

Reference Guide 1: Health Records Patient Information

Summary

This reference guide gives brief details of the key records that we hold which contain medical information about individuals. Every effort has been made to ensure that the guide is as comprehensive as possible, but due to the sheer bulk of material that we hold which may be of some relevance, it is not exhaustive.

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Introduction

Health Records held in the Christchurch Regional Office

We hold many archives from the publicly funded health institutions in Canterbury and Westland. These include the former Health Department District Offices (and their latest incarnations as Crown Public Health, and now Community and Public Health), the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards and their successors the District Health Boards and Crown Health Entities, and the health institutions directly under their control. We also hold records from institutions formerly directly controlled by the Government such as the psychiatric hospitals and Queen Mary Hospital in Hanmer. We also hold health-related records from a number of other Government departments such as the National Radiation Laboratory, and the Department of Education.

We do not hold records from private institutions or individual medical practitioners. We do however hold records relating to some orphanages, refuges and other charitable aid institutions controlled by the Hospital Boards for a period. For more information about these institutions please refer to ***Reference Guide 4: Charitable Aid & Social Welfare Records.***

Because the Hospital Boards and their successors were not originally under the Archives Act, the health records we do hold have come to us in a sometimes haphazard and accidental way, and many records have been destroyed in the past. Among the mass of health records that have come to us, only a small proportion deal with medical information about individuals. This guide focuses on patient information, if you are interested in records about public health **staff**, it is best to conduct a search of Archway. Christchurch Nursing School files are listed by name; for other staff records it is often a case of searching through the registers or administrative files of a particular institution.

Patient Information

These records are largely registers of various kinds, recording patients’ admission to an institution, and their eventual discharge or death, and can contain information about a patient’s occupation, religion, address, nationality, and occupation of parents. They do not always contain information about the illness or injury. These are sometimes supplemented by related registers from individual units of the institution; for example, operations registers and casualty room registers. Other large series of registers were created to keep track of fees owed to the institution by patients. Whilst all of these registers can provide interesting genealogical information, (fees registers from Christchurch Public, for example, provide the name, occupation, nature of illness, locality, and age of the patient), they do not provide very much, if any, information about the medical condition of the patient or the treatment that they received. Beyond the registers, useful information may be found in case books or individual patients’ files. Refer to this fact sheet for hospital patient files which have been transferred to us.

We hold an extensive number of patient case files from Sunnyside Psychiatric Hospital for patients admitted between 1865 and 1973, from Seaview Psychiatric Hospital for patients admitted between 1892 and 1988, and Queen Mary Hospital for patients admitted between 1943 and 1973. The files from

Queen Mary include both military and civilian patients, although the active duty military files have themselves been purged of all but the admissions slips and miscellaneous correspondence. Civilian files, and those of ex-servicemen and women, are unexpurgated and as a result contain substantially more information. Bear in mind that patients' records have been routinely destroyed by the hospitals in the past, a practice likely to continue under current health disposal authorities.

Indexes/Finding Aids/Ordering Items to View

Many of the registers are self-indexed or have a series of indexes within our holdings. In addition, some items have been nominally indexed on our in-house database. **An asterisk within a record description indicates that an in-house index is available for the record.**

Unrestricted items can be ordered for viewing in our Reading Room via our online holdings database and ordering system, Archway (www.archway.archives.govt.nz). If you have permission to view restricted material (see **Access**, below), then please provide evidence of this to the Desk Archivist, who will assist you to order the item(s), where possible.

Access

Access to medical records on individuals is restricted for 100 years from the date of filing/entry

This access restriction covers all patient records held by the Christchurch Regional Office even if the record is your own. Responsibility for administering access under the Public Records Act 2005 falls to the agency that created the records (or its successor). Permission to access patient records is given by the Privacy Officer or Manager of the District Health Board responsible for them.

