CLOA.

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Archive Service Accreditation Standard

A new standard for the UK archives sector

- Developed by a partnership of UK strategic archives bodies
- Replaces The National Archives' *Standard for Record Repositories* (previous national standard)



ACCREDITED
ARCHIVE SERVICE

Launched in June 2013

- Developed through a process of co-creation with the wider archives sector
- 45 varied archive services accredited to date
- Places of Deposit expected to apply by the end of 2017

Accreditation...

- Draws together the full range of standards affecting archive services
- Provides an independent overview of service performance, includes peer review

Sustainable service development support

- Generates improvement plans, and subject to periodic review
- Future link to eligibility for funding

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Places of Deposit Approval

- Intellectual access (cataloguing, digitisation)
- Physical access (3 days/ 21 hours)
- Controlled searchroom with advice and support for users, adequately staffed
- Storage conditions, PD5454
- Access to conservation services
- Risk management (link to accreditation)

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20 Year Rule Developments

- Phased transition from 30 years to 20 years
- Training for officers of originating bodies
- Identification of materials for transfer
- Introduction of a measure of financial support (total £6.6 million over ten years), linked to record intake

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Support programmes

- Sector Sustainability Fund
- National Cataloguing grants scheme
- Transforming Archives traineeships
- Fundraising for Archives Programme
- Informal mentoring, formal training

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Key development trends for archive services:

- Digital delivery
 - Digital preservation
 - Digitisation of content
- Audience development and volunteering
 - Commissioning
 - Community archives
- New structures:
 - Income generation
 - Funding bids for service and premises renewal
 - Partnerships
 - New governance models ('spinning out')

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