



Health Archives and Records Group (HARG)

What is the Health Archives and Records Group (HARG)?

- A representative body for archivists and records managers working in the health sector in the UK and Ireland, founded in late 1980s and formerly know as the Health Archives Group
- An affiliate group of the Specialist Repositories Group (part of the Society of Archivists)

Who can join HARG?

- Membership is open to all with an interest in health archives and records wherever they are based, and is free of charge
- This includes members who do not work in the health sector, but deal with large collections of health-related records in their job
- Anyone is also welcome to join the committee, which leads HARG's work on specific issues through ad-hoc sub-groups

What are HARG aims and why are they relevant to me?

- Networking and sharing information amongst its members
- Raising the profile of records and archival issues in the health sector
- Promoting the use of health archives
- Collaborating with other professional bodies on issues of shared concern
- Holding meetings for members two or three times per year

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What are the benefits of becoming a member of HARG?

- It is free and does not involve any time commitments beyond attending meetings (when you are able to)
- HARG's email distribution list, providing relevant information and help. It is specific to health archives and records, so you would not receive lots of emails
- Networking, sharing information and discussion at HARG's general meetings, which are held two or three times a year at a variety of locations (including outside London). If you are interested in joining then you are very welcome to come along to a meeting to learn more about HARG
- Presentations given by guest speakers at HARG's general meetings, including past topics like disaster planning, accessing health records, retention and disposal, records management, and freedom of information

What information is available on the HARG website?

- Example archive and records management policies on topics like collection development, records retention, electronic records, and email management
- News & events about HARG, as well as health archives and records in general
- Presentation from guest speakers and meeting papers
- Further information about the work and activities of HARG, including contacts

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