An Bord Altranais Archives

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Descriptive Catalogue

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CONTEXT

Administrative History

An Bord Altranais (the Nursing Board) was established under the 1950 Nurses Act, passed by the first inter-party government and Minister for Health Noel Browne. Previous to this, nursing and midwifery in Ireland had been regulated by the General Nursing Council for Ireland (established 1919) and the Central Midwives Board for Ireland (established 1918). The principle function of both of these bodies was to regulate the registration of nurses and midwives in Ireland, and after 1922 what became the Irish Free State, Eire, and eventually the Republic of Ireland. Related to this was the enforcement of nursing standards and the investigation of complaints against nurses and midwives, which in several cases led to their being struck from the register. The General Nursing Council also oversaw nursing education during the 1920s and 1930s, and began holding centralised nursing examinations in the late 1930s, as well as inspecting nurse training hospitals to ensure that nurse training and facilities for trainee nurses were of an acceptable standard. In both bodies, general policy was decided by an appointed board and various committees. Both boards were presided over by Edward Coey Bigger, a noted public health campaigner, until his death in 1942. The day-to-day affairs of the Council and Board were usually left in the hands of the registrars; throughout the 1930s and 1940s the registrar of the General Nursing Council was Anne Black, and that of the Central Midwives Board was Olive Meyler.

The General Nursing Council and the Central Midwives Board were amalgamated to create An Bord Altranais, with the Central Midwives Board becoming the Midwives’ Committee of the new organisation. An Bord Altranais held its first meeting on 7 June 1951. Dr P. McCarvill served initially as chairman, and Dr Ninian Falkiner as chairman of the Midwives’ Committee. Olive Meyler was retained initially as registrar/secretary, but in 1952 a new post of chief executive officer was created, and James Keogh, previously county librarian for Longford/Westmeath, was appointed. He served in this position until his retirement in 1982, and throughout this period he was the primary point of contact between An Bord Altranais and the nursing population. He was replaced by Noel Daly in 1982, who in turn was replaced by Eugene Donoghue in 1988.

From 1951 onwards, the role and competencies of An Bord Altranais increased. Their core functions of maintaining the nursing registers and organising the nursing examinations continued. Inspections of training hospitals (general, psychiatric, mental handicap, sick children’s, tuberculosis, maternity) were carried out more frequently, and more information was provided. In addition, An Bord Altranais organised several training courses in public health nursing, occupational health nursing, and clinical teaching. Syllabi for nurse training courses were updated, and new divisions of the register, for example for orthopaedic nurses and nurse tutors, were opened up. Standards for nurse training were also evolving, a process that accelerated when Ireland joined the EEC and accepted European standards of nurse training and education, although the standards of training given

1 Throughout this descriptive catalogue, these bodies will be referred to as the General Nursing Council and the Central Midwives Board. When reference is made to their counterparts in the UK, the UK bodies will be identified as the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the Central Midwives Board for England and Wales, the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.
in Ireland and the UK had always been very similar so as to allow for reciprocal registration of nurses in these jurisdictions.

In the mid-1980s An Bord Altranais began using information technology for its nursing registers, and from 1985 the nurse registers are stored on computer database rather than bound paper volumes. In that year An Bord Altranais was reconstituted under the 1985 Nurses Act, under which terms it continues to operate. It now consists of twenty-nine members, seventeen of whom are nurses and midwives elected by the nursing profession itself from the various branches of nursing. The remainder are appointed by the serving Minister for Health. In March 2008 the president of An Bord Altranais was Anne Carrigy and the chief executive officer was Eugene Donoghue.

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**Archival History**

The archives of An Bord Altranais were formerly housed in their previous premises in Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2. The Board’s inclination to seek a long term disposition of their archives was stimulated by an impending move to new premises, and in June 2007 agreement was reached with University College Dublin to establish the An Bord Altranais Archives Project. This provided for the physical transfer of the collection to the curatorship of UCD Archives, the descriptive cataloguing of the archives, and controlled access. The transfer took place in July 2007 before An Bord Altranais moved premises to Blackrock, County Dublin.
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

The materials in the collection reflect the core functions of An Bord Altranais: maintaining the nurse registers, the education of nurses, and the formulation of nursing policy.

Taking the latter first, the collection contains a full set of General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais minute books and related material, 1919–85, including material from the Central Midwives Board prior to its amalgamation with An Bord Altranais in 1950. There are also minute books from the Board’s committees, the main ones being the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Psychiatric Nursing Committee, Mental handicap Nursing Committee and Midwives Committee. This section also contains material on the running of the Board itself, such as correspondence relating to staffing, financial matters and premises.

In terms of educational activities, the collection contains registers of nursing examination results, 1961–93, along with files of examination questions and material on courses organised by the Board itself, mainly the Public Health Nursing Course, 1946–90, along with reports, surveys and research on nurse education in Ireland and abroad. This education section also contains the largest single element of the collection, the nurse training hospital files, which are files of correspondence, inspection reports and other material relating to each hospital in which nurse training was undertaken.

The registration material contains a full set of nurse and midwifery registers, 1919–85, along with registers for Jubilee Nurses, 1890–1967, and a good deal of correspondence with regard to registration. This section also contains about ninety sample individual nurse and midwifery files that were retained by An Bord Altranais, dating mainly from the 1920s to the 1940s, along with files on about forty penal cases, again dating mainly from the 1920s to the 1940s, but with some material from the 1980s. Finally, there are several correspondence files, Irish health authorities, UK nursing bodies and Irish nurse representative bodies.

The collection consists of 47 bound volumes containing nurse and midwifery registers, 20 bound volumes of minute books, and three bound volumes of cash books. There are 20 phase boxes holding the examination registers, 58 archival boxes of loose material, and one portfolio folder holding larger registration certificates. The minute books and loose material have been microfilmed for production in the UCD Archives reading room. The nursing and midwifery registers and examination registers have been digitised in pdf form and are produced for consultation on compact disk.
Notes on Arrangement

This collection came to UCD Archives divided into files, most of which were in quite a disorganised state. Each file was arranged in file order, and the collection as a whole was then divided into the main functional areas of An Bord Altranais: executive, education and registration. Because the Board had an ongoing need to access the nursing and midwifery registers and the examination registers, these were processed first so that they could be quickly returned in electronic surrogate form. For this reason they are described as two separate sub-fonds, numbered 1 and 2. The rest of the collection follows the divisions as outlined above. Executive and Administration (3) contains the minutes of the Board, its predecessor bodies and related material, along with material on Board administration of. Education (4) contains material on examinations, syllabi, educational courses and files on the training hospitals. Registration and Correspondence (5) contains supplementary nurse registers, individual nurse record files and penal case files. This section also contains most of the correspondence files of An Bord Altranais.
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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

Researchers wishing to consult the archives of An Bord Altranais are required to obtain the Board’s permission. Details of the procedure may be had from UCD Archives. Access is additionally subject to UCD Archives standard conditions contained in the leaflet Rules for Researchers. Researchers must hold a current UCD Archives reader’s ticket. See www.ucd.ie/archives.

LANGUAGE

English, with a small number of documents in Irish

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DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist’s Note

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ALLIED MATERIAL

Published Material

An Bord Altranais website: www.nursingboard.ie
1. Registers and Rolls

1.1 Registers of Nurses, 1921–85

**P220/1**

29 April 1921–29 December 1933

250 pp

Register of general nurses
This volume covers registered general nurses, numbers A1–A5000. The register records the nurse’s registration number, with the prefix ‘A’ denoting a general nurse. It also records the nurse’s name, address, qualifications and nature and place of training, date of registration, grounds of admission (usually either through examination or by reciprocity), observations (usually indicating that the appropriate fee has been paid and giving other reference numbers relevant to the nurse), and file number. Later additions record name changes through marriage, changes of address, the issuing of duplicate certificates, or if the nurse had died.

**P220/2**

29 December 1933–16 March 1948

250 pp

Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers, A5001–A10000.

**P220/3**

16 March 1948–4 February 1956

250 pp

Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A10001–A15000.

**P220/4**

15 March 1956–21 July 1962

250 pp

Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A15001–A20000.
P220/5  23 July 1962–24 July 1967
250 pp
Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A20001–A25000.

250 pp
Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A25001–A30000.

P220/7  29 June 1971–2 July 1974
250 pp
Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A30001–A35000.

P220/8  2 July 1974–18 April 1977
250 pp
Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A35001–A40000.

P220/9  18 April 1977–7 January 1980
250 pp
Register of general nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A40001–A45000.
P220/10  
7 January 1980–22 July 1982  
250 pp  
Register of general nurses  
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A45001–A50000.

P220/11  
23 July 1982–12 July 1985  
250 pp  
Register of general nurses  
Information given as in P220/1, for general nurses, numbers A50001–A55000.

P220/12  
2 June 1921–21 September 1982  
152 pp  
Registers of male general nurses, mental nurses, sick children’s nurses and fever nurses  

P220/13  
31 December 1935–22 November 1945  
150 pp  
Register of mental nurses  
Information given as in P220/1, for mental nurses, numbers C1001–C3000.

P220/14  
22 November 1945–6 November 1985  
445 pp  
Registers of male general nurses, mental nurses, sick children’s nurses and fever nurses  
Information given as in P220/1. Contains: register of mental
P220/14 contd


P220/15

20 January 1964–12 October 1976

258 pp

Register of mental nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for mental nurses, numbers C7001–C12160.

P220/16

12 October 1976–30 August 1985

207 pp

Register of psychiatric nurses
Information given as in P220/1, for psychiatric (mental) nurses, numbers C12161–C16295. Front of volume has ‘sick children nurses’ written on it.

P220/17

7 January 1974–18 November 1985

101 pp

Registers of sick children’s nurses and general nurses

P220/18

2 September 1946–27 August 1985

74 pp

Registers of tuberculosis nurses, orthopaedic nurses and sanatorium nurses
P220/19  3 September 1952–8 November 1985

117 pp

Registers of sanatorium nurses, advanced psychiatric nurses, public health and district nurses, nurse tutors and clinical teachers

P220/20  19 September 1960–4 November 1985

104 pp

Register of mental handicap nurses

1.2 Rolls and Registers of Midwives, 1919–85

P220/21  17 February 1919–21 October 1925

200 folio pp

Roll of midwives
This volume contains midwives numbered 1–4000. The name and address of each midwife is recorded, her date of enrolment, her qualifications (usually by examination and giving hospital of training), and observations, such as change of name by marriage, death, or removal from the roll for disciplinary reasons. Later observations include records of fees paid, and registered nurse numbers of the midwives where applicable.
P220/22  21 October 1925–2 September 1948
205 folio pp
Roll of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 4001–8100.

201 folio pp
Roll of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 8101–12120.

P220/24  16 May 1962–November 1971
195 folio pp
Register of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 12121–16020 in the midwives’ division of the nurses’ register.

150 folio pp
Register of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 16921–19920 in the midwives’ division of the nurses’ register.

P220/26  7 June 1977–10 May 1983
195 folio pp
Register of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 19921–23820 in the midwives’ division of the nurses’ register.

124 folio pp

Register of midwives
Information given as in P220/21, for midwives numbered 23821–25739, 25841, 25850, 25855–25856, 25861, 25881, 25901, 26068, 26389–26848 in the midwives’ division of the nurses’ register. Some entries 1975–82 were entered retrospectively in the 1990s, this is noted under ‘observations’.

1.3 Registers of Jubilee Nurses, 1890–1967

P220/28 c1890–c1967

599 folio pp (not all pages have entries)

Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, affiliated branches
Volume listing the branches of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses in Ireland. Lists 116 branches in cities, towns and districts throughout Ireland. For each branch, the date of foundation is noted (mainly in the 1890s and early 1900s), the population of the area served, and the salary and living arrangement for the branch and some ancillary details. The nurses who work in each branch are named and their number on the Queen’s Roll is noted, and reasons for leaving and the details of new nurses are given. There is also an inspection log (two to three inspections a year) for each branch usually dating from the time of the branch’s foundation until 1929 in the branches in Northern Ireland, and up to the mid 1960s in the branches in the Republic of Ireland, although some branches had been closed before then.

P220/29 c1907–c1967

599 folio pp (not all pages have entries)

Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, affiliated branches
Information given as in P220/28, for another 96 branches in cities, towns and districts throughout Ireland, mainly founded 1907–14.
P220/30  1919–c1967

609 folio pp (not all pages have entries)

Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, affiliated branches
Information given as P220/28, for another 160 branches in cities
towns and districts throughout Ireland, founded 1919–54. The
last branch to be founded was Portarlington, County Laois,
affiliated in 1955.

P220/31  1893–1912

ca250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 1
Roll of Queen’s nurses in Ireland. Each entry gives the roll
number and name of the nurse, her date of appointment, her
probationer’s number, training details, education, religious
denomination, marital status, father’s occupation. Details of her
nursing appointments and where she is and has been employed
as a Queen’s Nurse are included, as are inspection reports,
usually done every six months.

P220/32  1912–25

ca250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 2
Information given as P220/31.

P220/33  1925–33

ca250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 3
Information given as P220/31.

P220/34  1933–9

ca250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 4
Information given as P220/31. Volume is entitled ‘Irish Free
State’, but has details of nurses from throughout the island of
Ireland.
P220/35  1939–46

c250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 5
Information given as P220/31. Volume is entitled 'Eire', but has
details of nurses from throughout the island of Ireland.

P220/36  1946–54

c250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 6
Information given as P220/31. Volume is entitled 'Eire', but has
details of nurses from throughout the island of Ireland.

P220/37  1954–67

c250 folio pp

Roll of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, Irish branch, volume 7
Information given as P220/31. Volume is entitled 'Ireland', and
has details of nurses from the Republic of Ireland only.

1.4 Registers of Pupil and First Certificate Midwives, 1938–83

P220/38  March 1938–May 1952

c170 folio pp

Central Midwives Board, register of pupil midwives, volume 1
Gives pupil number, name and address of pupil, age, date of
entry in register, general training and registration details, for
pupils numbered 1–2040. Also includes name of institutions and
dates for the two periods of training, observations.

P220/39  April 1950–November 1959

c170 folio pp

Central Midwives Board, register of pupil midwives, volume 2
Information given as P220/38, for pupils numbered 2041–4080
P220/40 January 1959–April 1965
c170 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, register of pupil midwives, volume 3
Information given as P220/38, for pupils numbered 4081–6120. From 1963 there appears to have been only one period of training.