Should you be granted access permission to restricted records, a confirmation letter will be sent both to you, and to Archives New Zealand. On receipt of this letter, please contact us. Depending on the nature of the records, we will conduct research into these on your behalf, or arrange for you to view them in our Reading Room, where possible.

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Canterbury Hospitals

Amuri Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Miscellaneous Maternity Records	1922-1960	CH426	/23a-25a

See also: *Country/Cottage Hospitals below.*

Ashburton Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Admission & Discharge Register	1888-1904; 1906-1907	CH1082 CH527	/8a /103
Patient Ledger	1906-1939; 1969-1983	CH527	/150; /153-161
Register of Patients	1908-1934; 1944-1961; 1948-1969	CH527 CH1082	/98-102; /219-221; /9b, /11b, /12a
Returns & Chairman's Reports [Includes names of patients]	1910-1914	CH527	/162
Register of Operations	1920-1942; 1942-1952; 1953-1975	CH527 CH1082	/109-111; /223-226; /9a, /10a-10b, /11a, /12b, /13a-13b
Miscellaneous Maternity Records†	1921-1945	CH527	/189; /232-235
Register [Homeside Men]	1931-1962	CH527	/113
Isolation Ward	1934-1945	CH527	/112
Admission Registers	1934-1956; 1990-1992	CH527 CH1082	/104-108; /222 /3c
Outpatients	1945-1954	CH1082	/3e
Maternity Register†	1960-1969	CH1082	/7a
Physiotherapy Daily Record Books	1961-1968	CH1082	/7b, /8b
Casualty Books	1981-1990	CH1082	/4a-5d
Acute Assessment Unit Night Report Books	1988-1990	CH1082	/5e-5h
Register of Controlled Drugs	1988-1990	CH1082	/3d

See also: †For maternity cases also check the records of Malvern Hospital, and the Methven and Rakaia Maternity Cottages; for Tuarangi Old Men's Home records see **Reference Guide 4: Charitable Aid & Social Welfare Records.**

Bottle Lake/Infectious Diseases Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Admission Register	1903-1906	CH 384	9/2, 1*

N.B. Became Burwood Hospital.

Burwood Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Register of Patients†	1903-1924; 1930-1958	CH 552	/1-10
Index of Patients	1941-1943	CH 552	/11
Appointment Books [Ear Nose and Throat/Tonsils and Adenoids]	1967	CH293	/95-98

N.B. Previously Bottle Lake Hospital. †These registers include maternity patients but no birth details are given.

Cheviot Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Maternity Register/Admissions	1927-1930; 1961-1970	CH854	/1a-1i

Patients' Register [Maternity from 1929]	1927-1969	CH627	/1
Maternity Register	1970-1974	CH627	/2

See also: Country/Cottage Hospitals Below.

