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<td>Queen's Nursing Institute (f.1889 as Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses): Established to organise provision of home nursing and midwifery services to the poor: Comprehensive archive plus records of Elizabeth Fry's Nursing Sisters Institution (Protestant Sisters of Charity), deposited records of district nursing associations and personal papers including of Dame Rosalind Paget, 1840–1996</td>
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<td>York Charity Trustees: Petitions to the Charity Trustees of the City of York for the relief of needy townsfolk. Applications for money relate to the Cremitt Fund and to Tyerman's Gift. The hospital petitions contain a recommendation for Sir Henry Thompson's Hospital, 1846–61</td>
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<td>Royal Maternity Charity: Proxy slip signed by a Governor of the Charity empowering Dr Robert Barnes to vote for Dr Fancourt Barnes as Physician to the Western District, 1883</td>
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<td>Mental Aftercare Association (f.1879): Founded by the chaplain of Colney Hatch Asylum to provide an alternative to the workhouse for those discharged from asylums, housing ex–patients in private individuals' homes and establishing a network of visitors. Later also undertook preventive care and provision of holiday accommodation for patients not yet ready for discharge, administration of centralised homes and participation in community and respite care projects. Archive includes annual reports, accounts; scrapbooks containing many early records; minutes; photographs and some case records, c.1886–1994</td>
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<td>MIND (The Mental Health Charity) (f. 1946 as the National Association for Mental Health - NAMH): records, including those of predecessors, 1920s–2000s</td>
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<td>National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis (f. 1899 as the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis): records relating to its activities in the field of tuberculosis prevention and facilities for treatment, including those of the Spero Fund, Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis After–care Association, the Queen Alexandra</td>
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Sanatorium, Davos, Central Fund for the Industrial Welfare of Tuberculous Persons, and other bodies providing assistance to sufferers, 1890s–1990s

**British Social Hygiene Council** (f. 1914 as the National Council for Combatting Venereal Diseases. Name changed in 1925): Minutes of Council, Annual and Executive meetings, and other committees, sub–committees, standing committees and advisory boards, 1914–57; also London and Home Counties Branch/Committee minutes, 1917–40; a few financial records, 1942–52; and journal *Health and Empire*, 1926–40

**Nation's Fund for Nurses** (f.1917): Established by appeal of Lady Cowdray's British Women's Hospital to endow the College of Nursing and a tribute fund to help nurses whose health had been broken by the war. Records include those of the British Women's Hospital Committee. 1915–20, memorabilia of Lady Cowdray and records of charities which came to be administered by the NFN, including the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses, 1916–84

**Cancer Research Campaign** (f.1923 as the British Empire Cancer Campaign, renamed 1970): Founded to promote research into prevention and cure of cancer. Archives of the Campaign from its foundation to c.1983, including minutes; press cuttings volumes; subject files covering cancer 'cures' and causes, apparatus, equipment and chemicals, cancer education, local branches, relations with other UK and overseas cancer organisations, appeals, and enquiries from the public, 1923–81

**Charterhouse Rheumatism Clinic**: f. 1928 in Southwark by H. Warren Crowe, later moved to Weymouth St in the West End of London, provided free or low–cost treatment to those of low income. A few records relating to its activities, including fund–raising, 1930s–60s

**Family Planning Association** (formerly National Birth Control Association, f. 1930): lobbied for the incorporation of birth control into the public health services, and set up voluntary clinics to provide birth control. Large archive, including administrative material and records of research into efficacy of contraceptive products, fund–raising, relations with central and local government and branches of the Association; also records of related bodies, e.g. Walworth Women's Welfare Centre, Manchester and Salford Clinic, North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre, 1920s–70s

**LEPRA (formerly The British Leprosy Relief Association, now LEPRA Health in Action)**: archives of organisation, 1924–92, reflecting core committee and financial administration, Children's Fund grants, fundraising and publicity work, relationships with associated organisations, and LEPRA's international work in Asia and Africa.

