

# MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF SENSITIVE DATA DESTRUCTION

CASE STUDY

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# The Client

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SBL's professional services team provides a comprehensive and innovative range of software, hardware, services and training across the United Kingdom. Clients include government departments holding sensitive and proprietary information, and private sector companies.



# The Challenge

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SBL faced a challenge. One of SLB's clients, the Ministry of Defence (MOD), had a legacy of media spanning numerous years that required secure data destruction. An initial audit of reviewed media such as hard drives, tapes, media drives, floppy disks, CD's, but could not determine an exact number of material that would need destruction.

Because of the nature and sensitivity of the data contained on the range of assets, SBL did not want to take the unnecessary risk of transporting data-bearing assets from their facilities. Instead, SBL decided that the large volumes of level 5 (Secret) and level 6 (Top Secret) media should be destroyed on-site.

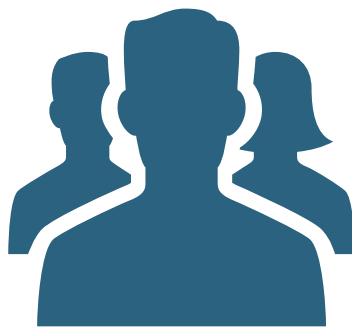
The sites themselves posed a further challenge. Material was held at nine land and 25 Royal Navy fleet sites, each of which had strict operational schedules that could not be altered.

# The Service

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SBL chose Sims Recycling Solutions (SRS) to provide secure on-site digital data destruction, and the “Fleet Project” was completed ahead of deadline.

SRS scheduled the use of our on-site shredder service to accommodate the various schedules of sites and fleet for SBL. In order to provide maximum value to SBL for the large quantities of material being processed, SRS offered a day rate for on-site shredder use, as opposed to a unit price. This allowed all assets to be audited and destroyed to the UK government’s data destruction standard HGM IA Level 5.



# The Outcome

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SRS's shredder vehicle and security-cleared staff visited nine sites and serviced anything from one to six different types of fleet while on location. Over 5,500 units of media were securely destroyed and witnessed by SBL staff. Hard copies of reports were provided on the day, and Certificates of Destruction were provided via the online Sims Portal.

SBL was impressed by SRS' ability to adhere to the tight schedule while being flexible enough to accommodate any last minute changes required to keep these critical sites operational. In survey carried out in the week following the Fleet Project's completion:

**100 %**  
of respondents

would use this service again

would recommend this service to a colleague

were very confident of the security of their information through the destruction process

Having worked with SRS for three years, SBL have built up a successful partnership. On this particular project the time constraints were limited but SRS were extremely helpful in ensuring the project was delivered on time to the customers' specifications. The project was managed professionally and efficiently with SRS updating us at every step of the project.

SBL Testimonial

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