



## **Press Release**

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### **New Chief Executive of The National Archives**

Natalie Ceeney has been appointed the new Chief Executive of The National Archives. She succeeds Sarah Tyacke.

Ms Ceeney is currently director of operations and services at the British Library, where she manages all of the British Library's services, including both its famous reading rooms and its remote delivery services. She has previously managed clinical services in the NHS, and has led strategic consultancy projects across a range of industries at McKinsey and company. She takes up her new post on October 17.

Welcoming the appointment the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs and Lord Chancellor, Lord Falconer, said:

"I would like to welcome Natalie to the job. She is an outstanding individual and I look forward to working with her in the coming months."

"I would also like to pay tribute to outgoing Chief Executive Sarah Tyacke. Sarah saw through a period of huge change at the organisation as it transformed itself from the Public Record Office to The National Archives."

"It is a tribute to the work of Sarah and her team that this change was achieved while maintaining The National Archives' well-deserved reputation as a world leader in its field."

Natalie Ceeney said:

"I feel very proud to be joining The National Archives at such a critical point in its history. The National Archives is a great national institution that serves both scholars and personal researchers, and which is grasping major new challenges around the long-term management and preservation of information in a digital age."

"I look forward to working with colleagues at The National Archives as well as with the wider library, archive and records management community to ensure that we build on existing success and play a major role in assisting archives across the UK to be as widely accessible as possible, now and into the future."

Sarah Tyacke, who is retiring after more than 13 years in the post, said:

"Natalie Ceeney has an impressive and dynamic track record and I am delighted that The National Archives will be in such capable hands after I retire."

"I am confident that with Natalie at the helm The National Archives will be even more successful in developing a one-stop shop, onsite and online, for British history, in providing high quality services to the public and to our many other stakeholders and in providing leadership to the archives and record management community."

"And I'm sure that under Natalie's leadership The National Archives will relish the new challenge of selecting and preserving the digital record for future generations."

## Notes to Editors

1. The National Archives, which is based in Kew, west London, is a government department in its own right, reporting to the Lord Chancellor, and also an executive agency of the Department for Constitutional Affairs. For more information visit:  
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>
2. The post of Chief Executive, The National Archives, incorporates the roles of Keeper of Public Records and Historical Manuscripts Commissioner