**National Birthday Trust Fund** (f. 1928): Established to improve maternity services, campaigned to improve the standard of midwifery, and to provide pain relief for mothers in childbirth. Archive includes, besides administrative records, substantial materials on fund–raising activities, as well as on its support of research and surveys on topics related to childbirth and maternal welfare, 1920s–70s

**The Pioneer Health Centre, Peckham**: Includes files relating to support for the Pioneer Health Centre by the Sir Halley Stewart Trust, and other bodies, 1930s–50s

**Multiple Sclerosis Society** (f. 1953): Set up to encourage scientific research into the causes and cure of and to stimulate the provision of support groups for sufferers. Records of the founder and chairman, Sir Richard Cave MVO KSG, including general, medical, and branch files, and files of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies, 1953–77

**British Migraine Association** (f.1958)/ **Migraine Trust** (f.1965): Small accumulation of records of these two organisations, established to provide support for sufferers and to promote research; with miscellaneous publications,
1960s–70

**Camberwell Council on Alcoholism** (f.1963): The first of the community councils on alcoholism to be set up in the UK, arising out of interest of doctors at the Maudsley Hospital in South London. Promoted preventive and diagnostic work in the study of the disease and the treatment of alcoholics. Minutes, annual reports, reports and research papers, files on alcoholism, homelessness, licensing laws, drunken driving, etc, and regarding liaison with related bodies, 1961–80

**The Thalidomide Society.** Founded in 1962 as Society for the Aid of Thalidomide Children (but also included children with similar disabilities), and joined with the Lady Hoare Thalidomide Appeal: provided support for families with thalidomide children, research into, and supply of, useful technologies, a holiday homes, and other schemes: records of the Society, which is now largely run by thalidomide-disabled individuals themselves, since its foundation

**Patients' Association:** Papers of voluntary organisation set up to address the concerns of health service users, 1963–96

**Association for Research into Restricted Growth (f. 1969):** Small group of papers, 1969–88, of this organisation set up to deal with the problems of individuals suffering from a range of disorders leading to restricted growth

**Child Accident Prevention Trust** (f.1979): Set up following 1977 Medical Commission on Accident Prevention conference to initiate and co–ordinate research into accidents to children and to disseminate information on prevention. Records and publications, 1977–91

**BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients and their families and friends)** (f. 1985): Founded to offer professional and practical advice, as well as emotional counselling, for cancer patients and their families. Administrative papers, correspondence, publications, press cuttings and photographs, 1976–93

**Genetic Alliance UK:** founded to give a voice to those people affected by genetic conditions; minutes, annual reports, newsletters and other publications, 1989–2010

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<td><strong>Thomas Hodgkin</strong> and other members of Hodgkin family: Extensive archive of personal papers containing material on charitable activity in the United Kingdom and on contact with developing nations abroad, including missionary activity, 1725–1980 and n.d.</td>
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<td><strong>Joseph Partridge</strong>, curate of Baddiley, Cheshire: Letter applying to a charity for assistance to support his mentally ill daughter Sarah; with a supporting note by W. Gorst MD and R. Wicksted, surgeon, of Nantwich, 1782</td>
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<td><strong>Thomas Dutton</strong>, London sugar cooper: Letter to a family friend, giving details of the will of Nicholas Nixon (d.1790), a merchant of Mincing Lane, London, whose beneficiaries include Bethlem, St. Luke's, Christ's and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals, the Asylum for Female Orphans at St George's Fields, and the Tower Ward Charity School, 1790</td>
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<td><strong>John Pearson Bell</strong>: Commonplace Book, c.1826–84, includes material on medical and other charities in Hull with which he was involved</td>
<td>MS.8787</td>
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<td><strong>Francis James Bailey</strong>: Testimonials for F J Bailey, mainly by members of staff at the Charing Cross Hospital and Medical School, used in applying for the posts of surgeon accoucheur to the Liverpool Ladies' Charity, and surgeon to the Toxteth workhouse, 1856–9</td>
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<td><strong>Thomas Frederick Isaacson Blaker</strong>: Casebook including cases treated at Guy's Hospital and midwifery cases recorded as an extern for an unnamed London</td>
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Wellcome Archives: Letter of thanks for HSW donation to medical charity, 1885

