

The cost of not archiving

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Costing: the big picture

“Acquisition and ingest costs most. The costs of archival storage and preservation activities are consistently a very small proportion of the overall costs and significantly lower than the costs of acquisition/ingest or access activities for all our case studies. Note we believe early preservation action during ingest or pre-ingest produces lower costs over the lifecycle as a whole.” (KRDS1, p.25; KRDS2, pp.31-52)

KRDS1: Beagrie, N., Chruszcz, J., and Lavoie, B. (2008), *Keeping Research Data Safe: a cost model and guidance for UK universities*, Final Report April 2008, available from <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/media/documents/publications/keepingresearchdatasafe0408.pdf>

KRDS2: Beagrie, N., Lavoie, B., and Woollard, M. (2010), *Keeping Research Data Safe 2*, Final Report April 2010, available from <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/media/documents/publications/reports/2010/keepingresearchdatasafe2.pdf>



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Value

We need to develop models of the value of
storing research materials

Inherent value of unique records of a minority language

Time taken to create the records

Analysis and enrichment of primary records

Value to the source community of the records
being accessible

Value to the academic community of not being seen as expropriators of cultural information unlike the earlier model where the records are kept by a single researcher with no provision for access

Proper data management increase efficiency

“Data management reduces time and financial costs and greatly enhances the quality of the data you use too” (10)

Corti, L., Van den Eynden, V., Bishop, L., & Woollard, M. (2014). *Managing and Sharing Research Data: A Guide to Good Practice (Paperback)*. London: Sage Publications.