

General Resources

Trade directories – These give the names and addresses of local hospitals, maternity homes, charitable societies and Poor Law Unions. Key members of staff are often given as well.

Newspapers – We hold a large collection of local newspapers on microfilm for research purposes. 19th century editions of the *Leeds Mercury* and other regional newspapers can be accessed online with your Leeds library card: www.leeds.gov.uk/onlineresources.

Old photographs – Our photographic archive, Leodis (www.leodis.net), has images of past and present hospitals. High Royds and Killingbeck Hospitals are particularly well documented. It also has extensive images of the sewer network in Leeds.

Ancestry.com – Access to England and Wales Census Records 1841-1911. These records list hospitals and workhouses as well as individual family homes. Ancestry.com is free to access in all Leeds Libraries.

Card Catalogue – Not all items are on the online catalogue (<https://leeds.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/>) so please combine an online search with the card catalogue. Keywords to look up in the card catalogue include 'hygiene', 'poor', 'societies', 'Leeds City Council' 'housing' and 'hospitals'.

Other Sources

The **West Yorkshire Archive Service** (<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/>) and **Thackray Museum of Medicine** (<https://thackraymuseum.co.uk/>) may also hold documents of interest. Please be aware that there may be some restrictions regarding any patient records.

Wellcome Trust Library (<http://wellcomelibrary.org>) – One of the major resources for studying medical history, it has a growing digital collection freely available online.

Opening times

Monday – 9.00am – 8.00pm
Tuesday – 9.00am – 8.00pm
Weds – 9.00am – 8.00pm
Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday – 9.00 – 5.00pm
Saturday – 10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday - Closed

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Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in **Local and Family History** at **Leeds Central Library**. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues.

Please note: Items marked * require ID to view.



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Official Publications

Annual Reports of the **Medical Officer of Health** 1890-1968 (L 352.522 L517)
Leeds City Council **Education Committee** Report of School Health Service
1911-1938 (Bound with Education Committee Proceedings, L 352.26 L517)
Leeds **Acts of Parliament** – relating to health and sanitary provision, water supply, sewerage etc. 1790-1925 (QSR 348/GRE)

Journals and Annual Publications

This list is far from exhaustive but illustrates the various types of annual reports and journals in the Central Library.

Leeds **General Infirmary** annual reports 1771-1857 (LF 362.11 L517) and 1860-1947 (L 362.11 L517)
Leeds **Maternity Hospital** annual reports 1907-1947 (L 362.15 L517)
Leeds House of **Recovery and Convalescent Home** annual reports 1860-1905 (L 362.1 L517)
Victoria Home for **Invalid Ladies** annual reports 1890-1915 (L 362.198 V606, incomplete)
Cookridge Convalescent Hospital annual reports 1869-1947 (L362.16 C776)
Leeds Ladies' Association for the Care and Protection of **Friendless Girls** reports 1884-1944 (L 362.7L517)
Leeds **Hope Hospital** annual reports 1920-1950 (L 362.1L517)
Leeds Hospital for **Women and Children** at Leeds annual reports 1870-1944 (L 362.15 H794)
Leeds **Invalid Children's** Aid Society reports 1904-1947, includes Marguerite Hepton Memorial **Orthopedic Hospital** reports 1910-1947 (L 362.78 L517)
Leeds **Public Dispensary** and Hospital annual reports 1846-1944 (L 362.12 L517)
Leeds Institution for the **Blind and Deaf and Dumb** annual reports 1867-1970 (L 362.4 L517)
Leeds and District **Workpeople's Hospital Fund** 1888-1990 incomplete (L 362.1 L517)
Leeds Hospital Magazine – record of the Leeds and District **Workpeople's Hospital Fund**, 1902-1963 (LQ 362.1 LEE, incomplete)
Leeds Group **Hospital Management Committees**, Group A 1948-1957, Group B 1948-1972 (L 362.1 L517)

Unhealthy Areas

Over the years Leeds has seen vast improvements in the state of housing and public health. These items give you an idea of the resources that can help you to research this area.

Various committee reports including **Leeds Sewerage Committee** 1878-1913 (L 352.63 L517), **Sanitary Department reports**, 1883-1913 (L 352.553 L517) **Baths and Wash Houses Dept. reports**, 1928-1938 (L 352.56 L517).
Sanitary Conditions of Leeds Reports, M. Robinson, 1867-1877 (L 614 LEE incomplete)
Reports on **Pestilential Cholera** in West Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum, 1849, T. Wright, (L 614.514 WRI)
Report on **Measles in Leeds** 1891, Cameron (L 614.523 L517)
Leeds City Council **Photographs of Unhealthy Areas**, 1901, (LQ 331.833 L517, originals at SRQ 331.833 L517*)
Map of **unhealthy areas**, 1901 (ML 1901), 4 sheets; map showing plans for the improvement of **insanitary areas** (ML 1894); map showing **Cholera outbreak** in 1842 (ML 1842); Housing Department map showing **slum clearance areas** (ML 1934).
Leeds Slumdom by D.B. Foster, illustrated by photographs by W. Swift, 1897, (L 331.833 F812)

Special Collections

Many of these items are unique to Leeds Central Library and require identification and, in some instances, an appointment to view.

Collection of documents relating to **Hospital for Women and Children** at Leeds 1889-1899 by F. R. Spark (SRQ 362.15 H794, Spark Collection)*
Leeds **Board of Health Report** 1833, Robert Baker (SR 614.514 L517*, second copy at L 614.514 L517)
Catalogue of books in the medical library belonging to the General Infirmary at Leeds, 1839 (SR 016.61 LEE)*
Elsie Mary Watts – photograph albums and other material relating to her work as a physiotherapist in Leeds hospitals in WWI (SRQ 926.158 W349)*
Gledhow Hall Hospital, 1915-1919, Lady Nussey. Scrapbook covering this WW1 military hospital. (SRQ 940.476 G478)*