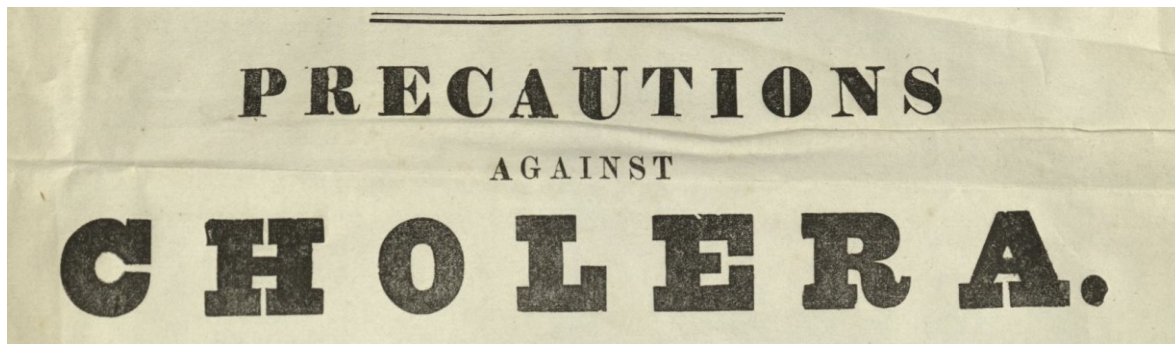


Explore health archives



This is a finding aid for York's public health archives, which includes records created by the Medical Officer of Health, Health Department (and predecessor bodies), Health Committees, and Town Clerk.

Please note that some records within these collections are subject to Data Protection legislation.

[Y/COU/5/6 Minutes of the Health Committees](#)

Includes minutes of the following committees: Local Board of Health Committee; Health Committee; Lunatic Asylum Visiting Committee and Mental Hospital Committee; Mental Deficiency Committee; Maternity Hospital Committee; York Hospitals Joint Advisory Committee

[Y/COU/5/4/5-6 Minutes of the Sanitary Committees](#)

Includes minutes of the Urban Sanitary Committee and Sanitary Committee.

[Y/HEA/1 Administrative records](#)

Comprises general administrative records of the Health Committee, Health Department (and predecessor bodies), and Town Clerk. Includes files of the Health Committee, Town Clerk's health files, staff papers, sanitary congress papers, and legal papers. For the mains series of Acts and bye-laws relating to public health see Y/ADM/3.

[Y/HEA/2 Reporting](#)

Comprises official reports relating to public health in York. Includes annual, fortnightly and special reports of the Medical Officer of Health. Statistical graphs and the Chief Public Health Inspector's report book.

[Y/HEA/3 Sanitary inspection](#)

Comprises papers relating to the sanitary inspection work of the Health Department and predecessor bodies. Includes Sanitary Inspectors' and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors' report books, Inspector of Nuisances report books, drain inspection report books, register of

complaints (of unsanitary conditions), infectious diseases report books (sanitary reports), sanitary inspections and reports of workshops, nursing homes, and York Racecourse.

Y/HEA/4 Infectious Diseases

Comprises records relating to the notification and control of infectious diseases. Includes Local Board of Health and General Board of Health cholera papers; enquiries into infectious disease outbreaks, including diarrhoea, typhoid fever and anthrax; papers concerning disinfection, notification, and the Infectious Diseases Acts; York Fever Hospital (Yearsley Bridge) and Fairfield Sanatorium records (note: the main body of records for the Fever Hospital and Fairfield Sanatorium are held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives); registers, record cards, reports and notifications of infectious diseases.

Y/HEA/5 Maternal and child health

Includes records of York Maternity Hospital, Acomb (note: the main body of records for the Maternity Hospital are held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives); papers concerning maternity homes and midwives; midwifery records; registers of deaths (maternal and child), disease in childbirth; inspection of the York Infant Welfare Association's premises; and correspondence relating to Fulford Open Air School for children.

Y/HEA/6 Mental health care and care of the learning disabled (historically called, respectively, lunacy and mental deficiency)

Comprises returns of pauper lunatics; correspondence relating to lunatics and asylums; York lunacy legal papers; papers of the York City Asylum (note: the main body of records for the City Asylum, later Naburn Hospital, are held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives); papers relating to care of 'mentally deficient' individuals including returns of patients, correspondence, papers of the East Riding and York Joint Board for the Mentally Defective; and Mid Yorkshire Joint Board for the Mentally Defective; and Mental Health Sub-Committee notifications.

See also YAM for records of the Yorkshire Association for Mental Welfare

Y/HEA/7 Civic defence measures

Papers relating to civic defence measures under the authority of the Health Department. Includes Air Raid Precautions files; emergency and communal feeding files (including British Restaurants); war-time nurseries; c correspondence relating to the York Medical War Committee and the preparation of the 'Medical History of War'; York Holidays at Home ; fire precautions inspections for workshops and factories; and radiation precautions. Note: most of these papers concern World War II civic defence but radiation precautions are post-World War II.

See also Y/PPT/2/6 for plans of emergency and communal feeding facilities.

Y/HEA/8 Occupational health

Comprises minutes, correspondence, reports and associated papers relating to occupation health, Includes returns of accidents in the workplace.

Y/HEA/9 Health Services

Includes papers relating to the structure and review of medical services in York; correspondence and registers of dangerous drugs for York City (Clifford Street) Dispensary (note: the main body of records the City Dispensary is held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives); the provisions of Turkish foam baths; and the School Dental Service.

Y/HEA/10 Health Education

Includes educational slides (glass plate negatives and lantern slides) of the Medical Officer of Health; correspondence and papers regarding industrial health education and health education in schools; health education publicity leaflets and health exhibitions.

Y/ADM/5/13 Appointments and applications

Comprises applications, correspondence and associated papers relating to health-related (and other) appointments.

York Medical Officers of Health, dates of office

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| Dr Samuel W North (part-time) | 1873-1894 |
| Dr Robert Cattley (part-time) | 1894-1900 (Cattley ill from 1898) |
| Dr Edmund M Smith (part-time) | 1898-1900 (Deputy MOH filling in for Cattley) |
| Dr Edmund M Smith (full time)* | 1900-1924 |
| Dr Peter McNaught | 1924-1944 |
| Dr Catherine Crane | 1944-1968 |
| Dr Samuel R W Moore | 1968-1974 |

**position is full-time from this date onwards*