P220/41 April 1965–October 1970
c170 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, register of pupil midwives, volume 4
Information given as P220/38, for pupils numbered 6121–8160.

P220/42 March 1939–November 1955
c170 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, registers of candidates holding the first certificate, volume 1
Register of candidates, numbered 1–2040, who hold the Central Midwives Board first certificate in midwifery. Gives number, name and address, midwifery pupil number, dates of examination and registration and observations. The headings are arranged slightly differently in the two volumes, but refer to the same information.

P220/43 October 1955–October 1963
c170 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, registers of candidates holding the first certificate, volume 2
Information given as P220/42, for candidates numbered 2041–4233.

P220/44 September 1972–September 1975
c200 pp
Register of pupil midwives
Unlabelled volume, apparently a register of pupil midwives, giving pupil registration number (9445–10704), name, address, training hospital and date of commencement of training.
P220/45  May 1974–March 1977
   c200 pp
   Register of pupil midwives
   Information given as P220/44, for numbers 10705–11819.

P220/46  January 1978–May 1980
   c200 pp
   Register of pupil midwives
   Information given as P220/44, for numbers 12783–13752.

   c200 pp
   Register of pupil midwives
   Information given as P220/44, for numbers 13573–15602

1.5 Other Registers, 1935–58

P220/48  1953
   853 pp
   An Bord Altranais, register of nurses and midwives, all divisions
   Register of nurses, in the divisions of general nurses (A), male
   nurses (B), mental nurses (C), sick children’s nurse (D),
   infectious diseases nurses (E), tuberculosis (post-registration)
   nurses, supplementary register (F), orthopaedic (post-
   registration) nurses, supplementary register (G), sanatorium
   nurses (H), midwives (no prefix to number). The lists are arranged
   alphabetically by name, and give the nurse’s registration number,
   name and address, qualifications, and date of registration.

P220/49  1958
   831 pp
   An Bord Altranais, register of nurses and midwives, all divisions
Midwives Roll, Saorstat Eireann
Roll of midwives in Ireland, arranged alphabetically, giving number, name, address, date of enrolment and qualification. Includes lists of names of the Central Midwives Board, examiners, and tables showing the numbers of midwives enrolled through different means.

Midwives Roll, Ireland
Roll of midwives in Ireland, arranged alphabetically, giving number, name, address, date of enrolment and qualification. Latest date of registration is 1958.
2. Examination Registers

2.1 General Nursing examination results, 1961–93

**P220/52**  May 1990–May 1992
89 pp
Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in General Nursing from May and November 1990–1, and May 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of the medical nursing and surgical nursing examinations, their total mark for each examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours, was absent, or passed through a re–check.

**P220/53**  April 1987–November 1989
125 pp
Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in General Nursing from April and November 1987, and from May and November 1988–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/52.

**P220/54**  May 1985–November 1986
88 pp
Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in General Nursing from May and November 1985–6. Candidate information is given as in P220/52.

**P220/55**  November 1982–October 1984
126 pp
Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in General Nursing from
P220/55 contd


P220/56

May 1980–May 1982

110 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1980–1, and May 1982. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of the nursing, medicine and surgery examinations, their total mark for each examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours, or was absent.

P220/57

May 1978–November 1979

84 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1978–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/58

May 1978–November 1980

129 pp

Final examination results
Typed copies of the examination results described in P220/56 and P220/57. There are occasional minor changes to marks, probably as a result of re-checks.

P220/59

May 1976–November 1977

86 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1976–7. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.
An Bord Altranais Archives

P220/60 May 1974–November 1975

77 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1974–5. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/61 May 1972–November 1973

66 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1972–3. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.


60 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1970–1. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/63 May 1968–November 1969

55 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1968–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/64 May 1966–November 1967

51 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1966–7. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.
P220/65  May 1964–November 1965
42 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1964–5. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/66  May 1961–November 1963
58 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in General Nursing from May and November 1961–3. Candidate information is given as in P220/56.

P220/67  October 1992–April 1993
41 pp
Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from October 1992 and April 1993. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number, PIN number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. Occasional notes record whether the candidate was absent or passed after a re-check.

P220/68  April 1990–April 1992
87 pp
Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from October 1992 and April 1993. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, was absent or passed after a re-check.
P220/69 April 1988–October 1989

70 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from April and October 1988–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/68.

P220/70 April 1986–October 1987

79 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from April and October 1986–7. Candidate information is given as in P220/68.

P220/71 April 1984–October 1985

79 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from April and October 1984–5. Candidate information is given as in P220/68.

P220/72 May 1982–November 1983

84 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in General Nursing from May, October and November 1982, and April and November 1983. Candidate information is given as in P220/68.


92 pp

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in General Nursing from May and November 1980–1. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1, paper 2 and paper 3 of the examination. Before the November
1980 examinations there were 2 papers and an oral examination and individual marks from each paper were not given, it being only recorded whether the candidate had passed or failed the paper. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, was absent or passed after a re-check.

P220/74 May 1975–November 1979
187 pp
Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in General Nursing from May and November 1975–9, but missing November 1977. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate's examination number and name are listed, and whether they passed or failed in paper 1, paper 2 and the oral examination. Before May 1977 candidates took a written, oral and practical examination, and the individual mark in each subject is given. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, was absent or passed after a re-check.

P220/75 May 1970–November 1974
180 pp
Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in General Nursing from May and November 1970–4. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital and by their examination centre before November 1973. Candidate information is given as P220/74.

P220/76 May 1965–November 1969
164 pp
Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in General Nursing from May and November 1965–9. Candidates are listed according their examination. Candidate information is given as P220/74.

P220/77 May 1961–November 1964
110 pp
Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in General Nursing from
May and November 1961–4. Candidate information is given as P220/74.

### 2.2 Psychiatric Nursing examination results, 1961–93

**P220/78**  
February 1989–May 1992  
14 pp

Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in Psychiatric Nursing from February and October 1989–91 and February 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each section and paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours.

**P220/79**  
May–November 1988  
3 pp

Post–registration examination results
Results for the post–registration examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and November 1988. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours.

**P220/80**  
May 1984–Autumn 1989  
62 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and autumn 1984–9. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of the examinations in nursing, psychology and psychiatry, and the body in health and disease, their total mark for each examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours, passed after a re–check, or was absent.
P220/81  May 1980–Autumn 1983

93 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and autumn 1980–3. Candidate information is given as in P220/80.

P220/82  May 1975–Autumn 1979

112 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and autumn 1975–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/80.


107 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and November 1970–1, May and September 1972, May and autumn 1973, and May and September 1974. Candidates are listed according to their examination centre, and candidate information is given as in P220/80.

P220/84  May 1961–November 1969

108 pp
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and November 1961–9. Each candidates examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of the examinations in nursing (written and oral/practical), psychology and psychiatry (written and oral), and the body in health and disease (written and oral). Before May 1963 the examinations were in mental nursing (written and oral), bodily nursing (written and oral), and a practical examination.
P220/85  
October 1992–October 1993  

11 pp  

Registration (part 1) examination results  
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in Psychiatric Nursing from October 1992 and February and October 1993. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number, PIN number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination.

P220/86  
October 1987–February 1992  

19 pp  

Registration (part 1) examination results  
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in Psychiatric Nursing from October 1987, February and October 1988, February, October and December 1989, February and October 1990–1, and February 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. Occasional results record whether the candidate failed or passed by a re–check.

P220/87  
May 1980–Autumn 1987  

87 pp  

Preliminary examination results  
Results for the preliminary examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and autumn 1980–7. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and practical parts of the examination, and the total mark. From May 1986 onwards the practical was replaced by an oral examination. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, was absent or passed after a re–check.

P220/88  
May 1975–Autumn 1979  

78 pp  

Preliminary examination results  
Results for the preliminary examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and autumn 1975–9. Candidate information is given as in P220/87.

109 pp

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and September 1970–4. Candidate information is given as in P220/87.

P220/90  May 1961–November 1969

128 pp

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in Psychiatric Nursing from May and November 1961–9. Candidates are listed according to their examination centres. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections in part 1 of the examination, and the practical examination. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or was absent.


4 pp

Integrated General/Psychiatric nursing examination results
Results for the examinations in Integrated General/Psychiatric Nursing from July 1983, November 1983, July 1984 and July 1985. Candidates are listed according to their hospital. Each candidate's examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in medical nursing, surgical nursing, and psychiatric nursing. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed.

2.3 Mental Handicap Nursing examination results, 1969–92

P220/92  May 1990–May 1992

3 pp

Post–registration examination results
Results for the post–registration examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from May 1990–1. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written
and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate received honours.

P220/93  
October 1987–February 1992  
25 pp  
Registration examination results  
Results for the registration examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from October 1987, May and November 1988, February, May and October 1989, February and October 1990–1, February 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours, or was absent.

P220/94  
November 1982–May 1987  
29 pp  
Final examination results  
Results for the final examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from November 1982, May and December 1983, May and October 1984, May and November 1985–6, May 1987. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours, or was absent.

P220/95  
November 1961–May 1982  
68 pp  
Final examination results  
Results for the final examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from November 1961–2, May and November 1963–5, May 1966, May and November 1967–81, May 1982. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1, paper 2 and the practical examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours, or was absent.
Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from October 1992 and February 1993. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number, PIN number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination.

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part 1) examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from October 1987, February and October 1991 and February 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. Occasional notes record when the candidate failed.

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from November 1977–8, May and November 1979–83, May and October 1984, May and November 1985, May and October 1986, May 1987. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Before November 1979 the marks are not recorded, just whether the candidate passed or failed each section. Occasional notes record when the candidate failed.

36 pp

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in Mental Handicap Nursing from November 1971, May and November 1972–6, and May 1977. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and the practical examination.

P220/100  November 1969

2 p

Preliminary examination results
Appears to be a partial list. Candidates’ names and examination numbers are listed, but not their training hospital. Their marks in the written and oral section of part 1 and the practical examination are given, and occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or passed.

2.4 Sick Children’s Nursing examination results, 1961–96


29 pp

Registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in Sick Children’s Nursing from December 1983, May and November 1984–91, May 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, their total mark for each paper, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours, or was absent.

P220/102  May 1961–May 1983

80 pp

Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Sick Children’s Nursing from May and November 1961–82 and May 1983. Candidates are
listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of the nursing, medicine and surgery examinations, their total mark for each examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours, or was absent.

P220/103 October 1992

2 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part I) examination in Sick Children’s Nursing from October 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number, PIN number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. It is also noted which candidates are repeating.

P220/104 [April 1987]–April 1992

11 pp

Registration (part 1) examination results
Results for the registration (part I) examination in Sick Children’s Nursing from April and October 1987–91 and April 1992. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or passed by re–check.

P220/105 May 1973–October 1986

50 pp

Preliminary examination results
Results for the preliminary examination in Sick Children’s Nursing from May and November 1973–7, November 1978, May and November 1979–82, May and December 1983, May and November 1984–5, May and October 1986. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in paper 1 and paper 2 of the examination, and prior to May 1977, the written, oral and practical examinations. Before May 1983 the marks are not recorded, just whether the candidate passed or failed each section. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or passed by re–check.
2 pp
Integrated General and Sick Children’s Nursing registration examination results
Results for the registration examination in Integrated General and Sick Children’s Nursing from November 1994 and May 1995. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate's examination number, PIN number and name are listed, with their individual results in the general and sick children's sections of the medicine and the surgical written and oral examinations, and their overall result. Occasional notes record when the candidate failed, passed by re-check, or was absent.

61 pp
Integrated General and Sick Children’s Nursing final examination results
Results for the final examination in Integrated General and Sick Children’s Nursing from November 1974, May and November 1975, May 1976, November 1977–8, May and November 1979, May 1980, May and November 1981, November 1983, May and November 1985, May 1986, May, October and November 1987, May and November 1988–91, May 1992, and some undated results. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate's examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the general and sick children's sections of the medicine written and oral examinations and the surgical written and oral examinations, and their overall result. Before October 1987, there were three examinations, in nursing, medicine and surgery, with the same format. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours. Some of the results are given in folio page format.

2.5 Infectious Diseases Nursing examination results, 1961–72

22 p
Final examination results
Results for the final examination in Infectious Diseases Nursing (Fever Nursing) from May and November 1961–71, and May 1972. Candidates are listed according to their examination
centre. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the oral and written sections of the examinations in nursing, fevers and bacteriology, and infectious diseases medicine, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed, received honours or was absent.

2.6 Orthopaedic Nursing examination results, 1961–90


45 pp

Certificate examination results

2.7 Tuberculosis Nursing examination results, 1961–71

P220/110 May 1961–May 1971

14 pp

Certificate examination results
Results for the post-registration certificate examination in Tuberculosis Nursing from May and November 1961–5, May 1966, May 1969–71. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in the written and oral sections of paper 1 and 2, the practical examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours.
2.8 Clinical Teachers’ examination results, 1973–4

P220/111 March 1973–April 1974
3 pp
Clinical Teachers’ examination results
Results for the Clinical Teachers’ examination from March and autumn 1973 and April 1974. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their individual results in practice teaching, surgical nursing, psychiatric nursing, education and psychology, clinical teaching, medical nursing, and the overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate received honours.

2.9 Midwifery examination results, 1962–92

73 pp
Midwifery examination results
Results for the Midwifery examination from February, April/May, July and October 1985, and January, April, July and October 1986–92. Candidates are listed according to their training hospital. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their results in the written and oral sections of the examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate failed or received honours, or was absent or withdrew from the examination.

P220/113 February 1980–February 1984
85 pp
Midwifery examination results
Results for the Midwifery examination from February, May and October 1980–3, and February 1984. Candidates are listed according to their examination centre. Each candidate’s examination number and name are listed, and their results in the written and oral sections of the examination, their cumulative result for these sections, the result of the clinical examination, and their overall result. Occasional notes record whether the candidate passed, failed or was absent.
P220/114  May 1971–October 1979

174 pp

Midwifery examination results

P220/115  October 1962–February 1971

127 pp

Midwifery examination (part 2) results
Results for the Midwifery (part 2) examination from October 1962, and February, May and October 1963–70 and February 1971. Candidate information is given as in P220/113.

