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Please complete the questionnaire to provide the National Archives with as much information as possible to support your application for a records disposal certificate.

Please refer to the Disposal of Instant Messages on an ongoing basis as a category of records under section 7 of the National Archives Act, 1986 Guidance Note before completing this form.

IM should not be used as an official record for substantive business purposes.

Part 1: General information	
Contact details:	
Name of department/office/body:	
Division/section/unit:	
Name and grade of applicant:	
Name and contact email of Certifying Officer:	

Part 2: Overview of disposal application		
Record series:		
IM platform (e.g. MS Teams, Starleaf, Skype):		
Date:		
Please indicate earliest date of records for which disposal authorisation is being sought. This disposal application is for ongoing disposal.		
From (yyyy):		

Part 3: Format and content of records		
Formats:		
Which formats are the Instant Messages stored in?		
□ IM platform formats only (please specify)		
□ Exported elsewhere (please specify)		
Details:		
Contents:		
Please confirm that IM is not used as an official record for substantive business purposes. □		
Part 4: Extent and storage of records		
Series volume (paper and electronic):		
What is the volume of the series?		
Estimate of extent (MB, GB):		
Storage location:		
Where are the electronic records stored?	□ External servers	
	□ Local servers	
	□ Cloud storage	
	□ Other	
Please give details of storage providers and back-up services:		

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