

Why manage digital continuity?

The benefits of having digital continuity

Managing digital continuity means that you can use your information in the way that you need, for as long as you need. The benefits of usable information include:

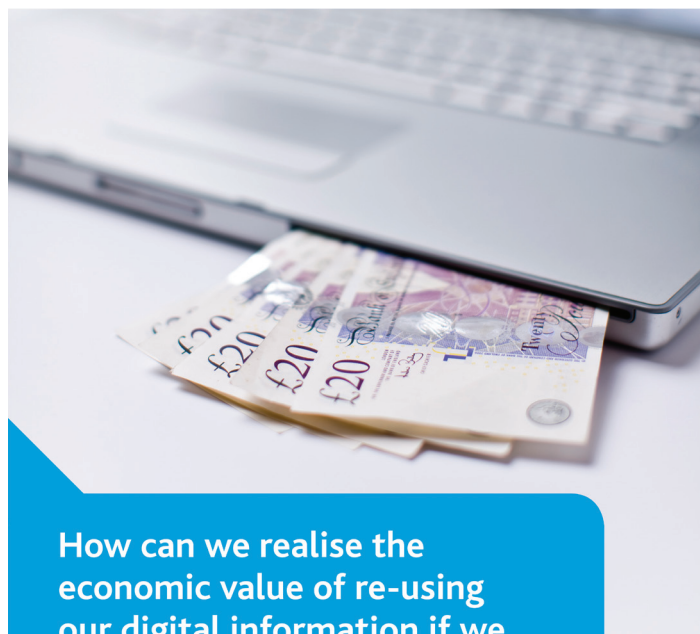
- you can operate transparently, legally and accountably
- you will be better able to comply with the Public Records Act, including the new requirements for records to be available at the 20-year point
- you will be better able to comply with the Freedom of Information Act
- you have protected the information you need to do business, so you can work more efficiently and effectively
- you can support the open data agenda and information re-use
- you are managing a key organisational risk – if you lose information because you haven't managed your digital continuity properly, the consequences can be as serious as those of any other information loss.

Wider benefits of managing digital continuity

Managing digital continuity helps you to achieve wider information management, IT and information assurance goals. The process you go through will help you to:

- reduce data volumes
- support the Green ICT strategy
- standardise your IT environment

More detailed guidance on the benefits of managing digital continuity is available from nationalarchives.gov.uk/dc-guidance.



How can we realise the economic value of re-using our digital information if we don't know where it is?

digital information **matters**

- streamline or reduce the number of applications and associated operational costs
- plan for future changes and respond to change in an agile, flexible way
- build beneficial and long-lasting cross-disciplinary working practices across your organisation.