P220/116  October 1962–February 1971

119 pp

Midwifery examination (part 1) results
Results for the Midwifery (part 2) examination from October 1962, and February, May and October 1963–70 and February 1971. Candidate information is given as in P220/113.
3. Executive and Administration

3.1 Board and Committee Minutes and Related Material

3.1.1 General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Minutes, 1920–85

**P220/117**  
25 February 1920–29 July 1943  
c380 pp

General Nursing Council, minute book  
Bound minutes of general and special meetings of the General Nursing Council, from the first meeting on 25 February 1920 to the meeting held on 29 July 1943. The volume contains minutes of meetings of the General Nursing Council, and some insertions such as the Rules of the General Nursing Council (1920) and copy yearly accounts. There are also reports of committees such as the Rules Committee, Finance Committee, Registration Committee, Inspection Committee. Most of the minutes are signed by the chairperson of the council, Edward Coey Bigger, up to the meeting of 20 November 1941. Bigger died before the meeting of 24 June 1942, and his place as chairperson was taken by Angela Halbert.

**P220/118**  
20 October 1943–19 December 1951  
c200 pp

General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais minute book  
Bound minutes of general and special meetings of the General Nursing Council from 20 October 1943, and of An Bord Altranais from its first meeting on 7 June 1951 to the meeting held on 13 November 1951. The minutes of General nursing Council meetings are signed by the chairperson Angela Halbert up to 9 December 1943, and thereafter by her replacement Dr P. McCarvill. McCarvill also signed, as president, the minutes of An Bord Altranais from 7 June 1951 to 13 November 1951. The volume also contains insertions such as copy yearly accounts, and reports of committees such as the Registration Committee, Rules Committee, Finance Committee. There are also minutes of An Bord Altranais Staff Selection Committee and Midwives’ Examination Committee, September–December 1951.
P220/119 22 January 1952–16 December 1953

c230 pp

An Bord Altranais minute book
Bound minutes of general and special meetings of An Bord Altranais from 13 February 1952 to 16 December 1953. The minutes are signed by a variety of board members in different capacities, and contain reports of committees such as the Registration Committee, Rules Committee, Finance Committee. The volume also contains minutes of several An Bord Altranais committees: Chief Executive Officer Selection Committee, January 1952; Rules Sub–Committee, February–November 1952; Health Visitor's Training Candidate Sub–Committee, March–April 1952; Midwives’ Examination Committee, March–September 1952; Outdoor Nursing Sub–Committee April–July 1952; Committee to appoint a Director of Nursing, June–September 1953.


c390 pp

An Bord Altranais minute book
Bound minutes of general and special meetings of An Bord Altranais from 6 January 1954 to 17 December 1958. The minutes are generally signed by Dr Ninian Falkiner as president up to 3 November 1954, and thereafter by Mr T. C. J. O’Connell, as president. Includes insertions such as: An Bord Altranais officers’ sick leave regulations 1955; examination reports; reports from the Outdoor Nursing Services Committee, December 1957–February 1958; the Health (Corporate Bodies) Act, 1961; minutes of a meeting of An Bord Altranais, 21 February 1962; minutes of a meeting of the Mental Handicap Nursing Committee, 11 August 1978.

P220/121 14 January 1959–8 September 1964

c300 pp

An Bord Altranais minute book
Bound minutes of general and special meetings of An Bord Altranais from 14 January 1959 to 8 September 1964. The minutes are generally signed by Mr T. C. J. O’Connell as president up to 18 January 1961, and thereafter by Dr A. Whelton as president up to 18 December 1963, and thereafter by his successor as president, Dr W. F. O’Dwyer. Includes insertions such as: examinations reports; draft public health nursing course rules, 1959.
An Bord Altranais Archives

P220/122  13 October 1964–12 December 1967

170 pp

An Bord Altranais minute book
Bound minutes of the general meetings of An Bord Altranais from 13 October 1964 to 12 December 1967. The minutes are generally signed by Dr W. F. O'Dwyer as president. Includes insertions, mainly examination reports.

P220/123  9 January 1968–9 October 1969

105 pp

An Bord Altranais minutes
Minutes of meetings of An Bord Altranais, from 13 October 1964 to 12 December 1967. The minutes are generally signed by Dr W. F. O'Dwyer as president, or his representative. Includes examination reports and some copy documents for discussion at the meetings.


141 pp

An Bord Altranais minutes
Minutes of meetings of An Bord Altranais, from 13 November 1969 to 14 December 1972. The minutes are generally signed by Dr W. F. O'Dwyer as president, or his representative. Includes examination reports.


163 pp

An Bord Altranais minutes
Minutes of meetings of An Bord Altranais, from 11 January 1973 to 8 July 1976. The minutes are generally signed by Dr W. F. O'Dwyer as president, or his representative, up to the meeting of 12 June 1975, and thereafter by various other board members acting as chairpersons. Includes report on the 1973 An Bord Altranais elections.
227 pp

An Bord Altranais minutes
Minutes of general and special meetings of An Bord Altranais, from 9 September 1976 to 15 April 1982. Before 13 December 1979 the minutes are signed by various board members acting as chairpersons, and thereafter by Mrs. J. Barlow as president.

175 pp

An Bord Altranais minutes
Minutes of general and special meetings of An Bord Altranais. The minutes are generally signed by Mrs. J. Barlow as president up to 1 December 1983, and thereafter by Sister Columba McNamara as president.

3.1.2 An Bord Altranais meetings, Supporting Documentation, 1982–5

P220/128 2 December 1982
6 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 9 December 1982
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 25 November 1982; submission to the Minister for Health on the report of the working party on general nursing; document on the role of the midwife in the UK and Ireland; memorandum on foreign student index; circular regarding resuscitation and endotracheal intubation of the newborn.

P220/129 6 January 1983
10 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 13 January 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 9 December 1982; report of working party on examinations in general nursing; submission to the Minister for Health on the report of the working party on

P220/130  2 February 1983
6 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 10 February 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; research proposal on student nurse competence to practice; inspection report for Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, 27 October 1982; inspection report for Cork Polio Association, 10 April 1981; inspection report for St Anne's Moore Abbey and St Mary's Delvin, 12 May and 29 September 1982; inspection report for St Raphael's Hospital, Celbridge, 23 November 1981.

P220/131  3 March 1983
7 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 10 March 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 10 February 1983; report on administration of intravenous additives; plan for the standardisation of hospital inspections; circulars from the education officer regarding midwifery guidelines and psychiatric nursing courses starting date; further report on inspection of John Paul II Centre, Galway.

P220/132  6 April 1983
4 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 April 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 10 March 1983; inspection report for Our Lady of Lourdes Midwifery Hospital, Drogheda, 24 February 1983; follow-up report for Newcastle Hospital, County Wicklow, 15 March 1983.
An Bord Altranais Archives

P220/133  5 May 1983

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Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 12 May 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 14 April 1983; inspection report for Stewart’s Hospital, Dublin, 24 February 1983; inspection report for the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin, 23 February 1983; report on community care seminar; recommendations following inspection of St Luke’s Hospital, Clonmel.

P220/134  9 June 1983

11 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 16 June 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 12 May 1983; research officer’s report; report of committee on intravenous additives; interim report on registration of dental surgical assistants; proposed three-year paediatric training programme; proposals for November 1983 sick children’s final examination; changes to the Midwives’ Rules; correspondence and documentation regarding the February 1983 inspection of the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street; submission to the Minister for Health on the report of the working party on general nursing; report on nurse training schools.

P220/135  7 July 1983

9 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 July 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 16 June 1983; report on letter and documentation received from the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street; re-inspection report for Our Lady of Lourdes Midwifery Hospital, Drogheda, 13 May 1983; inspection report for Galway Regional Hospital maternity unit, 25 March 1983; inspection report for St Vincent’s Centre, Lisnagry, County Limerick, 27 June 1983; changes to the Midwives’ Rules; submission on proposed behavioural nurse psychotherapy course from St Conal’s, Letterkenny; policy statement regarding the administration of intravenous additives; letter from Department of Health regarding training for registered sick children’s nurses.
P220/136 8 September 1983

22 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 15 September 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 14 July 1983; inspection reports for Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, St John's Hospital, Limerick, Limerick Regional Hospital, Cork Regional Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Cork, Mercy Hospital, Cork, North Charitable Infirmary, Cork, South Infirmary Hospital, Cork, Bon Secours Hospital, Cork, Galway Regional Hospital, International Missionary Training Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda, June–July 1983; discussion document regarding the committee on mental handicap nursing; survey of post–basic training for general nurses; report of the public health nursing committee; information on the public health nursing tutors’ course at University College Dublin (UCD); policy document on sponsorship; recommendations on psychiatric nurse training in the South–Easter Health Board region; statistical and other data on the UCD nurse tutors’ course; analysis of May 1983 registration examination; report on visit to the Middle East by the chief executive officer, July–August 1983.

P220/137 4 October 1983

7 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 13 October 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 15 September 1983; draft press announcement regarding the Milton Educational Awards; circular regarding the giving of intravenous additives; circular regarding community experience for student nurses; discussion document on approval of general nurse training schools; literature review on assessing student nurse competency to practice; index of research projects concerning nursing in Ireland.
P220/138  3 November 1983

25 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 10 November 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 13 October 1983; inspection reports for St Vincent’s Hospital, Fairview; St Mary’s Hospital, Castlebar; St Brigid’s Hospital, Ballinasloe; St Loman’s Hospital, Mullingar; St Fintan’s Hospital, Portlaoise; St Columba’s Hospital, Sligo; St Conal’s Hospital, Letterkenny; St Patrick’s Hospital, James Street, Dublin; St Munchin’s Hospital, Limerick; Erinville Hospital, Cork; Laurence’s Hospital, Dublin; Letterkenny General Hospital; Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe; Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford; Sligo General Hospital; Waterford County and City Infirmary; St Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin; Royal City of Dublin Hospital; Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin; St Mary’s Hospital, Cappagh, Dublin; Cregg House, Sligo; St Joseph’s Hospital, Dublin; Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, October 1982–October 1983.

P220/139  15 November 1983

2 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais special board meeting, 1 December 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains syllabus for post–registration course in sick children’s nursing (distributed at meeting).

P220/140  1 December 1983

3 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 8 December 1983
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 10 November 1983; circular regarding a Bord Altranais function to be held on 8 December.
P220/141 11 January 1984

4 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 19 January 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; procedures for appointments to committees; list of members of An Bord Altranais; courses offered during 1984.

P220/142 2 February 1984

8 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 9–10 February 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 19 January 1984; report from the education department; inspection data; discussion document on Central Applications Bureau; document on the student index; report on the overseas development programme; draft guidelines on implementing the psychiatric nurse training syllabus.

P220/143 1 March 1984

3 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 8 March 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 10 February 1984; information on the 1984–5 public health nursing course.

P220/144 4 April 1984

10 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 12 April 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda for board meeting; agenda of meeting with the Minister for Health and Social Welfare; minutes of previous meeting on 8 March; report on clinical instruction in the care of the old and geriatrics; information on community experience for final year psychiatric nursing students; memorandum from the UCD director of nursing studies to An Bord Altranais, regarding the bachelor of nursing studies; criteria for the inspection of schools of nursing
and midwifery; guidelines for the psychiatric nursing syllabus; report on post–basic operating theatre courses; report on implementing a computer system for An Bord Altranais.

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3 May 1984

5 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 10 May 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 12 April 1984; addendum to the guidelines for the psychiatric nursing syllabus; draft outline curriculum for psychiatric nurse training; list of post–registration courses approved by An Bord Altranais.

P220/146

7 June 1984

6 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 June 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 10 May 1984; memorandum on psychiatric nurse training; syllabus for orthopaedic nursing certificate; submission from Cregg House, Sligo, regarding proposed postgraduate course for mental handicap nurses in behaviour modification; report on proposed University College Galway (UCG) diploma in nursing.

P220/147

5 July 1984

13 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 12 July 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 14 June 1984; orthopaedic nursing certificate, syllabus and guidelines; report on visit to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow; research officer's report; report on meeting regarding the integrated/sick children’s nursing examination; guidelines for the general nurse training syllabus; guidelines for the three–year and post basic mental handicap nursing courses; report on a World Health Organisation (WHO) symposium on postgraduate nurse education in Europe; discussion document on university education for nurses; material regarding staff superannuation; notes on examination practice.
P220/148  6 September 1984

13 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 13 September 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes of previous meeting on 12 July 1984; two draft discussion documents on inspection procedures; guidelines for implanting the general nurse training syllabus; guidelines for implanting the sick children’s nurse training syllabus; guidelines for implanting the mental handicap nurse training syllabus; report from psychiatric nurse training committee; report on registration in public health division of the register; report on integrated general/sick children’s nursing examination; information on ethics syllabus; report on meeting regarding the integrated general/psychiatric nursing course; note of numbers of students commencing nursing from 1 January 1984.

P220/149  19 September 1984

2 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 26 September 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; information on neurosurgical/neurological care course.

P220/150  4 October 1984

10 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 11 October 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 13 September 1984; draft guidelines and syllabus for course in neonatal care and developmental paediatrics; syllabus and guidelines for sick children’s nursing, also two sick children’s nursing post–basic courses; proposed five–year hospital inspection plan; interim report of community nursing committee; material regarding staff superannuation.
P220/151 31 October 1984

10 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 8 November 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 11 October 1984; report on hospital inspections; report of a meeting with UCD regarding the bachelor of nursing studies; syllabus for neonatal intensive care and developmental paediatrics course; report of review group on the community psychiatric nursing service; report of the health services export coordinating committee; financial statements, 1983; analysis of results of the final psychiatric nursing examination, May 1984; submission by the Irish Nurses Organisation (INO) and the National Council of Nurses of Ireland regarding the public health nurse training course.

P220/152 6 December 1984

14 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 13 December 1984
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 8 November 1984; letter regarding the retirement of Dermot Condon; two drafts of An Bord Altranais code for nurses; note on International Labour Conference recommendation regarding nurse ethics; memorandum by David Pigot of Arthur Cox and Company, solicitors, on the draft code for nurses; recommendations on standardising the integrated courses; estimate of income and expenditure, 1985; guidelines for implanting the training syllabus for general nursing, sick children’s nursing, psychiatric nursing and mental handicap nursing, with explanatory notes.

