

Health records

The health collections held at Oxfordshire History Centre relate to the administrative bodies for healthcare provision in Oxfordshire.

Our collections include administrative and financial records of the Littlemore Asylum up to 1948 (but not the patient records, which are held by [Oxfordshire Health Archives](#)) and the Medical Officer of Health for Oxfordshire. Additionally, we hold the records of the Oxford Regional Health Board (1948-1974) and the Oxford Regional Health Authority (1974-1994), which don't just cover hospitals in Oxfordshire, but Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Northamptonshire too.

[Oxfordshire Health Archives](#), also based at the History Centre selects and cares for the historic archives of NHS hospitals in Oxfordshire.

Where else to find these records

We also hold a few records relating to the treatment of lunatics in the 19th century. These form part of the Quarter Sessions records: reference QSL

Records detailing the history of healthcare in Oxfordshire can also spring up in other, unexpected, places. The records of the Oxford City Municipal Charities feature records from the Cutler Boulter Provident Dispensary (reference number [O34/8](#)), where members could pay a weekly subscription in return for medical attendance, advice, and prescription drugs. School logbooks can also provide surprising information on health in Oxfordshire, particularly epidemics and childhood illnesses. Our collections include the logbook of the Peppard Common Sanatorium School (reference number [S225/3](#)), where children were educated whilst recovering from tuberculosis.

Catalogues

The records themselves are not online, but catalogues of the records are available on [Heritage Search](#). Catalogues of the [Oxfordshire Health Archives](#) collections are not yet available online, so to visit the History Centre to view the catalogues or ask the Oxfordshire Health Archives' staff. Due to the contents of some of the records, it may be necessary to close some items to general access to comply with Data Protection legislation. Any item which has been closed is marked in the catalogue, so please check access arrangements with staff



More information

- Oxfordshire History Centre [catalogues](#)
- [Visiting](#) Oxfordshire History Centre
- [Contact us](#) to make an enquiry about the records