Ref: MS 143

Title: Royal Commission on the National Health Service Archive

Scope: Papers relating to the 1976 Royal Commission on the National Health Service, presented to the University of Sheffield Library by Professor Sir Paul Bramley, a member of the Commission

Dates: 1976
Level: Fonds
Extent: 25 boxes
Name of creator: Professor Sir Paul Bramley

Administrative / biographical history:
The collection consists of papers relating to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service, which was established in the spring of 1976 “to consider in the interests both of the patients and of those who work in the National Health Service the best use and management of the financial and manpower resources of the National Health Service”.

The archive was presented to the University of Sheffield Library by Professor Sir Paul Bramley, of the University’s Department of Dental Surgery, who was a member of the Commission.

Source: By donation in 1981
System of arrangement: By category

Subjects: Great Britain. National Health Service
Names: Bramley, Paul

Conditions of access: Available to all researchers, by appointment
Restrictions: None
Copyright: Variously according to document

Finding aids: Outline listing
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Outline listing

The papers are basically divided into two alphanumeric series: “RC1” are the documents issued by the Secretariat; “RC/E/1” are evidence papers. The Secretariat produced a subject index to the latter, as well as a listing of individual RC sections 1-247. Certain papers are missing, as indicated in the outline listing below. It also appears that certain papers were discarded on their being superseded by later revisions.

Boxes 1-8. RC papers

Box 1 RC 1, 2, 4-21, 23, 24, 26-33 & Secretariat listings, Sections 1-247. Missing 3, 22, 25. 4 folders
Box 2 RC 34-74. 4 folders
Box 3 RC 75-80, 82-100, 102, 104-114. Missing 81, 101, 103. 5 folders
Box 4 RC 115-118, 120-136, 139-144. Missing 119, 137, 138. 3 folders
Box 5 RC 145-166, 168-177, 179-189, 191-197. Missing 167*, 178, 190 (* see R/E/Intro). 6 folders
Box 6 RC 198-204. 5 folders
Box 7 RC 205-219. 6 folders
Box 8 RC 220-253. 6 folders

The Secretariat’s listings do not cover 248-253, which are as follows: 248 – Next steps; 249 – Fourth draft of final report; 250 – Career structure for hospital doctors; 251 – Disposal of Commission papers; 252 – Publication timetable; 253 – Fifth draft of final report.

Boxes 9-23. RC/E papers

Box 9 RC/E Intro (= RC 167. Subject index to written evidence)
Box 10RC/E 1-24. 5 folders
Box 11RC/E 25-47. 4 folders
Box 12RC/E 48-51, 53-61. Missing 52. 5 folders
Box 13RC/E 62-74. 5 folders
Box 14RC/E 75-84. 5 folders
Box 15RC/E 85-94. 5 folders
Box 16RC/E 95-104. 6 folders
Box 17RC/E 105-114. 5 folders
Box 18RC/E 115-124. 4 folders
Box 19RC/E 125-134. 6 folders
Box 20RC/E 135-144. 5 folders
Box 21RC/E 145-148. 3 folders
Box 22RC/E 149-165. 5 folders
Box 23RC/E 166, 168-174, 176-180. Missing 167 (probably = RC 167 above), 175. 4 folders
**Box 24**

Dental evidence: a file comprising sections of particular interest to Professor Sir Paul Bramley. Some are taken from the numbered sections.

**Box 25**

Miscellaneous