P220/153 10 January 1985

5 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 17 January 1985
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 13 December 1984; proposed course programme for 1985; draft curriculum for post-registration course in accident and emergency; nursing process, report of development 1983–4.
An Bord Altranais Archives

P220/154  7 February 1985

7 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 February 1985
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 31 January 1985; prospectus for UCG diploma in nursing (social care and mental health); draft number three of An Bord Altranais code for nurses; report on educational requirements for entry to nursing; analysis of nursing students’ educational qualifications; note regarding photographs for the 1984 annual report.

P220/155  7 March 1985

8 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 March 1985
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 14 February 1985; draft number four of An Bord Altranais code for nurses; note on UCD nurse tutor diploma course; syllabus for UCD bachelor of nursing studies; information on UCD conversion course from the nurse tutor diploma to the bachelor of nursing studies; report on the registration examination for the combined general/sick children’s and the general/psychiatric nursing courses; note on minimum educational standard for entry to basic nurse training.

P220/156  3 April 1985

5 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 11 April 1985
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 14 March 1985; drafts numbers five and six of An Bord Altranais code for nurses; interim report of the committee on community nursing.

P220/157  1 May 1985

7 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 9 May 1985
File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda;
minutes from previous meeting on 11 April 1985; minutes from a meeting between An Bord Altranais and the chief executive officers of the Western, Southern and North–Eastern Health Boards, 27 March 1985; review of examinations; proposals for registration of occupational health nurses; inspection report for the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin, 7 March 1985.

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6 June 1985

13 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 13 June 1985

File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 9 May 1985; two reports on research policy; report on nursing process policy; criteria from the Nurses Acts for opening a new division of the register and historical analysis of the register; inspection report for Our Lady’s Hospital Ennis, 28 March 1985; inspection report for St Joseph’s Hospital, Limerick, 16–17 April 1985; inspection report for Pope John Paul II Centre, Galway, 10 May 1985; report on bachelor of nursing studies, UCD, and course syllabus; syllabus for psychiatric and community nursing courses.

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4 July 1985

4 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 11 July 1985

File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 13 June 1985; report from the Mid–Western Health Board regarding psychiatric nurse training; report from the committee on the psychiatric nursing syllabus.

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5 September 1985

12 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 12 September 1985

File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 11 July 1985; report on psychiatric nurse training in the Mid–Western Health Board area; inspection report for St Raphael’s Hospital Celbridge, County Kildare, 14 August 1985; report of the Eastern Health Board
working group on psychiatric nurse training; report on the public health nursing examination; training syllabus of sick children’s nursing; programme of conferences and seminars for the 1985–6 academic year; examination report for the April–July 1985 examinations; extract from the Adelaide Hospital chairman’s report [1985]; information on nursing diploma course offered by UCG; regulations to the implementation of the syllabi of training.

P220/161 3 October 1985

7 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 10 October 1985

File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 12 September 1985; report regarding the European Economic Community (EEC) advisory committee on nurse training; material regarding the proposed joint nurse training school to be established by Dr Steevens’ and St James’s Hospitals; draft discussion document on criteria for approval and inspection of schools of nursing and midwifery; proposed policy statement on research; draft regulations for the implantation of post–registration training syllabi.

P220/162 5 November 1985

11 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais meeting, 14 November 1985

File of supporting material for the board meeting, sent out to each board member in advance of the meeting. Contains: agenda; minutes from previous meeting on 10 October 1985; report on seminar series held to discuss a report on the psychiatric services; evaluation of the nursing process in Tralee General, Cork Regional, St Mary’s, Phoenix Park, and Letterkenny General Hospitals; report on pastoral care course for nurses; inspection report for St Joseph’s Hospital Clonsilla/St Louise’s nurse training school, 8 October 1985; prospectus for refresher course for ward sisters and charge nurses; report on UCD clinical teacher’s course; list of complete training hospitals; interim report on survey of training and development needs of nursing personnel; information on An Bord Altranais pension scheme.
3.1.3. Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes, 1934–85

**P220/163** 10 April 1934–20 June 1945
c230 pp

General Nursing Council, Finance Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee of the General Nursing Council from 10 April 1934–20 June 1945, and reports of the Finance Committee. Most of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Sir Edward Coey Bigger up to the meeting of 23 December 1941, from 29 January 1942–20 October 1943 by Angela Halbert and thereafter by P. McCarvill.

**P220/164** 11 October 1945–25 September 1952
c320 pp

General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais, Finance Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee of the General Nursing Council from 11 October 1945, and of An Bord Altranais from 22 June 1951. Also contains reports of the Finance Committee, accounts and list of allowances for An Bord Altranais members’ expenses, 1951. The minutes are generally signed by P. McCarvill up to 29 January 1952, and thereafter by various committee members.

**P220/165** 30 October 1952–19 December 1955
c280 pp

An Bord Altranais, Finance Committee minutes/Finance and General Purposes Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance Committee of the An Bord Altranais from 30 October–17 December 1952, and of the Finance and General Purposes Committee from 29 January 1953–19 December 1955. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Mr B. J. Hensey as chairman.
An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee
minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 26 January 1956–17 December 1959. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Mr B. J. Hensey as chairman.

17 December 1959–17 December 1963

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 17 December 1959–17 December 1963. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Mr B. J. Hensey up to 15 December 1960, and thereafter by various members of the committee.

23 January 1964–27 April 1967

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 23 January 1964–27 April 1967. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey, and occasionally by other committee members.

27 April 1967–27 June 1968

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 27 April 1967–27 June 1968. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts, and are generally signed by various members of the committee, mainly Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey and Mr W. O'Reilly.
An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 27 June 1968–26 June 1969. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts. The minutes are generally signed by Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey up to 30 January 1969, and thereafter by various members of the committee.

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 26 June 1969–28 May 1970. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts, and are signed by various members of the committee.

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 25 June 1970–27 May 1971. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts, and are signed by various members of the committee.

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 24 June 1971–18 December 1972. Much of the minutes are taken up with payment claims and accounts, and are signed by various members of the committee.
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various members of the committee.

28 January 1982–11 December 1986

162 pp

An Bord Altranais, Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes

Minutes of meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of An Bord Altranais, 28 January 1982–11 December 1986. The minutes are generally signed by Mrs J. M. Barlow up to 10 November 1983, and thereafter by Sister M. Columba McNamara.

6 January 1983–5 November 1985

30 items

Material relating to An Bord Altranais Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings

Agendas sent out to members of the finance and general purposes committee in advance of meetings, for twenty-six meetings from 13 January 1983–14 November 1985, and some other documents pertaining to the meetings. These meetings were usually held in advance of the board meetings, on the same day. Includes:


3.1.4. Rules Committee Minutes, 1925–76

20 February 1925–22 January 1936

c150 pp

General Nursing Council, Rules Committee minute book

Bound minutes of the Rules Committee of the General Nursing Council, 20 February 1925–22 January 1936, and reports of the Rules Committee. The meetings were generally chaired by Sir Edward Coey Bigger, and the minutes signed by him.
P220/181 11 March 1936–1 May 1946

c210 pp

General Nursing Council, Rules Committee minute book
Bound minutes of the Rules Committee of the General Nursing Council, 11 March 1936–1 May 1946, reports of the Rules Committee, and examination reports. The meetings were generally chaired by Sir Edward Coey Bigger, and the minutes signed by him, up to 29 January 1942, from 11 March 1942–20 October 1953 by Angela Halbert as chairperson, and thereafter by Dr P. McCarvill as chairperson.

P220/182 21 June 1946–21 December 1949

c140 pp

General Nursing Council, Rules Committee minute book
Bound minutes of the Rules Committee of the General Nursing Council, 21 June 1946–21 December 1949, reports of the Rules Committee, and examination reports. Also contains copy criteria for inspections of nurse training schools, 1948–9, 1949 draft of mental handicap nursing syllabus, and an inspection report for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, 19 January 1950. The minutes are generally signed by P. McCarvill as chairman.

P220/183 1 February 1950–28 September 1966

c300 pp

General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais, Rules Committee minute book, including minutes of several other committees
January 1963; Nurse Tutors’ Refresher Course Committee, 25 September–4 December 1961; Matrons’ Course Committee, 4 June 1962–13 February 1963; Examination Procedure Committee, 4 January 1963; meeting with Mr O’Connor, chief executive of CERT, 28 September 1966. For the most part, the volume is not arranged systematically.

P220/184 14 April 1964
2 pp
An Bord Altranais, Rules Committee minutes
Minutes of the meeting of the Rules Committee of An Bord Altranais, held 14 April 1964, and chaired by Miss M. J. Carey.

16 pp
An Bord Altranais, Rules Committee minutes

P220/186 21 January–23 March 1976
5 pp
An Bord Altranais, Rules Committee minutes
Minutes of three meetings of the Rules Committee of An Bord Altranais, 21 January–23 March 1976, chaired by Dr N. Tierney, Miss B. Walsh, and Mr. W. O’Reilly.

3.1.5. Psychiatric Nursing Committee Minutes, 1964–83

226 pp
An Bord Altranais, Psychiatric Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Psychiatric Nursing Committee of An Bord Altranais, 28 September 1964–14 December 1971. Most of the minutes are signed by Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey as chairman. Includes inspection reports for St Brigid’s Hospital, Ardee, St...
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Loman’s Hospital, Castlebar, St Fintan’s Hospital, Portlaoise, St Senan’s Hospital, Enniscorthy, St Davnets’s Hospital, Monaghan, St Ita’s Hospital, Portrane, May 1971.

Includes:

- Memorandum for the working party on psychiatric nursing, regarding recruitment, education standards, training, staff structures and other issues, 2 drafts ([1971], 6 pp).
- Syllabus for certificate in psychiatric nursing, giving details of subjects covered and lectures ([1968], 15 pp).
- An Bord Altranais Psychiatric Nursing Committee, draft report on the nursing proposals contained in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Mental Illness, mainly looking at education, hospital inspections and facilities, and recruitment of students. Includes extracts from the report on mental illness (May 1967, 9 pp).

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5 January 1972–24 June 1976

183 pp

An Bord Altranais, Psychiatric Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Psychiatric Nursing Committee of An Bord Altranais, 5 January 1972–24 June 1976. Most of the minutes are signed by Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey as chairman. Includes inspection reports for St Senan’s Hospital, Enniscorthy and St Otteran’s Hospital, Waterford, March 1975, and St Patrick’s Hospital, Dublin, St Loman’s Hospital, Ballyowen, St Conal’s Hospital, Letterkenny, Our lady’s Hospital and St Stephen’s Hospital, Cork, St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, St Brendan’s Hospital Dublin, April 1972–February 1973. Also includes the examination report from the May 1975, autumn 1973, May 1972 and May 1971 preliminary psychiatric examinations.

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29 July 1976–7 September 1983

189 pp

An Bord Altranais, Psychiatric Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Psychiatric Nursing Committee of An Bord Altranais, 29 July 1976–7 March 1983. The minutes are generally signed by Mr R. McGuinness as chairman from 30 November 1978 onwards, and before this by various committee members.
3.1.6. Mental Handicap Nursing Committee Minutes, 1958–83

**P220/190**  14 February 1958–21 July 1983

153 pp

An Bord Altranais, Mental Handicap Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Mental Handicap Nursing Committee of An Bord Altranais, 14 February 1958–13 September 1982, and of its sub-committees and groups. The minutes are generally signed by Dr B. Mac M. Ramsey as chairman up to 21 September 1970, and thereafter by Dr J. Cooney.

3.1.7. Public Health/Community Nursing Committee Minutes, 1964–85

**P220/191**  26 June 1964–6 October 1983

171 pp

An Bord Altranais, Public Health Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Public Health Nursing Committee of An Bord Altranais, 26 June 1964–7 September 1982, its sub-committees, and reports from the committee. From 23 June 1978 the minutes are generally signed by Eileen Horgan as chairperson, and before this by various committee members, mainly Dr B. O'Donnell.

**P220/192**  1984–5

4 items

An Bord Altranais, Community Nursing Committee, minutes and reports
Contains: report from December 1984 of the work of the committee to date; minutes of committee meeting on 4 December 1984; Committee report from early 1985; proposed programme for community/public health nursing course, with appendices giving statistical information on numbers of public health nurses employed by health boards and expected vacancies.
3.1.8. Education Committee Minutes, 1969–82


161 pp

An Bord Altranais, Education Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Education Committee (described as the General Nursing Education Committee for the meeting of 13 December 1973) of An Bord Altranais, 11 February 1969–13 December 1973. Most of the minutes are signed by Dr Liam O'Maoilchatha as chairman, and include inspection reports for Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital and the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, 8–9 October 1973, and Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford, 31 August 1973. Includes:
- Report on a meeting between representatives of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Hospitals Commission regarding the four-year integrated General/Sick Children’s Nursing course at Our Lady’s Hospital, Crumlin (2 May 1972, 4 pp).

**P220/194** 1 March 1974–14 December 1978

167 pp

An Bord Altranais, General Nursing Education Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the General Nursing Education Committee (some of the earlier minutes are described as being of the Education Committee) of An Bord Altranais, 1 March 1974–14 December 1978. The minutes are signed by various committee members, with most from 1975–5 being signed by Miss A. Kelly as chairperson.

**P220/195** 7 January 1980–7 October 1982

88 pp

An Bord Altranais, General Nursing Education Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the General Nursing Education Committee of An Bord Altranais, 7 January 1980–7 October 1982, and also meeting of sub-committees of the Education Committee. Most of the minutes are signed by Brigid Walsh as chairperson.
3.1.9. Steering/Nursing Process Committee Minutes, 1981–2

P220/196 6 April 1981–23 April 1982

3 pp

An Bord Altranais, Steering/Nursing Process Committee minutes
Minutes of three meetings of the Steering/Nursing Process Committee, on 6 April, 10 June and 15 July 1981, chaired by Mrs J. Barlow.

3.1.10. Geriatric Nursing Committee Minutes, 1974

P220/197 20 March 1974

2 pp

An Bord Altranais, Geriatric Nursing Committee minutes
Minutes of a meeting of the Geriatric Nursing Committee, discussing geriatric nurse training.

3.1.11. Third Level Education Committee Minutes, 1984

P220/198 6–12 September 1984

5 items

An Bord Altranais, Third Level Education for Nurses Committee minutes and supporting documentation
File contains: notification of the meeting of 12 September 1984, course outlines for the masters in education from Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and masters in community health from UCD, a report on developments in nurse education in New South Wales, and minutes of the meeting of 12 September 1984.
3.1.12. Interpretation Committee Minutes, 1985

P220/199  10 July 1985

1 p

An Bord Altranais, Interpretation Committee minutes
Minutes of the meeting of the interpretation committee, held on
10 July 1985, which considered letters from hospitals and
unions concerning the code [of conduct for nurses?].
3.1.13. Penal Cases/Fitness to Practice Committee Minutes, 1982–7

P220/200-201 consists of Committee minutes containing sensitive fitness-to-practice material. This is not available for consultation. The material will be reviewed in 2013.

