Public Health

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<td>SA/CMO</td>
<td>Association of County Medical Officers of Health and the County Medical Officers Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health 1902–1974: Minutes, correspondence, miscellanea and photographs; includes files of Dr G Ramage as its representative on County Councils Association Public Health and Housing/Health and Welfare Committee, 1959–72</td>
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<td>SA/BMA</td>
<td>British Medical Association: Files of the 'Public Health' Group of the BMA, 1900s–50s; the 'Medico–Political' Group was also concerned with public health matters. Material of local relevance as well as on general national level</td>
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<td>SA/EPU</td>
<td>Environmental Protection UK (f. as the Coal Smoke Abatement Society in 1898, later National Society for Clean Air, closed 2012): records or organisation, relating to its campaigns for clean air, and later against other forms of environmental pollution, including noise, 1890s–2000s</td>
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<td>SA/EUG</td>
<td>Eugenics Society (f.1907 as Eugenics Education Society): Saw itself as presenting an alternative to environmentalist views on public health; files on individuals and organisations active in public health matters, mainly 1920s–50s</td>
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<td>SA/HVA</td>
<td>Health Visitors’ Association Founded 1896 as Women Sanitary Inspectors Association; renamed Women Sanitary Inspectors’ And Health Visitors Association 1915; became Women Public Health Officers’ Association in 1929; name altered to Health Visitors’ Association in 1962: Represented the interests of many different types of (women) health workers active in the field of public health. Papers, 1900s–80s, include annual reports, minutes, general administration material, publications, publicity and ephemera, photographs, records of some other organisations and individual health visitors, and the Association journal</td>
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Lister Institute (founded 1891 as British Institute [later Jenner Institute] of Preventive Medicine): Engaged in research relating to various aspects of public health and preventive medicine, including production of vaccine lymph and sera, bacteriological analysis vitamins, etc, from 1890s. Includes material on College of State Medicine and Sanitary Institute, 1880s–1890s

Medical Officer of Health, Bootle, Lancashire: Reports to the Health Committee of Bootle Borough Council, 1895–1903, 1924–1926

Medical Women’s Federation (f.1916): Minutes of Social Medicine Committee, files relating to various issues in public health community/social medicine, 1920s–70s

National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis (f. 1899): Material relating to public health measures to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, 1890s–1990s

Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham: Papers relating to this important experiment in stimulating ‘health’ as opposed to ‘illth’ in the community, 1920s–2000s

Politics of Health Group: Small group of administrative papers, publications, newsletters, etc, 1982–6

Queen’s Nursing Institute (Chartered in 1889 Queen Victoria’s Jubilee Institute for Nurses): Large archive, 1840s–1990s, of this body (and associated organisations) instituted to supply district nurses free or via provident schemes, involved in early campaigns for good midwifery and public health advice and services

Royal Army Medical Corps Muniment Collection: substantial amounts of material on issues of hygiene and sanitation, primarily in the military context, C18th–C20th

Royal Society for the Promotion of Health Also Known As Royal Society of Health: records of this organisation, and those of predecessor bodies, including the Sanitary Institute (f. 1876), the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene (f. 1886) and the Institute of Hygiene (f. 1903), 1876–1997

Society for Social Medicine (f.1956): Minutes, correspondence, files on meetings, relations with other bodies in the field (including French public health professionals, 1950s–80s


Wellcome Archives:

– Wellcome Historical Medical Museum: archives, 1899–1985, contain material relating to the history of public health

– Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research: archives, 1913–38, reflect its Director, Andrew Balfour's, interest in the subject

– Wellcome Foundation: pharmaceutical company, major producer of vaccines and related products, 1890s–1990s:

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<td>Carlos Paton Blacker (1895–1975): Some material relating to social and community aspects of psychiatry and care for the mentally ill, 1940s–60s</td>
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Herbert Davies Chalke (1897–1979): Papers of this MOH who worked in Wales and London, 1930–63, include articles and publications re a broad range of issues associated with public health, including housing, sanitation, food hygiene standards, vaccination, control of TB, as well as discussion of the role and development of the public health service

Sidney Chave (1914–1985): Worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine 1929–79, retiring as Senior Lecturer in Community Medicine; papers include lectures, publications and research materials on current public health problems and history of public health

Sir (William) Allen Daley (1887–1969): Had a long career in public health, eventually becoming Chief Medical Officer of the London County Council, 1939–52: papers include correspondence, writings, involvement with various organisations, reference files, and cover numerous aspects of public health administration, 1920s–60s

