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Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached a formal note from the Accreditation Panel which met on 1 July 2021, with regard to your update on progress since the provisional award of Archive Service Accreditation in March 2019.

As you will see, the Panel recognised the strength of Suffolk Archives' delivery in difficult circumstances. They were content to maintain the provisional award until your regular midpoint review, when the actions which made the initial award provisional can be considered in light of the wider service context. In view of the understandable delays in completing the transition to new arrangements at the Hold and other parts of Suffolk Archives due to the pandemic impacts, they were not able to move your service to the full award of Accreditation yet.

The Panel want to set a realistic reporting timescale which recognises that the scale of recent disruption will require some further settling period before a fresh review would be meaningful. The [midpoint review](#) would usually have been due March 2022, three years post-award. However the Panel instead request that you submit your review in 16-20 months (i.e. November 2022 or March 2023, reflecting the programme's assessment timescale), to give time for the Hold to open and, we all hope, for a stable operating pattern to be established post-pandemic. At that point, the service's provisional status will be considered as part of the wider review.

The Panel congratulate you and the team at Suffolk Archives in making substantial progress despite the very real challenges of the pandemic period. They look forward to hearing more in due course.

Best wishes,

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