P220/202 30 October 1981
1 p
An Bord Altranais, Sub–Committee on Training Courses minutes
Minutes of a meeting of the Sub–Committee on Training Courses,
discussing refresher courses and postgraduate training.

P220/203 9 November 1981
1 p
An Bord Altranais, Sub–Committee on Standing Orders minutes
Minutes of a meeting of the Sub–Committee on Standing Orders,
discussing the relationship between An Bord Altranais and the
committees.

P220/204 3 November 1981–23 February 1982
2 items
An Bord Altranais, Sub–Committee on the Year of the Disabled
minutes
Copy minutes of a meeting of the Sub–Committee on the Year of
the Disabled, discussing methods for An Bord Altranais to
contribute to this event, and notice of a meeting to be held on 3
March 1982.

10 items
An Bord Altranais, Sub–Committee on the Working Party report
on General Nursing
Mainly notices for meetings of the Sub–Committee established to
examine the report of the Working Party on General Nursing.
Includes minutes of meetings held 28 October 1981 and 6
September 1982.
3.1.15. Central Midwives Board/An Bord Altranais Midwives Committee
Minutes, 1918–85

P220/207 1 October 1918–1 February 1938
c340 pp

Central Midwives Board, minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Central Midwives Board from the first meeting on 1 October 1918 to the meeting of 1 February 1938. Contains minutes of general and special meetings of the Central Midwives Board, reports of committees and sub-committees, insertions such as examination schemes (1919), midwives’ rules (1931). There are also minutes of penal hearings and several complaints against midwives are considered in the general meetings. The minutes are generally signed by Sir Edward Coey Bigger as chairman.
Includes:
- Letter from Edward Coey Bigger to Olive Meyler, informing her that he can be present at the meeting of 18 December 1941 (11 October 1941, 1 p).

P220/208 24 February 1938–14 November 1945
c310 pp

Central Midwives Board minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Central Midwives Board from 24 February 1938–14 November 1945. Contains minutes of general and special meetings of the Central Midwives Board, reports and minutes of committees and sub-committees, and examination reports. The minutes are generally signed by Sir Edward Coey Bigger as chairman up to the meeting of 18 December 1941, by Dr Robert Colbert up to 10 November 1943, and thereafter by Dr Ninian Falkiner.
P220/209  14 November 1945–10 November 1949

310 pp

Central Midwives Board minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Central Midwives Board from 24 February 1938–14 November 1945. Contains minutes of general and special meetings of the Central Midwives Board, reports and minutes of committees and sub-committees, examination reports, minutes of penal hearings. The minutes are generally signed by Dr Ninian Falkiner as chairman.

P220/210  21 December 1949–12 December 1962

330 pp

Central Midwives Board / An Bord Altranais Midwives Committee minute book
Bound minutes of meetings of the Central Midwives Board from 21 December 1949–30 May 1951, and of the Midwives Committee of An Bord Altranais from 14 June 1951–12 December 1962. Contains minutes of general and special meetings of the Central Midwives Board and Midwives Committee, reports and minutes of committees and sub-committees, and fitness to practice hearings by the Central Midwives Board. The minutes of the Midwives Committee include several complaints against midwives. The minutes are generally signed by Dr Ninian Falkiner as chairman.

Includes:
- Minutes of a meeting between Dr Ninian Falkiner, chairman, Midwives Committee, and the masters of midwifery training schools in Dublin, to discuss midwifery training (16 May 1958, 3 pp).


206 pp

An Bord Altranais Midwives Committee minutes
Minutes of meetings of the Midwives Committee of An Bord Altranais, 27 March 1963–23 March 1977. The minutes contain occasional details on fitness to practice cases. They are generally signed by Dr Ninian Falkiner as chairman up to 5 February 1969, and thereafter by Professor Alan Browne.

Includes:
- Inspection report for St Finbarr’s Hospital, Cork, midwifery unit, giving details of the training facilities therein (8 February 1972, 3 pp)
An Bord Altranais Archives


133 pp

An Bord Altranais Midwives Committee minutes

Minutes of general and special meetings of the Midwives Committee of An Bord Altranais, 4 May 1977–5 September 1985. There are some details on complaints made against midwives. The minutes are generally signed by Professor Alan Browne as chairman up to 17 January 1979, by Dr Joseph Alvey up to 14 February 1984, and thereafter by Professor G. Henry. The meeting of 5 September 1985 is a joint meeting of the Midwives Committee and the Sub–Committee on Community Nursing.

Includes:

- 1966 circular from the Department of Health on the district nursing services and the role of the public health nurse, appended with some other material on public health nursing, relating to the minutes of the meeting of 5 September 1985 ([1966], 13 pp).


P220/213 1975–83

2 items

Lists of committee members

Two lists of members of An Bord Altranais committees, from 1975 and 1979–83.

P220/214 1964–[1970s?] 5 items

Speeches given at An Bord Altranais meetings

Includes:

- Draft address, ‘Nursing Education–Do we need a change’ to An Bord Altranais (not dated, probably after 1969, 11 pp).
- Paper giving information on the examination, result notification and registration system of An Bord Altranais ([1969], 2 pp).
- Address by Seán Flanagan, Minister for Health, at the opening of An Bord Altranais public health nurse training course (4 October 1966, 3 pp).
- Address by Seán MacEntee, Tánaiste and Minister for Health, at the first meeting of the reconstituted An Bord Altranais (6 February 1964, 3 pp).
- Notes, for a speech or lecture, on committees and committee
procedure. Noted as being for the matrons’ course (not dated, 10 pp).

**P220/215** 3 January 1958–5 December 1960

43 items

Correspondence file of An Bord Altranais Outdoor Nursing Services Steering Committee

Contains correspondence between An Bord Altranais chief executive officer James Keogh and members of the committee, inviting them to join the committee, their responses, and notices of meetings. Also contains correspondence with training institutions for public health nurses.

**3.2. General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Rules and Procedures**

**3.2.1. Rules and Legislative Instruments, 1902–83**

**P220/216** 1902–85

20 items

Irish and UK government acts relating to nursing and midwifery


Includes:

- An Bord Altranais, Standing Orders, adopted under the 1985 Nurses Act, governing the procedure of An Bord Altranais and committee meetings ([1985], 17 pp).

**P220/217** 26 June–11 September 1951

9 items

File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and Arthur Cox and Company, solicitors, Dublin.

Includes:

- Letter from Arthur Cox to An Bord Altranais chief executive officer Olive Meyler, asking for a copy of the General Nursing Council rules, and informing her that the revision of the rules ‘will be a heavy job’ that will not be done by the specified date (3 September 1951, 1p).

### 3.2.2. General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Election Procedures, 1943–2002

#### P220/218

12–19 April 1943

7 items

File on the 1943 General Nursing Council elections

Regarding the qualifications of candidates for election to the General Nursing Council.

Includes:

- Margaret Harold, Mater Hospital Dublin, to the General Nursing Council Registrar Anne Black, complaining that the General Nursing Council was not in order in altering the rules governing candidates to be elected to the Council (14 April 1943, 1 p).

#### P220/219

1973

7 pp

An Bord Altranais, election rules


#### P220/220

10 October, 30 December 1985

2 items

An Bord Altranais (First Election of members) Rules

Draft and final copy of Statutory Instrument 439 of 1985, promulgating the rules under which members are elected to An Bord Altranais. There are to be five panels of electors: general nurses, psychiatric nurses, midwives, mental handicap nurses and public health nurses, electing respectively five, four, three, three and two representatives. Gives rules for notification of election, nomination of candidates, voting procedures and counting. Includes examples of nomination and ballot papers.
P220/221 1990, 2002
3 items
File on An Bord Altranais elections
Contains An Bord Altranais election and candidate notice from 1990, election results notice from that year, and guide to participating in An Bord Altranais elections, 2002.

3.2.3. Material relating to the 1985 Nurses Act, 1984–5

P220/222 1984–5
5 items
File on 1984 Nurses Bill
Contains Department of Health statement on the Bill, explanatory memorandum, a speech delivered in the Dáil [by the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Welfare, John Donnellan] supporting the Nurses Bill, 7 June 1984; Dáil debates, 23 January 1985; and the Nurses Bill as passed by the Oireachtas, 13 November 1985.

3.3. Annual Reports, 1920–88

P220/223 1954–88
11 items
An Bord Altranais annual reports
Central Midwives Board annual reports
Annual reports from 1920, 1921, 1922, 1932, 1933, 1934, giving the personnel of the board, and information on the midwives roll, examinations, numbers of penal cases, reciprocal arrangements, rule changes and financial statements. The report from 1920 includes abstracted accounts for the year ended 31 December 1919.

3.4. Administration

3.4.1. Accounts, Finance and Taxation, 1921–71

P220/225 31 December 1921
1 p
General Nursing Council, abstract of accounts
Abstract of the accounts of the General Nursing Council for Ireland for the year ended 31 December 1921. Payments are £856 3s 6d. and income is £1650 12s. 2d.

P220/226 September 1920–December 1938
127 folio pp
General Nursing Council, receipt and expenditure book
Receipts are generally from government remittances, fees and interest, balances from the cash book. Expenditure is mainly supervisors’ and examiners’ fees, rents, subscriptions, wages and administrative expenses.

P220/227 November 1937–July 1957
c260 items
File on General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais income tax assessments
Contains: tax notices from the revenue commissioners; Queries on income tax matters and requests for accounts from the revenue commissioners; queries on employees of the General...

P220/228 January 1930–December 1940
60 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, cash book
Shows income, mainly examination, enrolment, badge and other fees, and expenditure, mainly salaries, supervisors’ and examiners’ fees, and administrative expenses. There is a statement of account at the end of each year.

P220/229 January 1941–July 1949
121 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, cash book
Information given as in P220/228.

P220/230 September 1949–October 1952
62 folio pp
Central Midwives Board, cash book
Information given as in P220/228.

P220/231 1938–71
193 items
Correspondence file between the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais and Bank of Ireland
Mainly regarding issues of payment by cheque, financial administration and routine banking matters, tax inquiries regarding individual employees, correspondence between the
General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais and the Office of the Inspector of Taxes, 1949–51. Most of the correspondence is with An Bord Altranais’s branch, Bank of Ireland, St Stephen’s Green, Dublin, but there is some correspondence with other branches of Bank of Ireland and other banks.

Includes:
- Hospitals Trust Fund, Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin, to An Bord Altranais, enclosing a cheque for £2,500, on the instructions of the Minister for Health, towards the cost of purchasing a new building (20 December 1956, 1 p).
- List of stocks [held by General Nursing Council?]. Gives values of stocks held, including investments in War Stock, Bank of Ireland, Irish Sugar Company Limited, Land Bonds. The total comes to £9,584 (26 April 1947, 1 p).

3.4.2. Staffing and Administration, 1951–91

June 1951–June 1954

116 items

File on staff employed by the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais

Mainly medical certificates and doctors’ notes for An Bord Altranais staff for time spent off work. Also includes social welfare certificates and queries regarding payments to An Bord Altranais staff off work due to illness, and notes on overtime worked and holidays for staff.

Includes:
- Letter from Keogh to Miss Gloria O’Boyle, a former employee of An Bord Altranais, who has tendered her resignation and is entering a convent in County Cavan. Keogh accepts this and sends ‘best wishes to you in your new state of life’ (7 October 1954, 1 p).
- Six members of An Bord Altranais staff to Keogh, applying to for the cost of living bonus which has been granted to all civil service bodies (15 June 1953, 1 p).
- Olive Meyler to Keogh, requesting his help in putting her case for a revision of salary to the Department of Health. She has over thirty years service, and the abolition of her office and transfer to An Bord Altranais has affected her more than other members of staff (11 May 1953, 1p).
File on the appointment of Chief Education Officer
File on the appointment of the first Chief Education Officer of An Bord Altranais. The post was originally to be entitled ‘Director of Nursing’, but this was changed in August 1954. The successful applicant, Rosanna Cunningham, was appointed in January 1955. The file contains proceedings and reports of the committee appointed to consider applications for the post, job description, advertisements for the post, application forms, correspondence with applicants, letters of reference and letters of offer.

An Bord Altranais, officers’ pension scheme
Ministerial order giving the pension entitlements of officers of An Bord Altranais, with details on contributions, length of service and other provisions, along with a copy of the 1948 Local Government Superannuation Act.

File on An Bord Altranais staff social welfare and redundancy contributions
Includes:
- Report by the Department of Finance on whether to replace manual typewriters with electric ones. Gives technical information, costs and output differentials for different types of typewriter used in government offices, and concludes that it is not at present necessary to replace the manual typewriters used (January 1968, 13 pp).

49 items

Circulars and memoranda from An Bord Altranais Chief Executive’s office
Copy circulars and memoranda for Bord Altranais staff from the office of the Chief Executive, Noel Daly (in 1991 Eugene Donoghue), on such routine matters as appointments, staff meetings, staff training and workshops, computerisation, office stationary and equipment, holidays and leave.
Includes:
- Memorandum by Eugene Donoghue to health boards and training hospitals, informing them that An Bord Altranais has decided to abolish oral examinations as part of the registration examination from 1 October 1994 (12 November 1991, 1 p).
- K. Dunne, Department of Health, to Daly, informing him that the Taoiseach intends to enact legislation to protect Ireland’s national archives, and that An Bord Altranais should therefore consult with the State Paper Office before destroying any official documents (25 September 1984, 2 pp).
- Circular from the office of the Minister for Health, informing that the task force on employment has recommended that each government department should seek recommendations from staff members ‘that would identify new employment and wealth generating ideas and would not involve significant cost to the exchequer’ (10 February 1984, 1 p).

P220/237  [1980s]

20 pp

An Bord Altranais staff handbook
Gives employment policies, covers issues such as confidentiality, discipline, training and pensions, salaries and leave entitlements.

P220/238  1984

33 pp

Information booklet on An Bord Altranais computerised examination and registration system
Overview and data input instructions for the Perkin–Elmer computer system installed by An Bord Altranais to manage the nurses’ register, student index and examination system.
An Bord Altranais, Lex word processing training guide
Training manual for use with the Lex word processing system, prepared by Timon Computing Limited, Stillorgan.