Christchurch Public Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Admission & Discharge Registers	1863-1901; 1879-1880	CH384 CH293	9/3 series* /158*
Register of Inpatients & Outpatients	1866-1869	CH293	/155
Admission Register	1869-1873; 1885-1903; 1907-1911	CH384	9/1 series*
Discharge & Fees Registers	1875-1899; 1904-1929; 1931-1934	CH384	9/4 series
Registers of Patients	1879-1885; 1901-1928	CH384	9/6 series
Register of Deaths	1881-1911	CH384	12/1
Case Book	1886; 1891-1899	CH384	10/2, 1; 10/3, 1; 10/3,2
Index Case Book	1887-1925	CH384	10/1 series
Patients' Index Books	1902-1943	CH384	9/7 series
Casualty Registers	1911 – 1921; 1953- 1956; 1961-1968	CH293	/153-154; /176-199
Maternity Register [with case notes]	1913-1919	CH384	13/1
Operations Book	1915-1919	CH384	15/1
Outpatient Registers	1915-1921; 1924-1930; 1935-1938; 1946-1950; 1950-1953	CH293	/148-151; /156-157; /161-162
Mortuary Signature Books	1918-1946 (Gaps)	CH410	/1a-4b
Death Certificate Butts	1920-1931 (Gaps); 1955-1970	CH410 CH293	/4c-4y /81a-81y
Patients' Files [Sample only, not all files have been retained. Use CH339 Index below to find file numbers]	1925-1927; 1934-1938 (Two files only for 1937-1939); 1941-1942; 1944-1945; 1945-1946	CH324	
Index to Medical Records [Use this to find patients' file numbers for CH324 above]	1925-1969	CH339	
Register & Fees [These give a patient's name, address, age, admission/discharge dates – need patient no./admission date to use]	1928-1959	CH293 CH384	/200-/219; 9/5 series
Operations Registers	1929-1975 (Gap 1932); 1950-1953 1975-1990	CH293 CH339 CH823	/114-135, /241-246; Box 5 /1-6; /103-106
Gynaecological Operations Registers	1934-1957	CH293	/135-147
Admission Registers to Gynaecological Ward	1945-1957	CH293	/165-174
Minor Treatment Register	c.1948-1951	CH293	/247
Admission & Discharge Register	1955-1956	CH293	/159
Oncology/Radiotherapy Correspondence	1962-1977	CH293	/82a-82e
Patients' Files [Purged]	1970	CH327	
Coroner's Post-Mortem Reports	1970-1978	CH339	
Hospital Movement Lists (Register of Patients)	1980-1992	CH823	/78-102
Accident Register	1986	CH823	/107-108

Christchurch Women's/St. Helen's Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Indoor Case Book [Maternity Cases]	1907-1921	CH394	/1-15
Outdoor Case Book	1907-1921; 1937-1945	CH394	/33-37
Indoor Case Accounts Book	Sep 1932 – June 1933; July 1944 – Aug 1948	CH394	/17
Indoor Case Registers	1943-1944; Aug 1948- 1958; 1962-1975; 1977- 1981	CH394	/16, /18-32
Baby Death Certificate Counterfoils	1950-1987	CH559	/1a-1/
Maternity Registers	1952-1960	CH394	/40, /41
Admission Registers	Feb 1960 – Aug 1962	CH559	/27d
Operating Theatre Register	1961-1980; 1982 – 1991	CH559	Box 9, Boxes 29-33
Operations Registers	1969-1979	CH394	/38-39
Outpatients	1973-1979; 1981-1982; 1985-1992	CH559	Box 9, Box 35
Post Mortem Reports	1975-1982	CH1044	/4d (Series 24526)
Birth Registers [Informal Registers]	1975-1992	CH1044	/3e-4b (Series 24465)
Indoor Case Book	1976-1978	CH559	/35k
Perinatal Deaths, Stillbirths and Caesars Register [Informal Register]	1979-1989	CH1044	/4c (Series 24525)
Operating Theatre [Accidents]	1982-1987	CH559	Box 9
Day/Admission Book	1983, 1986	CH1044	/3c-3d (Series 24559)
Mortuary Signature Books	1987-1993, 1998-2004	CH1044	/4e-4f (Series 24524)
Operating Theatre [Incidents]	1990	CH559	Box 9

Coronation Hospital/Cashmere Sanatorium

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Register of Patients (Sanatorium)	1910-1966	CH373	/21-30
Register of Patients (Coronation)	1914-1932; 1958-66	CH373	/25, /31
Admission & Discharge Registers (Sanatorium & Coronation)	1917-1930 (Gaps)	CH384	9/3, 9

See also: Country/Cottage Hospitals below. Patient registers are somewhat confusing as the various institutions on the hill kept their own separate records for different periods.

