

Challenges to digital preservation at LSHTM

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- Postgraduate medical school teaching and undertaking research in public and global health
- One of the highest rated research institutions in the UK
- 4000 students from 100 plus countries following
 22 taught masters courses (650 London based,
 2700 distance learning and 400 research degree)
- 1300 staff

The Archives & Records Management Service



- Archives Service established in 2002
- Records Management Service established in 2004
- Responsibility for Freedom of Information and Data Protection
- Manage the School's image database
- Staff of two Archivists three days a week and an Archives Assistant one day a week

Projects relating to digital preservation



Library & Archive Service Projects

- Archive projects
 - Map digitisation
 - Slide digitisation
- PhotoLibrary image management database
- JISC funded survey of research data in 2003
- Six easy steps to managing information training
- Institutional repository

Projects relating to digital preservation



School-wide projects

- Information Management and Security Policy
- Email archiving
- Research data working group on making data accessible

Challenges to preservation



- Under-resourced
- Reactive not proactive
- Lack of skills
- Difficulty of getting the message across
- Academic/research culture
- New technology
- Need external influence or senior management buy-in

Next steps



- Build on current projects
- Build digital preservation into archive strategy
- Keep up to date with external projects and developments
- Apply for external funding for archival digital preservation projects

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