3.4.3 Buildings and Premises, 1966–86

P220/240 7 February–26 October 1966
16 items
File on the proposed development of Wilton Place, Dublin
File consists of architectural reports of properties at numbers 9–12 Fitzwilliam Place and number 11 Lad Lane, Dublin, and correspondence between the An Bord Altranais and architects, solicitors and Dublin planning authorities regarding the proposed development of a multi–storey office block at Wilton Place.
Includes:
- Copy letter from Thomas Crozier and Son, solicitors, to the Department of Local Government. Crozier represents the residents of Fitzwilliam Place who are appealing against the decision to grant planning permission to erect a twelve–storey office block at numbers 1–6 Wilton Place. Gives a number of reasons for the appeal, including obstruction of views, traffic congestion, foundation damage, and the 'oppressive effect due to proximity to high structure' (8 April 1966, 2 pp).

P220/241 29 April–30 December 1969
25 items
File regarding the appeal against a development in Wilton Place
File of legal correspondence regarding to liability for costs of an unsuccessful appeal against the erection of an office block in Wilton Place in 1966.

9 items
File on building and architectural work carried out on An Bord Altranais premises
Relates to works carried out on premises on Mount
Street/Herbert Street and Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, mainly involving correspondence with the architect Noel MacAree. Includes architectural sketches of works to be carried out, correspondence regarding planning permission, and a full architectural report on An Bord Altranais premises at 11 Fitzwilliam Place.
4. Education

4.1. Examinations

4.1.1. Examination Papers and Questions, 1936–92

26 items
An Bord Altranais General Nursing registration (part 1) examination papers
File of General Nursing registration (part 1) examination papers, held in April and October for most years, 1983–92. Most examination papers have model answers and marking schemes attached.

P220/244  May 1983–October 1988
11 items
An Bord Altranais Mental Handicap Nursing registration (part 1) and preliminary examination papers
Examination papers for paper 1 of the registration (part 1) and preliminary examination in mental handicap nursing, along with expected answer plans, from the May and October examinations 1983–8.

P220/245  May 1950–November 1982
49 items
An Bord Altranais post-registration qualification in Orthopaedic Nursing examination papers
Examination papers 1 and 2 for most years between 1950 and 1982, for the post-registration qualification in Orthopaedic Nursing. Includes an information sheet on the format changes made to the examination in May 1980.
P220/246 1980–92
10 items

Various An Bord Altranais examination papers
Examination papers in: Sick Children’s Nursing, registration (part 1), 1992; Psychiatric Nursing, registration (part 1), 1989–90; Final Nursing Medicine, 1982; Public Health Nursing, 1980.

P220/247 1980–5
8 items

An Bord Altranais Midwifery examination papers
Midwifery examination papers, April 1985; February, May and October 1983; October 1981; and February, May and October 1980.

P220/248 1936–85
c120 pp

Surgical Nursing examination questions
Examination questions submitted by examiners for inclusion in the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Surgical Nursing examination.

P220/249 1957–79
c50 pp

An Bord Altranais Medical Nursing, examination questions
Examination questions submitted by examiners for inclusion in An Bord Altranais Medical Nursing examination.

P220/250 1937–88
c200 pp

Sick Children’s Nursing examination questions
Examination questions submitted by examiners for inclusion in the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Sick Children’s Nursing examination.
P220/251  1950–81

50 pp

Post-registration qualification in Orthopaedic Nursing examination questions
Examination questions submitted by examiners for inclusion in the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais Orthopaedic Nursing examination.

P220/252  August–November 1983

5 items

Nursing examination papers, Northern Ireland
Examination papers for the final examination in General Nursing, from the Northern Ireland Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.


9 items

Nursing examination papers, England and Wales
Examination papers for General, Mental and Sick Children’s Nursing, from the English and Welsh National Boards for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.


35 items

Nursing examination papers, Scotland
Examination papers for General, Sick Children’s, Mental, Male and Fever Nursing from the General Nursing Council for Scotland/National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland.

P220/255  1960–1

22 items

Information on examinations conducted by the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland and the General Nursing Council of England and Wales
Sent to Keogh by Miss M. M. Haggo, Registrar of the Joint
Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, and M. Henry, Registrar of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales Gives information on examination format, marking schemes, requirements to pass, practical examinations, and includes examination papers and marking instructions.

February–June 1985

32 items

File of applications be on An Bord Altranais panel of examiners
Contains application forms and letters of recommendation of applicants to the panel of examiners for various Bord Altranais nursing and midwifery examinations.

4.1.2. Examination Process and Procedures, 1972–85

1972

2 items

Instructions to examination centres and supervisors
Information letter to hospitals hosting An Bord Altranais examinations during May 1972, regarding desks, paper for candidates, arrangements for deliver of examination papers and scripts; and instructions to supervisors of written examinations, on such points as seating arrangements, supervision of students using the bathroom, student identification cards, distributing examination papers, taking custody of completed answer books.

July 1984–March 1985

2 items

File on integrated General/Sick Children’s Nursing examinations
Contains an advisory letter from Arthur Cox and Company, solicitors to An Bord Altranais, regarding changes to be made to the Nurses’ Rules to facilitate the integrated General/Sick Children’s Nursing examinations, and an information circular by the Education Officer on this advice. Also contains guidelines and proposals on the integrated General/Sick Children’s Nursing examinations and the integrated General/Psychiatric Nursing examinations.
4.1.3. Examination Reports and Statistics, 1962–92

**P220/259**
May 1965–November 1980
100 pp
An Bord Altranais examination reports
Reports from the May and November examinations, for all An Bord Altranais examinations. Gives the numbers of students taking the examinations at each examination centre, and the numbers who passed and failed in each paper.

**P220/260**
May 1985
6 pp
An Bord Altranais examination review

**P220/261**
October 1987–February 1992
66 pp
An Bord Altranais examination statistics
Hardback copybook, giving numbers of candidates taking examinations, mainly in General Nursing (registration part 1 and registration), listed according to training hospital. The examination numbers corresponding to each hospital are noted, as are the numbers of candidates re-taking examinations, and how many examination notices were issued.

**P220/262**
May 1962
35 pp
Midwifery examination results
Results for the Midwifery (part 1) examinations, from May 1962, from the Dublin, and Cork examination centres. The Dublin results include the original marking sheets filled out by the examiners. Results for the Midwifery (part 2) examinations, from May 1962, from the Dublin, Cork, Drogheda and Galway examination centres. The Galway centre results include the name of one candidate taking the Midwifery (part 1) examination.
4.2. Training and Education: Reports, Statistics and Publications

4.2.1. Reports and Related Material on Nursing Education, 1948–99

P220/263 January 1948
17 pp
General Nursing Council for England and Wales, memorandum on the report of the working party on the recruitment and training of nurses
Published memorandum regarding the report of the working party on the recruitment and training of nurses, submitted to the Minister for Health. Comments on the various conclusions of the report, and gives a summary of their recommendations.

P220/264 1964
2 items
File on the Council of Europe working party report on standardisation of the training of nurses
Contains the report of the working party, 26 November 1964, and includes comments by An Bord Altranais. These accept that ‘standardisation of curricula should not be the aim; but that a general “overall” training in theory and practice should contain a degree of uniformity’. An Bord Altranais accepts minimum age and education proposals, considers minimum number of hours stated (4600) as too little, expresses concerns over provision of accommodation for student nurses. Does not think nursing schools should be independent of hospitals. Registration with An Bord Altranais will remain as a requisite for working in Ireland.

P220/265 April 1967
10 pp
Irish Nurses Organisation, inquiry into nursing education
Report of the findings of the pilot group, nurse–tutors section. Analyses Irish training hospitals in terms of tutor to student ratio for the different types of hospital, bed occupancy to trained and student nurses ratio, night duty nurse to patient ratio, ward size compared to domestic workers and contract cleaners, and the employment of attendants, orderlies and auxiliary staff in training hospitals.
P220/266  November 1968–June 1971
4 items

Report on psychiatric nurse training in Sweden
A report prepared Dr Dermot J. Ward as part of a Council of Europe Medical Fellowship examining the training methods for psychiatric nurses in Sweden, with some comparisons with the methods used in the Republic of Ireland. An addendum notes that the Swedish mental handicap service may be considered as far superior to that in Ireland. Includes information from the National Swedish Board of Education on nurse training there.

P220/267  1963–73
13 items

File on international basic training standards
Papers on European and UK standards for nurse training, details of UK nursing courses and UK staffing ratios and funding requirements. Also includes information on staff numbers and student to staff ratios in Irish training hospitals
Includes:
- Information on a course in ward organisation and teaching to be organised by An Bord Altranais during the autumn of 1969 (1969, 2 pp).

P220/268  1968–80
9 items

File of material relating to changes on the Psychiatric Nursing syllabus
The file relates to a special meeting of An Bord Altranais Psychiatric Nursing Committee, 28 January 1980, concerned with changes to the psychiatric nursing syllabus. It contains proposed changes to the syllabus, drawn up in 1969, 1978, and some undated proposals, and also contains handwritten notes of the proceedings of the meeting.

P220/269  1963–82
91 items

File on changes to nurse training syllabi
File on proposed changes to the syllabi in general nursing, psychiatric nursing, nursing for the mentally handicapped, midwifery, public health nursing and sick children’s nursing. The
file is arranged by nursing division, and includes previous syllabi, draft proposed syllabi, discussion documents, minutes of committee meetings, correspondence, examination papers and procedures, results appeals procedures, correspondence and reports on curriculum and training changes necessary due to EEC directives. Includes:

- Memorandum of meeting between the vice–president and dean of medicine of the University of Garyounts, Libya, and Professor A. D. H. Browne of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, concerning Libyan students who wish to study in Ireland (8 June 1977, 11 pp).
- Draft discussion document for South Eastern Health Board, regarding an inspection carried out of five psychiatric nurse training hospitals in Kilkenny, Clonmel, Carlow, Enniscorthy and Waterford (1980, 2 pp).
- Circular letter from An Bord Altranais to nurse training hospitals seeking nurse training places for Iraqi student nurses for twelve weeks during the summer of 1982 (March 1982, 1 p).

**P220/270**

July 1982

53 pp

Report on common basic nurse training by the Association of Nurse Tutors

Report prepared by a sub–committee of the Association of Nurse Tutors on the establishment of a common basic training for all student nurses and midwives. The sub–committee members were Mr T. Cullen, nurse tutor in St Raphael’s, Celbridge, Mr M. Philpott, nurse tutor in Our Lady’s Hospital, Cork, Ms C. King, clinical nurse teacher at the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Sister Brenda Knox, midwifery tutor at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda. The report includes a detailed syllabus, including time allocations and learning and skills objectives, in subjects identified as necessary for common basic nurse training.

**P220/271**

1982–8

8 items

File of educational reports and related material

Contains: 'European Conference on Nursing: a Challenge to Nursing Practice. The Irish Nurses Response', [1988]; An Bord Altranais criteria for approval and inspection of schools of nursing/midwifery, 1987; An Bord Altranais psychiatric and mental handicap nursing course description, June 1985; EEC reply to a query by An Bord Altranais on whether the one year
practice required for midwifery training be obtained outside the EEC, February 1985; Submissions to An Bord Altranais code of conduct working group from nursing organisations, [1984]; Proceedings of an educational seminar held by An Bord Altranais, September 1984; Proceedings of a seminar on nursing process held by An Bord Altranais, September 1983.

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1968–89

7 items

File on Psychiatric Nursing education

File of miscellaneous items regarding psychiatric nurse education, including correspondence concerning training hours and examinations, an outline history of An Bord Altranais and psychiatric nursing, an undated psychiatric nursing course outline, rules and responsibilities of a psychiatric nurse (1979).

Includes:
- Lecture, entitled ‘Whither our Mental Services’, delivered by Dr John O’Mahony at an Irish Transport and General Workers’ Union (ITGWU) seminar. Relates to the 1980 Health (Mental Services) Bill. Much of the lecture is concerned with involuntary detention of patients in psychiatric hospitals (10 January 1981, 10 pp).

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August 1983–March 1990

7 items

File on the administration of intravenous additives by nurses

The file relates to circular letter, 22 September 1983, from An Bord Altranais, regarding the training of nurses in the giving of intravenous additives, and consists of copy of the circular, letters to training hospitals informing them that nurses should be trained in this procedure, and a letter to training hospitals, 9 March 1990, withdrawing the circular.

P220/274

December 1993

2 items

Correspondence regarding extra theoretical instruction for student nurses

Two letters: Michael Kelly, Department of Health to Eugene Donoghue, chief executive officer, An Bord Altranais, referring to the Department’s letter of 14 October 1993. The Minister for Health has agreed to apply 40 weeks theory to the training programme of psychiatric, sick children’s and mental handicap
An Bord Altranais Archives

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nursing, and eight additional weeks to the integrated sick children’s/general course, and seven additional weeks to all of the post-registration courses (14 December 1993). Eugene Donoghue to health boards, hospital managers, chief nursing officers and matrons, informing them of the minister’s decision regarding extra theoretical instruction for student nurses. A revised edition of the nurse training rules will be forwarded in 1994 (22 December 1993).

P220/275

November 1994

45 pp

Report of the Southern Health Board Training Strategy Group
Report of the Southern Health Board Training Strategy Group, established in January 1994. Strategy is outlined under the following headings: principles, induction, management development, career development, other specific areas, course evaluation, training strategy evaluation, recommendations. Recommends the introduction of, amongst others, induction programmes, management training, seminars and conferences, professional and technical training, staff training for service delivery and quality assurance, ongoing evaluation of training. Appendices are mainly forms relating to proposed training schemes and courses.

4.2.2. Surveys, Statistics and Research on Nursing in Ireland, 1949–96

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17–29 September 1949

75 items

Correspondence between Irish hospitals and the General Nursing Council regarding student numbers
File of correspondence from Irish hospitals in response to a circular letter sent by the General Nursing Council in September 1949 requesting information on the numbers of nursing students in each hospital. Most of the hospitals sent lists of their current students.
Includes:
- Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to General Nursing Council for Éire, informing them that 79 nurses from Éire were admitted to their register in 1947, and 74 in 1948 (21 September 1949, 1 p).
- Questionnaire [filled out by the General Nursing Council] for Dr William Doolin, regarding numbers of nurses and trainee nurses in Ireland, and interesting figures on emigration by Irish–trained nurses to Britain (September 1949, 2 pp).
William Doolin to Anne Black, thanking her for her offer of help with his inquiry on behalf of the Commission on Emigration, regarding the number of Irish nurses emigrating to England. States that emigration figures for 1940–7 show that 18,600 Irish women went to England either as nurses or trainees (17 September 1949, 2 pp).