Sir Weldon Dalrymple–Champneys, CB,MA, DM,FRCP (1892–1980), Deputy Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health: Biographical items, talks and broadcasts, reports to Ministry of Health miscellaneous material on public health questions mainly 1930s–50s

John Dixon (1832–1930), Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey: material relating to his career and interests

Sir Richard Doll (1912–2005): Wide–ranging papers on epidemiology and its public health orientation, including considerable original material relating to the Spanish Toxic Oil Syndrome, on which Doll prepared a WHO experts report, 1981–91

Letitia Fairfield CBE (1885–1978): Small group of papers of first woman Senior Medical Officer of London County Council, 1900s–60s

Sir George Godber GCB (b.1908): Chief Medical Officer, DHSS, DES and Home Office, 1960–73. Papers on public health issues in the UK and overseas, including draft and published lectures, articles and cartoons, 1942–95

Alexander Stephenson Hall (1904–1995): papers relating to his work on tuberculosis and its social impact, and in the British Tuberculosis Association, 1940s–50s

Noel Gordon Harris (1897–1963): Some files relating to Society of Medical Officers of Health and Mental Health Group of the Society, including papers re Joint Liaison Committee with Royal Medico–Psychological Association on Mental Health Legislation, 1957–63

Philip D’Arcy Hart (1900–2006): material relating to his research in tuberculosis, etc, 1940s–2000s

Alfred Bostock Hill (1854–1932) Professor of Hygiene and Public Health, Birmingham University: Scrapbooks and miscellaneous papers mainly relating to his career in public health, 1876–1932

James Randal Hutchinson (c.1880–1955) and William Henry Bradley (1898–1975), Medical Officers at the Ministry of Health: 51 boxes of files relating to numerous public health questions, 1890s–1950s: detailed subject guide incorporated into list

Tim Lang (b.1948): Material relating to efforts of organisations, institutions, the government and individuals to promote improvements in food production, safety and consumption habits. Includes material on the ‘food scares’ of the 1980s and early 1990s relating to salmonella in eggs, listeria, BSE and food irradiation, the school meals campaigns and meat standards deregulation

George Cuthbert Mura M’Gonigle: Medical Officer of Health, Stockton–on–Tees, 1924–39, who was involved in national as well as local debates on public health issues
Melville Douglas Mackenzie: Held a number of public health posts in the UK, but his career, 1917–60, was largely in an international context working with the League of Nations and subsequently WHO


Sir George Newman (1870–1948), pioneer of public and child health care: Correspondence and papers, 1877–1943

Florence Nightingale (1820–1910): large collection of original and copy correspondence reflects her interests in sanitation, hygiene and medical statistics, MSS.5471–5484, 6930, 8991–9109

Emily Virginia Saunders–Jacobs, MA,DPH (1900–1992): Medical Officer in South London; small group of papers on her career, 1920s–60s, mainly in tuberculosis and chest diseases, 1940s–50s

Sir William John Ritchie Simpson (1855–1931), expert on tropical medicine: correspondence and papers reflect his concern with issues of sanitation and public hygiene in the tropics, 1886–1931

William F J M Thom, DTM&H: papers relating to his career in preventive medicine and on various aspects of public health, 1944–70

Dame Janet Vaughan DBE,FRS,FRCP (1899–1993): Files on social and occupational medicine, ‘Younger Fellows Club’, 1940–3, includes discussions of subject

Joseph von Schneller (1811–1885): Dean of the medical Doctoren–Collegium, University of Vienna, and Ober–Sanitätsrat; manuscripts, notes, and other materials relating to his career; file of correspondence and other papers, 1842–85

Sir Graham Selby Wilson MD,DPH,MRCP,FRS (1895–1987) bacteriologist and Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service: Material on bacteriological and epidemiological research relating to questions of public health, 1920s–80s, and on the PHLS (including History) 1950s–70s

Other collections

John Pearson Bell: Commonplace Book, c. 1826–84, reflects his interests in public health and sanitation issues with particular reference to Hull

Camberwell Board of Health: Minutes of a parochial committee or board of health for St Giles, Camberwell, Surrey, appointed by the parishioners to prepare measures to combat cholera, 1831–2

William Job Collins, M.R.C.S. (1818–1884), campaigner against smallpox vaccination: scrapbook c.1863–c.1878, includes a significant amount of material on public health issues

Community Medicine: Taped recording of discussion of paper by Professor J N Morris on the Speciality of Community Medicine, University of Aberdeen, Sep 1968

Jean le Rond d’Alembert (1717–1783): letter suggesting improvements to the sanitary arrangements of Paris