Country/Cottage Hospitals

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Registers of Patients	1919-1949 (Gap 1920)	CH384	9/8 series
Auxiliary Hospitals Index Book	1929-1938	CH384	9/11 series
Country Hospitals Index	1935-1938	CH384	9/7, 17

*Administered by Christchurch Hospital: Akaroa, Amuri, Chatham Islands, Cheviot, Darfield, Ellesmere, Kaikoura, Lincoln, Little River, Lyttelton Casualty Ward, Oxford, Rangiora, Upper Sanatorium, Waikari. Note that some of these institutions also have separate listings in this guide. These records also contain information from the Fresh Air Home – for more on this institution, see **Reference Guide 4: Charitable Aid & Social Welfare Records**.*

Darfield Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Series</i>
Report Books	1927-1971	AGTU	27289
Registers of Patients	1927-2007	AGTU	27291
Medical Certificates (Still-births/Foetal Deaths)	1958-1961, 1966-1977	AGTU	27292
Patient Record Books	1963-1970	AGTU	27290
Patient Condition Notification Forms	1963-1978	AGTU	27306
Baby Weight Books	1971-1973, 1978-1986	AGTU	27286
Maternity Admission/Discharge Registers	1974-1980, 1986	AGTU	27287

See also: *Country/Cottage Hospitals above.*

Female Refuge/Essex Hospital

Female Refuge Registers	1876-1886	CH384	7/3 series*
Female Refuge Report Books [Includes notes 1876]	1878-1919 (Gaps 1894, 1903-1912, 1915-1916, 1922-1923, 1927)	CH384	7/1 series*
Female Reformatory Registers	1880-1883	CH384	7/2 series*
Female Refuge/Essex Home [Hospital] Case Book	1886-1894	CH395	1d*
Female Refuge/Essex Home Registers of Weekly Returns	1887-1911	CH395	/1a-1c, * /2a-2b
Female Refuge/Essex Home [Hospital] Diaries	1903-1959 (Many years missing)	CH395	See Archway for items*
Female Refuge/Essex Hospital Diaries re Patients	1905-1908	CH823	/109-112
Essex Home Registers [of admissions and discharges]	1912-1945	CH384	9/3, 8; 9/3, 9
Essex Hospital Report Books	1920-1928	CH384	7/1 series
Female Refuge/Essex Home [Hospital] Maternity Register	1924-1930 (Many months missing)	CH395	See Archway for items
Essex Hospital Labour Ward Records [Report Book]	1958-1968; 1977-1978	CH559	Boxes 33-35

Some patient files have been retained at Christchurch Women's Hospital.

Kaiapoi Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Daily Report Book	1939-1969	CH395	/10a-10j, /11a-11l
Admission Register [Maternity]	1969-1971	CH552	/25

Lyttelton Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Daily Report Book	1963-1964	CH395	/12a
Patients' Charts	1966-1967	CH395	/12b

See also: *Lyttelton Casualty Ward – in Country/Cottage Hospitals above.*

Malvern Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Maternity Registers	1921-1937; 1948-1969	CH1082	/3b, /2e
Fees/Cash Books	1931-1945	CH527	/151, /188-189, /235

Methven Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Admissions Register Maternity [Includes Arawa Hospital 1942-1943]	1922-1933 (Arawa 1942-1943)	CH527	/232

Nurse Maude Hospital and Camp

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Patient Records/Register	1903-1908	CH373	/7*, /20*

Princess Margaret Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Operating Theatre Registers	1959-1991	CH560	/1-11, /13
Gynaecological Register	1961; 1965-66	CH559	/28a–28 c
Appointment Book for Patients with Specialists	1965	CH293	/94
Arterial Register	1971-1985	CH560	/15
Thoracic Operations Register	1978-1981	CH560	/14
Recovery Ward Registers	1990-1994	CH560	/17-20
Day Surgery Register	1991-1993	CH560	/12

Queen Mary Hospital, Hanmer Springs

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Series</i>
Registers of Patients [includes Army, Navy, Air Force, & Civilian Patients]	1918-1988 (discharges extend to 1991)	CAWS	17001 [Civilian] 18277 [Army] 18280 [Air Force] 18297 [All]
Indexes of Patients	1957-1990	CAWS	17002 18279
Army Patient Case Files†	1943-1946	CAWS	18278
Air Force Patient Case Files†	1951-1957	CAWS	18281
Civilian Patient Case Files†	1943-1973	CAWS	3420
Misc. Patient Administration Records	1970-2003	CAWS	27383
Log Books	1994-1996	CBDB	27382
Ward Report Books	1995-1996	CAWS	27380

Defence Department hospital 1916-21; Department of Health 1921- 1972.