Irish Hospitals Commission, statistics of participating voluntary hospitals for 1956
Divides hospitals into general and special (such as maternity, orthopaedic, children’s, convalescent). Gives statistics on bed numbers, in and out-patient numbers, financial accounts and statistics, geographical distribution of in-patients.

Correspondence between Irish hospitals and An Bord Altranais regarding group discussion
File of letters from nurse training hospitals replying to a circular letter from An Bord Altranais enquiring as to the use of group discussions during the training of nurses. Most hospitals replied that trainee nurses are afforded several opportunities for group discussion.

Statistical information on nursing in Ireland
Questionnaire data regarding nurse general education standards, 1969–70, numbers of overseas student nurses in Irish hospitals, 1972, and obstetrical training (not dated); lists of hospital nursing staff numbers and staff/student ratios, 1970 and 1964; list of operations carried out in Irish hospitals, 1965; reports on nurse staffing at Manchester Regional Hospital; 1967 and 1957; draft midwives rules (1970).
P220/280 1970
64 pp
Manpower survey of nursing in Ireland
Survey carried out by UCD Department of Social Science, examining the numbers of nursing and other staff employed by hospitals and related institutions in Ireland. Contains annotations by James Keogh.

P220/281 1969–71
13 items
Studies of nursing schools by nurse tutor students
Short studies compiled by student nurse tutors of several schools of nursing in Ireland and the UK: the Brook General Hospital, London, the London Hospital, Guy’s Hospital, London, Middlesex Hospital, Charing Cross Hospital, London, Whips Cross Hospital, London, St Thomas’ Hospital, London, St Mary’s Hospital, Castlebar, Mater Miserecordiae Hospital and St Brendan’s Psychiatric Hospital, Dublin, St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, United Liverpool Hospitals, Glasgow Northern Hospitals, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. Studies generally consist of a short report on the hospital, with details on nurse training methods, practices and training staff. In some cases hospital and training school literature such as prospectuses and application forms are included.

P220/282 1968–76
5 items
Lists of nursing students in training
Lists of general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, mental handicap training hospitals and sick children’s hospitals in Ireland, and the numbers of first, second and third year nursing students in each.
Includes:
- List of 27 hospitals giving the student to staff ratio and staff to bed ratio in each (not dated, 1 p).

P220/283 1972–85
51 items
An Bord Altranais, Research Officer file
Contains: reports of the research officer, Brigid Tierney,

Includes:

- Five papers on nursing education, including on continuing education, training in universities and individualised learning, from a seminar held in Dublin (September 1984, 87 pp).
- Programme for a midwifery refresher course, held in Dublin, with details of speakers and papers given (July 1984, 2 pp).
- Seminar paper entitled ‘The need for research into nursing in Ireland’, delivered by Ms J. M. Chavasse, director of the nurse tutor course, University College Dublin. Contends that research is needed into the effects of routine care and treatments given by nurses, into community nursing, and into the Irish nursing profession itself. Examines different research methodologies (17 October 1980, 15 pp).

[after 1980]

11 pp

Conference paper ‘Guardians or Angels? The development of nursing in Ireland, 1919–28’


Not dated

3 items

Historical studies of nursing in Ireland

Three short studies of nursing in Ireland, from the late 1970s or early 1980s. The first study gives a brief account of the development of nursing in Ireland from early medieval times up to the 1970s. The second examines nursing structures and the role of the matron, again from medieval times up to when the
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study was written, mainly concentrating on the nineteenth century. The third study, which was apparently written by M. Hogan, looks mainly at nursing education during the years 1955–9 and the role of the INO.

4.2.3. Publications

4.2.3.1. Syllabi and Educational Publications, 1924–99

P220/286 1977–93, not dated
15 items
General Nursing syllabi

P220/287 1924–99
11 items
Psychiatric Nursing syllabi
Syllabi for the Psychiatric Nursing course from 1985, 1982 and 1960, one undated syllabus, and syllabus for the Mental Nursing course from 1924. Also contains training programmes from 1990 and 1986, a book of record charts for practical instruction, an information booklet for applicants to the integrated General/Psychiatric Nursing course, 1999, a letter and partial syllabus for three months secondment between general and psychiatric hospitals, 1971, and a suggested timetable for the Psychiatric Nursing syllabus, 1960.

P220/288 1976–92, not dated
8 items
Mental Handicap Nursing syllabi
Syllabi for the Mental Handicap Nursing course from 1992, 1983 (post-registration), and four undated syllabi. Also includes key to the syllabus from 1976, and a book of record charts for practical instruction.
P220/289  1985, not dated
3 items
Sick Children’s Nursing syllabi
Syllabus for the Sick Children’s Nursing course from 1985, and
two undated earlier syllabi.

P220/290  1977, not dated
2 items
Public Health Nursing syllabi
Syllabus for the Public Health Nursing course from 1977, and an
undated later syllabus.

P220/291  Not dated
3 items
Sanatorium/Tuberculosis Nursing syllabi
General Nursing Council syllabus for the post-registration
diploma in Tuberculosis Nursing, and for the Sanatorium
Nursing Course. An Bord Altranais syllabus for the Sanatorium
Nursing Course.

P220/292  Not dated [before 1951]
2 items
Fever Nursing Syllabi
Two undated syllabi for lectures and practical instruction in
Fever Nursing.

P220/293  1982
6 pp
Clinical Teachers Course syllabus
Syllabus for An Bord Altranais Clinical Teachers Course, 1
P220/294  1944–85

6 items

Midwifery syllabi


8 items

Guides to Nursing Education

4.2.3.2. Nurses Rules and Amendments, 1919–97

P220/296  1953–88

2 items

Nurses Rules
An Bord Altranais Nurses Rules from 1953, 1963 and 1988, covering the organisation’s functions, registration, training institutions and examinations

P220/297  1958–84

24 items

File of amendments to the Nurses Rules Amendments to the Nurses Rules, with correspondence with the Department of Health. Examples of the amendments include the establishment of a student nurses’ index, 1978–84, establishment of the clinical teachers’ register, 1973, registration and training of midwifery students, 1971, establishment of the public health nurses’ supplementary register, 1966.
P220/298  1930–94
5 items
Midwives Rules

P220/299  1919–83
5 items
UK Nurses and Midwives Rules

P220/300  1923–87
5 items
Rules for training hospitals and examinations

P220/301  1985–8, 1997
3 items
An Bord Altranais Codes for Nurses
First edition of the published code for nurses, stating responsibilities to patients, colleagues and the community, and guidelines for research, 1985, and a further edition from 1988. Also includes a guide to nurses and midwives on the administration of medical preparations, 1997.
4.2.3.3. Publicity and Information Publications, 1956–89

**P220/302**  
7 items  

*An Bord Altranais Newsletter*  

**P220/303**  
1956–73  
4 items  

*Nursing journals and related publications*  

**4.3. Training Courses**

**4.3.1. Public Health Nursing Course, 1946–87**

**P220/304**  
August 1946–November 1948  
193 items  

*General Nursing Advisory Committee on Public Health Nursing*  
File containing proceedings and correspondence of the General Nursing Council advisory committee for the proposed syllabus for public health nurses. Contains minutes of meetings, circular letters and notices, proposed lecture series in different subjects submitted by individual doctors and committee members.  
Includes:  
- General Nursing Council, proposed syllabus for public health nurses. Topics covered are maternity, infant and child welfare, schools medical service, the rheumatic state, infectious and communicable diseases, tuberculosis, health visiting and
health teaching, venereal diseases, public health legislation,
social legislation and social conditions, industrial conditions,
talks by social welfare workers, the work of an almoner, food
and nutrition ([1948], 11 pp).

- Mary O’Gorman, matron, Bulawayo Infectious Disease
  Hospital, Rhodesia, to registrar, General Nursing Council,
  requesting information on the Health Visitors Certificate of the
  Royal Sanitary Institute in Dublin (1 April 1948, 1 p).

- Undated and unsigned memorandum on training of the public
  health nurse, recommending that the model of the Assistantes
  Sociales or state social workers in France be used in Ireland,
  and that a change towards this system has begun in England.
  Notes that midwifery and fever training are superfluous to
  health visitors, and that they should concentrate more on
  social work (not dated, 2 pp).

- Minute of a meeting between members of the General Nursing
  Council and officers from the Department of Local
  Government and Public Health to discuss public health nurse
  training (28 August 1946, 3 pp).

P220/305 1959–1987

4 items

File on the An Bord Altranais Public Health Nursing course
Contains a proposal regarding a public health nursing diploma to
be offered by TCD, April 1987, a circular by the Department of
Health examining the Irish public health nursing system, 1966,
An Bord Altranais study on the role of the public health nurse,
February 1960, and a form letter offering a candidate a place on
the public health nursing course and a scholarship of £50,
August 1959.

P220/306 1960–70

3 items

Public Health Nursing course rules
Original set of rules for the Public Health and District Nursing
course in 1960, signed by the president of An Bord Altranais, the
chief executive officer, and the Minister for Health, and similar
signed amendments to the rules for the course in 1966 and 1970.
The rules cover such areas as fees, attendance and certification.
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P220/307 1959–87

12 items

An Bord Altranais, Public Health Nursing course syllabi

P220/308 1983–5

28 items

An Bord Altranais, Community Nursing examination papers
Examination papers for the community nursing (public health nursing) course, held in June 1983–5. The subjects examined are mental handicap, paediatrics, developmental paediatrics, child psychiatry, adult psychiatry, child health/home visiting, care of the aged, domiciliary nursing, physical handicap, social legislation.


306 items

Correspondence file on Public Health Nurse registration
Mainly applications for registration in the public health nurses supplementary division of the nursing register, from registered nurses who have completed a two–month course in public health nursing. Also many inquiries regarding the Bord Altranais Public Health Nursing course, inquiries on eligibility for the course and eligibility to be registered as a Public Health Nurse.

P220/310 January 1965–May 1970

48 items

Correspondence file relating to Public Health Nursing
Mainly correspondence between An Bord Altranais and Rebecca Ryan, apparently a public health nurse employed by Waterford Health Authority. Consists mainly of press cuttings regarding the role of the public health nurse and comments thereon, and other correspondence on the areas of competence of the public health nurse, mainly between An Bord Altranais and the INO.

Includes:
- Council of Europe, draft agreement on the instruction and
education of nurses, giving minimum standards for the education of nurses, content of training courses, organisation of nursing schools, admission policies, and other standards to be met by nurses ([1967], 15 pp).

- Minister for Health Donagh O’Malley, to Miss E. Meehan, secretary, INO, informing her that the Department of Health has approved a scheme whereby nurses employed by health authorities in other capacities can apply to become Public Health Nurses and be trained as such by An Bord Altranais (27 July 1965, 1 p).
- INO to Keogh, drawing the attention of An Bord Altranais to a proposal by the Institute of Almoners to change their title to the Institute of Medical Social Workers. The Public Health Nurses are concerned at this, as they have much more para-medical training and social work in the public health field (16 March 1965, 1 p).

P220/311  March 1987
11 pp

An Bord Altranais response to the Public Health Nursing in Ireland discussion document
Response to the discussion document prepared by the General Medical Services division of the Department of Health in 1986. An Bord Altranais welcomes the document but wishes further investigation and clarification with regard to many points. The response discusses information-gathering, integration of public health nursing and the healthcare system, reorganisation of health care areas, and the education, numbers and role of public health nurses.

P220/312  7–21 March 1967
32 items

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the examinations for the public health nursing course in March 1967. Contains lists of candidates sitting the examinations, examination papers, and the marks and observations of the examiners.

P220/313  May 1973
2 items

Public Health Nursing course results
Lists of results for the written and oral examinations of the public
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P220/313 contd health nursing course, 1972–3, held in May 1973 in Dublin and Cork. Each candidate’s name is given, and their individual results in the several written examinations, the oral examination, and their overall result.

P220/314 June 1976
12 items
Public Health Nursing course results
Marking sheets for the written and oral sections of the Public Health Nursing examination from June 1976. Includes a sign-in sheet for the oral examination.

P220/315 1977–8
38 items
File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1977–8. Contains: lists of candidates’ names, addresses and health boards (if any); notes on the numbers of candidates attending at Dublin, Galway and Cork; correspondence relating to the course.

P220/316 1978–9
6 items
File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1978–9. Contains lists of participants at the Dublin, Galway and Cork courses, giving the addresses of some of the candidates, and which health board has sent them on the course.

P220/317 1969–79
5 items
Public Health Nursing course results
Examination results for the public health nursing course from May 1979, May 1971, March 1969, and two undated sets of results.
File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1979–80.
Contains: course syllabus; letters nominating candidates from health boards; names of lecturers; lists of examination candidates; examination results and material pertaining to examinations; copy certificates of completion of the course; two reports on the course, and related material.
Includes:
- Letter from Sister Phyllis Duffy, Holy Rosary Sisters, Nairobi, Kenya, to Keogh, requesting a transcript of the public health nurse course that she took in Ireland in 1977–8, as the health authorities there require it. Complains about family planning practices in Kenya, ‘the fruits of British colonialism’ (22 November 1979, 2 pp).

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1980–1.
Contains course timetable, lists of candidates and examination results.

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1981–2.
Contains course syllabus and timetable, lists of examination candidates, examination results and material pertaining to the examinations.

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1982–3.
Contains application forms of participants in the course, course syllabus and timetable, examination results and material pertaining to the examinations.
Includes:

P220/322  1983–4
162 items

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1983–4. Contains: application forms of participants in the course and letters of nomination from health boards; correspondence and material regarding fees payable for the course; results of project work carried out as part of the course; examination results and material pertaining to the examinations.

P220/323  1984–5
122 items

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1984–5. Contains: application forms of participants in the course; results of project work carried out as part of the course; examination results and material pertaining to the examinations.

P220/324  1985–6
2 items

File on the Public Health Nursing course
File relating to the public health nursing course, 1985–6. Contains partial syllabus and list of participants.