Sir Leonard Rogers: Tropical medicine specialist in the Indian Medical Service, founder member of the British Leprosy Relief Association (later LEPRA). Papers include correspondence on foundation of BELRA, and material on leprosy worldwide, mainly 1920s and in Africa, 1950s

British Medical Association: Files include material regarding liaison between the BMA and various medical charitable bodies, as well as copious material on Friendly Societies, c.1907–c.1962

Hospital fundraising: printed ephemera: Reports, circulars, publicity material, programmes for charity film and theatre matinees and other printed ephemera, 1908–56

Helen Alice Dorothy Barlow: Papers relating to her involvement with Southwark Charities including correspondence, a casebook and reports relating to the Southwark Boys Aid Association, 1914–36, and minutes, correspondence and administrative papers relating to the Quinn Square Social Centre, 1935–51


Robina Addis: One of the earliest professionally trained psychiatric social workers in Britain, qualifying in 1933 and working in child guidance and, from 1946, for the National Association for Mental Health. Papers from many areas of her life and work, including lectures and publications, 1917–85

Charles and Dorothea Singer: Circulars from the Refugees Joint Consultative Committee, 1939–48

Dame Honor Fell: Papers include her involvement in the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 1940s–70

Now available online as part of the Codebreakers: Makes of Modern Genetics digitisation project

Lord Dawson of Penn PRCP: File on The Royal College of St Katherine, Poplar, 1943

Edward Hammond Williams: Material relating to the Leprosy Research Fund/Leprosy Study Centre, 1952–80

Sir Richard Cave: Correspondence with, and publications of, various philanthropic bodies including the Society for the Relief of Distress and Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, 1950s–70s

Rudolph Karl and Gerda Freudenberg: material relating to their involvement with local and national bodies, mainly in the field of mental health, but including League of Hospital Friends and Council for Music in Hospitals, 1960s–70s

Stanley George Browne: material relating to his connections with the International Leprosy Association, The Leprosy Mission, LEPRA, Medical Missionary Association, Christian Medical Fellowship, 1960s–80s

Professor Richard Worthington Smithells (1924–2002): Papers of this eminent paediatrician dealing primarily with his activities around thalidomide, beginning in 1961, include his involvement with the Thalidomide Trust

Cicely Delphine Williams (1893–1992) Paediatrician and nutritionist: Papers reflecting her long career as colonial medical officer and, post–war, lecturer and consultant in maternal and child health; include relations with the Family Planning
Association, the Infant Formula Action Coalition, the Anti–Slavery Society and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, 1964–82

**Professor Sir Henry Harris (b. 1925):** files on his involvement with cancer charities in UK and the Netherlands, 1970s–90s

**Colin McDougall:** files relating to his work as Consultant in Clinical Research (Leprosy) to the British Leprosy Relief Association (LEPRA), 1973–88

**Anne Bayley:** files relating to a number of organisations working around HIV/AIDS in East Africa, 1970s–80s

**Mary Catterall:** a little material among her papers relating to the Willow Cottage Gardens and Studios for the blind and those with head injuries

Researchers’ attention is also drawn to two online databases, the Wellcome/National Archives Hospital Records Database [http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/) and the Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey of materials 1600–1945 in repositories in the Greater London area [http://wellcomelibrary.org/node265.html](http://wellcomelibrary.org/node265.html), which include items of relevance.

Medical Officer of Health reports include material on relations with local voluntary organisation. MOH Reports for London are now available online: [London’s Pulse: Medical Officer of Health reports 1848-1972](http://wellcomelibrary.org/moh/)