†Case files are not listed by patient name on Archway.

Rakaia Maternity Cottage

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Admissions Register (Maternity)	1923-1933	CH527	/233

Sunnyside Psychiatric Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Registers of Patients/Admissions	1854-1973	CH388 CH764	/1-9 /3c-e & /12-13
Indexes	1864-1930s	CH388	/10*-11
Case Books	1872-1917	CH388	/15-31, /62 (Some of the earliest Case Books are fragile, we have digitised these)
Registers of Death & Discharges	1872-2001	CH388 CH764	/32-38 /14-16

		CH1077	/8
Registers of Patients Absent on Trial	1876-1968	CH388 CH764	/46-47 /18-24
Post-Mortem Book	1880-1896; 1929-1951	CH388 CH764	/45 /17
Patient Case Files†	1865-1973†	CH1025* CH1077*	
Registers of Mechanical Restraint	1920-1963; 1967-1968	CH764	/4a-6b
Registers of Voluntary Patients	1912-1969	CH388 CH764	/13-14 /3a-b & /8a-d
Register of Soldier Patients	1941-1955	CH764	/11a
Patient Day Book	1965	CH1041	/2b

†These are the initial admission dates, information on an individual file may extend beyond this period depending on the length of a patient's stay; please note that we hold only very few patient files for admissions beyond 1961. Only open-access case files are listed on Archway.

Templeton Psychiatric Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Registers of Patients/Admissions	1929-1995	CH875	/3, /7-8, & /12
Registers of Discharges/Transfers	1929-1999	CH875	/5, /11
Register of Deaths	1930-1995	CH875	/6
Patients Absent on Trial	1956-1970	CH875	/4
Post-Mortem Register	1963-1968	CH875	/9

South Canterbury Hospitals

Fairlie Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Admission & Discharge Registers	1922-1963	CH886	/152
Maternity Registers	1944-1970	CH886	/108a-108aj

Geraldine Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Maternity Registers	1924-1930; 1934-70	CH886	/68c-107w

Temuka Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Maternity Registers	1930-1973	CH886	/59-61

Timaru Hospital

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Old Men's Home Registers	1884-1932	CH886	/169c-169e
Patient Case Files [few]	1917-1922	CH1046	/1a-1p*
Operations Record Books	1923-1998	CH886	/74-88, /105-106, /109-116, /165a- 165d, /170-180
Jean Todd Obstetrics Registers	1924-1997	CH886	/46-58

Anaesthetic Registers	1928-1936; 1961-1962	CH886	/164, /177a-177b
Admission & Discharge Registers	1941-1948	CH886	/156-157
Admission Registers	1941-48; 1951-1975; 1996	CH886	/37-45, /158-162, /176c
Readmitted Patients	1954-1959	CH886	/175d-175e
Labour Ward Records	1958-1965; 1967; 1969- 1972	CH886	/1-36
Outpatients' Register	1959-1965	CH886	/172b
Patients' Register	1968-1978	CH886	/176a-176b
Doctors' Minute Books	1975-1995	CH886	/175a-175b
Accident & Emergency/Day Patients' Registers	1984-1997	CH886	/151e-151f

Twizel Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Maternity/Obstetric Registers	1971-1984	CH886	/62

Waimate Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Register of Admissions & Discharges	1878-89; 1917-1973	CH886	/89*-94, /170-171
Correspondence & Surgeons' Reports	1878-1885	CH1046	
Registers of Patients	1884-1917; 1922-1924; 1941-1945	CH886	/101-102, /153*-154, /166j, /168g
Operation Registers	1895-1983	CH886	/95- 100, /177e
Fees Registers	1918-1926; 1937-1941	CH886	/104, /150d, /155
Maternity Registers	1946-1980	CH886	/64-67, /168a, /169b