Donald Davidson: letter to Professor Hercules Scott on cholera, 1832

Epidemic Diseases, France, 16th–19th centuries: miscellaneous documents relating to epidemic diseases in France, 1507–1899

Sir Charles Lovatt Evans FRCP,FRS (1884–1964): One file re advice supplied by him to Colne Valley Water Co over question of pollution, 1952–3

Gretna Board of Health: Petition requesting that the Privy Council grant an order to raise funds to prevent the spread of cholera under the 1832 Act, 1832
Health Education Authority – Community Development: Material collated by Lee Adams when Director of the Health Education Authority, 1989–1991, relating to community development work by the HEA and the government’s attitude to it, 1989–91

MS.8038

Literary miscellaneous diary notes: commonplace book of Birmingham medical man, c. 1840s–70s, includes reports on local epidemics and health impact of poverty, and excerpts from Lyon Playfair’s address at the annual meeting of the Social Science Association on the progress of Sanitary Reform, 1874

MS.8466

Malvern Drainage Case: Papers of legal case 1907–8, over responsibility for polluted water at a hydropathic establishment at Malvern

GC/63

Miscellany: 1832 cholera outbreak: Letters, largely from local physicians to the Central Board of Health

MS.6793

Miscellany: Community Health Services: 3 papers on community health with particular reference to nursing and social services, 1955–65

MS.9116

Miscellany: English, 19th Century: letters on the ‘stinking condition’ of London, 1849, and cholera in India

MS.8440

Joseph Noël (1753–1808), director of the Strasbourg medical school: ‘Cours Élémentaire et Complet de Médecine Légale…’, includes notes on public health and the law

MS.7103

Allan Chilcott Parsons, MRCSEng, LRCP, DPH, (d.c.1946) Medical Officer, Ministry of Health: ‘Office guide to records of work carried out by A C Parsons 1919–1936’ covering his visits, inspections, inquiries and interviews, mainly re cases of infectious, tropical and occupational diseases in England, appraisals of Sanitary Officers, and welfare of hop–pickers

GC/263

Lilian Gertrude Ping (b.1871–?): Broad Street pump and the Cholera epidemic in London in 1854: bibliography of sources, 1938

MS.8279


GC/123

Public health certificate, Bologna, 18th century: Certificate from the public health office of the city of Bologna, 1722

MS.8368

Public Health, Genoa, 19th century: Certificate issued by the Conservators of Public Health, Genoa, 1820

MS.7122

Sir Robert Rawlinson (1810–1898), civil engineer, public health specialist: letter, from the Royal Dublin Sanitary Commission, 1879

MS.7453/43

Richard Reece (1862–1924), Senior Medical Officer, Ministry of Health: letter, signed, discussing an unidentified book apparently concerning public health and water pollution, 1910

MS.7453/56

James Tyrrell Carter Ross F.R.C.S. (1823–1897), Indian Medical Service: Memoranda, proposals, plans, inspection reports, instructions, etc, relating to military sanitation and the medical service in India, 1850–77

MS.7858

Max Rubner (1854–1932), public health specialist: 2 letters to to the Generalarzt Dr. Grasnick, 1898–9

MS.7550/29–30

James Burn Russell (1837–1904): one file of letters to and about this Medical Officer of Health for Glasgow from 1872 and medical member of the Local Government Board for Scotland from 1898

MS.5143

Sir Edward Henry Sieveking (1816–1904), F.R.C.P.: letters 1847–96 including some on sanitary matters

MS.7029

Thomas Southwood Smith, M.D. (1788–1861), sanitary reformer: file of correspondence, 1840–57

MS.7658
Vaccinators Register: J R Garrood, Public Vaccinator, Alconbury District, Huntingdon, 1947–8

Water Supply, London, 17th Century: Petitions to the Commissioners of Sewers for Westminster from Hugh Marchant, water works proprietor, 1694–5

Wellcome Witness Seminar: 'Environmental Toxicology: The Legacy of Silent Spring', papers, correspondence, cassette tapes and diskettes, 2001–4, relating to the seminar at the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, 12 Mar 2002 'Public Health in the 1980's and 1990's: Decline and Rise?': papers, correspondence, photographs, cassette tapes and digital material, 2003–6, relating to this seminar held 12 Oct 2004

The Wellcome Library also holds substantial amounts of published and visual material relating to public health, sanitation and hygiene, including extensive holdings of Medical Officer of Health Reports. MOH Reports for London are now available online: London's Pulse: Medical Officer of Health reports 1848-1972 http://wellcomelibrary.org/moh/

Attention is drawn to Moving Image and Sound Collection online playlists of films on Hygiene and Medical Officers of Health