

Explore social assistance and social welfare archives



This is a finding aid for records relating to social assistance and social welfare – such as, the relief of poverty; organisation of charities; provision of housing; and aged care.

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

[PLU York Poor Law Union and Workhouse \(and York Public Assistance Committee papers\)](#)

See separate series of Poor Law guides.

[Y/COU/5/10 See for minutes of committees relating to social assistance and social welfare.](#)

[Y/SOC/1/1 General administrative and correspondence files relating to social welfare](#)

Includes welfare correspondence files of the Town Clerk; and administrative papers relating to the establishment of York's Public Assistance Committee.

Y/SOC/2/1-2 Poor relief pre and post 1837

Pre 1837 records include minutes; accounts and relief assessments. Post 1837 records comprise the papers of the Yorkshire Casual Poor Assistance Authority. See PLU (above) for the main series of records for post-1837 poor relief.

Y/SOC/3 Charities

Includes leases accounts and deeds for York Charities

Y/SOC/4/2 Housing Committee papers

Comprises files relating to the building and maintenance of council housing, particularly in the post-World War II period. Files consist primarily of correspondence and associated papers.

This is a guide only for records catalogued to date. There will be additions to this guide as further records are catalogued.