West Coast Hospitals

Buller Hospital, Westport (& Kawatiri Maternity)

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Patients' Register	1919-1953	CH775	/20- 26
Outpatients' Register	1966-1974	CH775	/27-28
Kawatiri Report Book	1940-1956	CH775	/31-37
Kawatiri Antenatal Clinic Case Book	1948-1959	CH775	/29-30

Denniston Hospital

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Accession</i>	<i>Series/item</i>
Patients' Register	1910-1933	CH775	/38

Grey River/Grey/Grey Base Hospital, Greymouth (& McBrearty Maternity)

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Series</i>
Registers of Operations	1921-2005	CBBE	3360
Miscellaneous Registers (including Admissions & Discharges)	1934-1956	CBBE	3365

McBrearty Admission Registers†	1938–2011	CBBE	3361
McBrearty Theatre Register	1944–1971	CBBE	3363
McBrearty Ward Report Book	1954–2006	CBBE	3362

†McBrearty Admission Registers do record time of birth.

Seaview Psychiatric Hospital, Hokitika

Record description	Dates	Agency	Series
Case Books	1869-1876; 1884-1916	CAHW	27346
Registers of Patients/Admissions	1869-2003	CAHW	3358
Miscellaneous Patient Registers [includes discharges, deaths, removals, patients absent on remand/trial, transfers, weights, escapes, patients under observation, property register, and contributing patients ledger books]	1869-1976	CAHW	27357
Records of Seclusion & Mechanical Restraint	1871-1967	CAHW	12360
Report Books [Ward Reports]	1874-1967	CAHW	12284
Patient Case Files [Indexed] †	1892-2012	CAHW	3357
Register of Voluntary Inpatients	1922-1970	CAHW	27358

† These files relate to patients admitted to Seaview Hospital between 1892 and 1988, material extends to 2012 on some files. Only a few files with admission dates prior to 1900; case histories for patients admitted between 1869 and 1916 may be obtained via the Case Books in series 27346. Only open-access files are listed on Archway.

Westland Hospital, Hokitika

Record description	Dates	Accession	Series/item
Register of Patients	1884-1955	CH391	/19*-29
Operation Book/Register of Operations	1907-1975	CH391	/6-14, /31
Patients' Ledger	1916-1919	CH890	/40
Admission Register	1922-1933; 1949-1950; 1955-1971; 1975-1976	CH391 CH890 CH709 CH890	/1-5, /34-36 /38b /16a-b /23h
Admissions & Discharges	1923-1926; 1940-1943; 1972-1976	CH391	/15-17
Fees Journal/Patients' Register	1928-1950	CH890	/42b, /46a, /54a
Patients' Index	c.1948-1949	CH677	/1
X-Ray Registers	1950-1959	CH391	/18, /33
Maternity	1952-1982	CH890	/56a
Outpatients' Register	1974-1976	CH391	/32
Maternity Admissions & Discharges	1975-1979	CH890	/23g
Maternity – Ellis Ward	1980-1982	CH890	/54b

Additional Mental Health Material from the Courts

Supreme Court (Christchurch)

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Series</i>
Lunatics Act Administrative Papers and Forms (includes Notices of Admission, Death, Discharge or Removal, Statements of Bodily Health and Mental Condition, and Patient Returns from Sunnyside Hospital).	1863-1873	CAHX	24997
Lunatics/Mental Defectives Act Files	1859-1953	CAHX	24996

Christchurch Magistrate's Court

<i>Record description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Series</i>
Mental Defectives Act Files	1937-1948	CAHS	18534

Compulsory mental health assessment and treatment orders can also be found in the Domestic/Family Proceedings Files series from the Magistrates'/District and Family Courts of the Canterbury and Westland regions, dating from the 1970s onwards, ask an archivist for more information.

Access

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