

Appendix 2: Exercise of delegated powers The Secretary of State has delegated the following powers, conferred on her by the Public Records Act 1958, to the Chief Executive and Keeper of The National Archives and his staff.

4(1) NEW APPOINTMENTS AS PLACE OF DEPOSIT FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Public records with either specific local relevance or particular specialist and administrative requirements are held outside The National Archives in approved places of deposit. During the year the following places of deposit were appointed:

Imperial War Museums. Consolidation of Appointment from: Imperial War Museum Department of Documents; IWM Film Archive; IWM Photograph Archive; IWM Duxford; IWM Sound Archive. To: Imperial War Museums: archive storage facilities at Duxford and Lambeth Road, 30 June 2025

British Museum. Extension of Appointment to British Museum Archaeological Research Collections at Shinfield, Reading, 1 July 2025

Royal Armouries Museum. Extension of Appointment to Tower of London, 20 August 2025

Stoke-on-Trent City Archives (new accommodation), 22 October 2025

Plymouth Archives at the Box (new accommodation), 22 October 2025

Oldham Archives (new accommodation), 10 December 2025

The following extensions to existing Appointments for additional series of public records were made:

Essex Record Office, Norfolk Record Office and Suffolk Archives, for Maritime and Coastguard Agency Coastguard Station records, 29 April 2025

Hampshire Archives, for HM Maritime and Coastguard Agency: records of Coastguard stations, and Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace records: Hampshire; and de-appointment for records of HMP Kingston (Portsmouth), 20 November 2025

Portsmouth History Centre, for records of HMP Kingston (Portsmouth), 24 November 2025

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, for Prison records from the County of Hertfordshire, 14 January 2026

Anglesey Archives, Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office, Ceredigion Archives, Cumbria Archives, Glamorgan Archives, Gwynedd Archives, Lancashire Archives, Liverpool Record Office, North East Wales Archives (Denbighshire Archives), North East Wales Archives

(Flintshire Record Office), Northumberland Archives, Pembrokeshire Archives and Local Studies, Teesside Archives, Tyne and Wear Archives, West Glamorgan Archive Service, and Wirral Archives, for Maritime and Coastguard Agency Coastguard Station records, 25 February 2026

The following places of deposit were de-appointed and no longer hold public records.

Suffolk Archives: Bury St Edmunds branch, 1 April 2025

Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, 13 March 2026

Welsh Guards, Wellington Barracks, 13 March 2026

3(6) PRESENTATIONS

The giving of approval for the presentation of public records which have not been selected for permanent preservation at The National Archives to other appropriate bodies under s. 3(6).

Presented by	Presented to	Class of records	Instrument number	Date of Instrument
Ministry of Defence	Ceredigion Archives	Aerial photographs of Ceredigion area	2025-04	01/04/2025
Ministry of Defence	Gwynedd Archives: Caernarfon Record Office	Aerial photographs of Llanbedr area	2025-05	01/04/2025
Ministry of Defence	Cambridge University Library	Directorate of Military Survey files relating to maps developed from Ordnance Survey originals	2025-06	01/04/2025
Ministry of Defence	Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies	Aerial photograph of Handley Page factory and aerodrome, Radlett	2025-07	29/04/2025
Ministry of Defence	Bath Record Office	Aerial photograph of Bath	2025-08	27/05/2025
Ministry of Defence	University of Bath Archives	Aerial photograph of the University campus	2025-09	27/05/2025
National Citizen Service Trust (DCMS)	Bite Back 2030 Ltd	Webfiles hosted on Bite Back website	2025-10	27/05/2025

Ministry of Defence	Devon Heritage Centre	Aerial photographs of Exeter	2025-11	02/07/2025
Ministry of Defence	Gloucestershire Archives	Aerial photographs of motorway near Twynning, Gloucestershire	2025-12	02/07/2025
Ministry of Defence	Ewart Library, Dumfries and Galloway	Aerial slides of MOD West Freugh, Wigtown, Dumfries.	2025-13	23/07/25
Ministry of Defence	UK Hydrographic Office	Historic plans and drawings of the Plymouth Breakwater and the Breakwater Fort	2025-14	23/09/2025
Ministry of Defence	Pembrokeshire Archives	Employee Register, Royal Naval Armaments Depot, Trecwn	2025-15	26/09/2025
Ministry of Defence	Royal Berkshire Archives	Glass slide of Tilehurst Water Tower	2025-16	22/10/2025
Ministry of Defence	Glamorgan Archives	Glass slide of Cardiff Stadium	2025-17	22/10/2025
Ministry of Defence	Tank Museum	Reports and other documents relating to tanks and tank warfare	2025-19	27/10/2025
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	Coventry Archives	Papers relating to history of No 6 Group of the Royal Observer Corps 1963-1989	2025-20	20/11/2025
Ministry of Defence	National Army Museum	Second World War Army hospital location documents 1939-1945	2025-21	10/12/2025
Ministry of Defence	West Yorkshire Archive Service Leeds	Army Recruitment register	2025-22	26/2/2026
Ministry of Defence	Tyne and Wear Archives	Army Recruitment register	2025-23	26/2/2026

Ministry of Defence	City of Doncaster Archives	Army Recruitment records	2025-24	26/2/2026
Ministry of Defence	Explore York	Army Recruitment records	2025-25	26/2/2026
Ministry of Defence	Sheffield City Archives	Army Recruitment day book	2025-26	26/2/2026

4(3) TRANSFERS

The giving of approval for the transfer of public records, in either direction, between The National Archives and places of deposit, as well as transfers between places of deposit is made under s. 4(3) of the Public Records Act 1958.

Transferred from	Transferred to	Class of public record	Reference	Instrument number	Date of instrument
Suffolk Archives: Bury St Edmunds branch	Suffolk Archives: The Hold	All classes of public records	-	2025-03	01/04/2025
Somerset Heritage Centre	Bath Record Office	Petty Sessions	Refs. DD/ASC/8/1/1-16 DD/ASC/8/2/2-22, 24-42 DD/ASC/8/3/2-19 DD/ASC/8/1-4 DD/ASC/8/5/16 DD/ASC/6/2-3	2025-04	01/04/2025
Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre	RC Bishopric of the Forces archives	Marriage register	-	2025-05	02/07/2025
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	NDA archives	File relating to the transport of nuclear material by	-	2025-06	23/07/25

		rail, 1995-1999			
Hampshire Archives	Portsmouth History Centre	Register of male prisoners, from HMP Kingston, Portsmouth , ca 1880	88M96W/G1/1	2025-07	24/11/2025
Postal Museum	British Film Institute	Post Office, Royal Mail and other films	E16381-E16395	2026-01	10/03/2026
Grenadier Guards	The National Archives	Service personnel records of the Grenadier Guards including enlistment papers and attestation forms	-	2026-02	13/03/2026
Welsh Guards	The National Archives	Service personnel records of the Welsh Guards including enlistment papers and attestation forms	-	2026-03	13/03/2026