Explore environmental health and trades regulation archives



This is a finding aid for records created by the York Health Department and its predecessor and successor bodies relating to environmental health matters and the regulation of trades.

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

COM Papers of the Improvement Commissioners

Includes papers relating to the enactment of the York Improvement Act, 1825; correspondence an minutes of the Commissioners; Commissioners' nominations, elections and oaths; financial records; rating papers; correspondence, petitions, notices and bills relating to the improvement of streets, drainage and lighting; policing papers; and legal papers.

See Y/COU/5/4 for minutes of committees relating to environmental health and trade.



Y/ENV/1/2 Sewerage Committee papers (1888-1914)

Comprises papers relating to the maintenance and improvement of the Sewerage system in York. Include plans, correspondence, reports, notices and infringements, contracts.

Y/ENV/1/7 Drains, Local Board of Health (1854-1874)

Comprises papers relating to the early construction of sewers in York. Includes the York Drain Book (1850); lists of completed sewers; reports of the City Surveyor regarding construction work; and a sewer report.

Y/ENV/1/8 Water pollution

Comprises papers related to the monitoring of pollutions levels in waterways and drains. Includes correspondence and associated papers, and analyses of water samples.

Y/ENV/2/2-4 Regulation of common lodging houses, slaughterhouses and abattoirs; and dairies and cowsheds

Includes inspection papers; registers of premises and licences; Health Department correspondence files on slaughterhouse; enquiries into the erection of a public slaughterhouse in York; and Murton Abattoir papers.

Y/ENV/4 Air pollution

Comprises correspondence files of the Chief Sanitary Inspector; air station measurement records; smoke control papers and smoke abatement publications.

Y/ENV/5 Food safety and food hygiene

Comprises papers relating to the testing of food and diseases of animals, and chemicals in the food chain. Includes registers of unsound meat and meat inspection records; papers relating to food sampling and testing; printed literature; and records concerning the notification and control of diseases of animals.

Y/ENV/6 Pest control and disinfection

Comprises records relating to the control of vermin and disinfection. Includes registers of complaints and verminous houses; pest control correspondence; and rodent and disinfection accounts.

Y/ENV/9 Gypsy (Travellers') sites

Papers concerning the environmental health monitoring of gypsy caravan sites. Includes correspondence; records of residents; public enquiries; rent receipt books; publications; and policy documents.