P220/325  1978–87
2 items

Public Health Nursing course, roll books
P220/326  July 1972
6 pp
Refresher course for Public Health Nurses
Lecture programme for the refresher course for public health nurses, 3–7 July 1972.

P220/327  June–July 1978
5 items
File on Public Health Nursing refresher courses
Contains lecture programmes for four public health nursing refresher courses, 19 June–14 July 1978.

P220/328  February–August 1979
5 items
File on Public Health Nursing refresher courses
Contains lecture programmes for four public health nursing refresher courses, 9 July–3 August 1979, with a list of lecturers and an evaluation form.

6 items
File on Public Health Nursing refresher courses
Contains programme of lectures, location maps, lists of participants, and a brief course evaluation, for the public health nursing refresher course, 6–10 July 1981.

5 items
File on courses for superintendent Public Health Nurses
Lecture programmes for the course, 11–15 November 1974 and 19–21 March 1975, list of participants in the November 1974 course, and report on the November 1974 course.
P220/331 June–October 1977

5 items

File on courses for superintendent Public Health Nurses
Contains lecture programme for the courses, 12–14 September 1977, practical work questionnaire, report on the course, and a speech delivered on the role of the superintendent public health nurse.

4.3.2. Clinical Teachers’ Course, 1973–85

P220/332 April–September 1973

4 items

File on the Clinical Teachers course
Contains rules of the course, lists of candidates who passed the examination, and who were exempted in certain subjects, and form of letter to successful applicants to the course.


25 items

File on the Clinical Teachers course
Contains: syllabus of the course, held February–July 1982; lists of participants, their tutors and placement hospitals, coursework material, examination papers and results.
Includes:

- Historical analysis of nurse registration in Ireland, by Noel Daly. Gives details on the newer registers for nurse tutors, clinical teachers and advanced psychiatric nurses. Concludes that no objective criteria for opening or closing divisions of the nurse register were ever devised, and that this should be corrected in view of the imminent signing of the Nurses Bill (6 June 1985, 5 pp).
- Notes on the clinical teachers course, noting that in October 1982 it was decided to defer the proposed clinical teachers course until autumn 1983. Also notes that in February 1985 it was decided that the division in the register for clinical teachers should be closed pending a survey of the need for such teachers (1985, 1 p).
4.3.3. Occupational Health Nursing Course, 1985–90

P220/334  October 1985
10 pp

Occupational Health Nursing course
Gives details on this post-registration course offered by An Bord Altranais. The course is part time, with one session a week, September 1985–July 1986.

24 items

File relating to the Occupational Health Nursing course, 1989
File contains examination entry forms filled out by candidates for the course, and a sample of the diploma awarded to successful candidates.

4.3.4. Staff Nurses' Course, 1966

P220/336  5 May–1 June 1966
13 items

File relating to an inter-hospitals course for staff nurses
Course held at St Brigid’s Hospital, Ballinasloe, 6 June 1966. File contains invitations to the course, application form for attendees, announcement and details of the course.
4.4. Nurse Training Hospital Files

4.4.1. Standards for Inspection of Nurse Training Hospitals, 1955–84

P220/337  1955–6
2 items

An Bord Altranais, minimum conditions for training hospitals
Gives the minimum conditions, in terms of beds, hospital facilities, teaching staff and teaching facilities needed in order for a hospital to be approved for general nurse training and mental handicapped nurse training.

P220/338  Not dated
5 pp

An Bord Altranais, list of training equipment recommended for the teaching department of a training hospital
Gives list of equipment for the lecture room and practical classroom, such as model skeletons and patients, ward beds, charts and diagrams, sterilising equipment, and surgical instruments.

P220/339  Not dated
9 pp

Facilities available for the basic nursing course in general training hospitals
An Bord Altranais booklet listing all of the training hospitals in Ireland, and noting their facilities under the following headings: beds (surgical, medical, gynaecological, paediatric, obstetric, orthopaedic, ear, nose and throat, ophthalmic, other); operating theatres; ratio of trained staff to student nurses; number of tutorial staff; number of students at any one time; details of secondments, training schemes and other remarks.
File relating to criteria used in An Bord Altranais inspections of nursing schools
Contains several different drafts, with alterations, additions and notes of criteria to be used for the inspection of schools of nursing. Includes discussion documents and memoranda by Vincent Breheny (education officer), K. M. Neary (assistant education officer), draft hospital questionnaires and checklists, inspection criteria from the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (several, from the 1970s and early 1980s), and some American state authorities, copies of UK publications regarding nursing school standards.

4.4.2. General Hospital Files, 1902–2001

File on the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material, 1983, 1975, 1970; training and educational material; examination results, 1940–86 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, staffing, secondments, transfers, registration; material relating to the hospital's application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1937–8, 1923.
Includes:
- Notes on a meeting with the principle tutor in the Adelaide Hospital, Mrs A. Brady, regarding the views of the school of nursing on An Bord Altranais’s rules and criteria where relevant to the Adelaide Hospital nurse training school. Includes comments and suggestions for improvements and alterations by Brady (11 June 1992, 11 pp).
- Inspection report for the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Adelaide Road, Dublin, to assess its suitability for opthalmic and ear, nose and throat nurse training for students seconded from the Adelaide Hospital. Gives details of bed and patient numbers, medical facilities and medical and nursing staff (22 May 1970, 3 pp).
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P220/342 1922–80

c230 items

File on Cherry Orchard Hospital Dublin
This hospital was known as Dublin Fever Hospital, Ballyfermot (sometimes addressed as Clondalkin) from 1954–60. From 1922–53 the file is on the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork Street, Dublin. Contains: inspection report and related material, 1980; training school questionnaires, 1954, 1938; material on nurse training and education; examination results, 1940–72, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, absenteeism and leave; correspondence regarding the application by the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital for recognition as a fever nurse training school, 1922–4.
Includes:

- Proposed salary scale for nursing staff, giving current and proposed salary scales for different grades of nursing staff at the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, including lady superintendent, assistant matron, sister housekeeper, ward sisters, staff nurses, probationers. Proposed that all grades are increased by £10 a year, that probationers’ pay is doubled to £40 a year by third year and that the matron’s salary is increased by £20 a year to £280–£380 a year (25 May 1938, 2 pp).
- John Marshall Day, House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, to the registrar, General Nursing Council, applying for the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital and Drumcondra Hospital to be recognised as nurse training hospitals. Attached is a list of operation carried out at Drumcondra Hospital during 1922 (20 November 1923, 2 pp).

P220/343 1923–88

c280 items

File on Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material, including hospital questionnaires, statistics, policy documents and correspondence from 1985, 1983, 1973 and 1958; examination results and related correspondence from 1940 to 1986, material regarding nurse training and issues with student nurses.
Includes:

- Photocopy newspaper article from the Irish Times on Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, giving brief history of the hospital on the occasion of its closure in 1986 (28 August 1986, 1 p).
- K. Brennan, matron, Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, to Keogh. seeking definitions by An Bord Altranais for several words, including ‘nurses’, ‘practical education’, and ‘clinical teaching’, as she is travelling to Brussels in a few days (1 February 1973, 1 p).
K. Brennan, matron, Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, and M. McInerney, matron, Royal City of Dublin Hospital, to Keogh, proposing that the nurse training schools of the two hospitals be amalgamated, and giving reasons for this (7 October 1969, 2 pp).

File on James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1988 (psychiatric), 1982 (general and psychiatric), 1978, 1974, 1973, 1971 (geriatric), 1955 (tuberculosis); training and educational material; examination results from 1977–85 and 1956–66 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, staffing, placements; material regarding the provision of an integrated general and sick children’s nursing course in co–operation with Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, 1977–9; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a general nurse training school, 1973–4.

File on St James’s Hospital, Dublin
From 1965–71 the material relates to St Kevin’s Hospital, James Street, Dublin. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1982, 1976, 1973, 1970 (geriatric unit), 1968, 1967 (maternity and general), 1966; training and educational material, including material relating to a proposed post–registration geriatric nursing course, 1975–80; examination results from 1968–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration, secondments and student exchanges; material related to the amalgamation of the nurse training schools of Dr Steevens’s Hospital with that of St James’s, 1985; correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Dublin Health Authority, James’s Street, Dublin, 1965–70, mainly on administrative, staffing and registration issues, student nurse intake numbers, and some education issues; material relating to St Kevin’s application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1965–6.
Includes:

- St James’s Hospital, nurse information sheet on dealing with elderly patients. Notes the problems associated in dealing with elderly patients, and methods in making their hospital
experience more comfortable. Goes through diagnosis procedures, treatment and drug therapy ([1972–4], 4 pp).
• Patient statistics, Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin, giving lists of the numbers of patients in the hospital with particular diseases and conditions, on 8 March 1970, admissions during January 1970, and admissions during the year ended 31 December 1969. This is in relation to proposed secondments of student nurses from St Kevin’s Hospital to Cherry Orchard ([April 1970], 8 pp).

P220/346

1923–85

c300 items

File on Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin
Contains inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1968, 1957, 1938; material and correspondence regarding nurse training and educational courses; issues involving student nurses, including absenteeism and discipline; correspondence regarding the implementation of EEC nursing directives, 1979; correspondence regarding staffing issues; examination results from 1939–86 (at end of file) and correspondence regarding examinations; details of postgraduate courses in accident and emergency nursing, 1985, and renal dialysis, 1969–70.
Includes:
• J. D. Kenny, secretary/manager, Jervis Street Hospital, to Keogh, regarding an advertisement for the post of matron in the hospital, which the INO has taken as inferring a decline in teaching and nursing standards in the hospital (10 December 1975, 1 p).
• Institute of Advanced Nursing Education, London and Birmingham, course description of advanced level nursing administration (hospital) course ([1974], 3 pp).

P220/347

1923–86

c330 items

File on St Laurence’s Hospital, Dublin
Before 1940 known as the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1978, 1976, 1950; examination results from 1940–86, and related correspondence; training and educational material; correspondence and material relating to general and specialised nurse training at the hospital; correspondence regarding issues such as training, registration and discipline, involving student nurses, nurses and nurse tutors.
Includes:
• J. M. Dawson, secretary/manager, St Laurence’s, to Keogh. He is organising a visit of a hospital administrator from the
Sudan in January 1979, and asks whether the said administrator may visit An Bord Altranais to observe its workings and discuss matters (6 October 1978, 1 p).

- Speech given by Professor O'Dwyer at the Richmond Hospital, concerning the challenges facing the nursing profession in Ireland, mainly due to changes in nurse training. Notes the importance of student nurses in the health care system, the need for more student nurses, and the problems of preserving the recognition of Irish qualifications in Britain. Criticises role of An Bord Altranais (21 February 1968, 5 pp).

- Miss K. F. Russell, matron, St Laurence's, to Keogh. Russell writes in her capacity as chairman of the Dublin Metropolitan School for Nurses. In regard to lectures in ethics and psychology, she approached Archbishop McQuaid, who suggested to her that Reverend Dr O'Doherty and Reverend Dr Martin teach the course (9 June 1956, 1 p).

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1923–93

File on the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin

Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1978 and 1958; training and educational material, including material on various post-registration courses organised by the hospital, particularly courses in intensive care/intensive therapy nursing, 1970–90 (some correspondence on this with the Mater Private Hospital, 1989), and operating theatre nursing, 1984–90; examination results from 1940–85, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, staffing, registration, absenteeism, secondments, transfers; annual report from 1992; correspondence regarding the acceptance of male nursing students for training, 1960; lists of names of newly-qualified nurses for registration, 1939–50; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1938, 1923.

Includes:

\- Bord Altranais questionnaire completed by the Mater Hospital, giving statistics and details on patient numbers, medical, nursing and teaching staff, hospital facilities and other information, ward analysis, operations and procedures carried out during 1993 (November 1993, 53 pp).

\- Minutes of a meeting between members of An Bord Altranais and geriatric physicians, regarding EEC nursing directives. Mainly concerned with geriatricians position that geriatrics should not be a secondment, but an integral part of nurse training. There was a long and heated discussion on the various points as a distinction between Geriatrics and the Care of the Aged was debated’ (1 November 1978, 2 pp).

\- List of nursing staff in the Mater Hospital, according to speciality. There are 49 sisters, 47 staff nurses and 327 student nurses in training (February 1966, 1 p).
P220/349  
1923–85  
c260 items

File on the Meath Hospital, Dublin  
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1959; training and educational material; examination results from 1940–85 and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, discipline, secondments, staffing, transfers; correspondence regarding community care and geriatric nursing experience, 1975; material relating to the establishment of an affiliated training scheme between the Meath Hospital and the Victoria Hospital, Cork, 1949; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1937–8, 1923.
Includes:
- Chairman’s report for the Meath Hospital, year ended December 1984, delivered at the Annual General Meeting of the hospital. Notes the liaisons between the Meath, Adelaide and National Children’s Hospitals, which are to form the new Tallaght Hospital. Gives details on financial accounts and hospital activity (27 June 1985, 13 pp).
- Commemorative brochure, Meath Hospital urological unit, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the unit. Includes several articles on the history of the hospital, urology and the unit itself ([1980], 32 pp).
- Meath Hospital, historical notes. Printed booklet detailing the history of the hospital with notes on major figures in its development ([1971], 10 pp).

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1923–83  
c160 items

File on Mercer’s Hospital, Dublin  
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1977, 1958 and 1938; examination results and related correspondence from 1941–83; correspondence and material regarding nurse training, student nurses and staffing issues, and registration; correspondence regarding EEC directives 1978–80; material relating to the application by Mercer’s Hospital for recognition as a training hospital, 1938.

P220/351  
1923–86  
c310 items

File on the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot Street, Dublin  
Contains: inspection reports from 1985, 1983, 1973 and 1958, information regarding the hospital, hospital policies, and training
services provided by it, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1940–1986 (at end of file), and related correspondence; educational material; correspondence regarding student nurses and staff, including attendance, disciplinary and registration issues.

Includes:

- Handwritten notes on an inspection of Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital, Dublin. Notes that the Meath, Adelaide and National Children’s Hospitals ‘will be Tallaght’ (19 November 1985, 7 pp).
- Draft speech [by James Keogh?] given at the opening of a new classroom at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. Notes that when An Bord Altranais inspected the hospital previously they were concerned at the lack of classroom space. Mentions willingness of the hospital to improve its facilities, and also the issue of attracting men into the nursing profession (10 October 1975, 4 pp).
- Royal City of Dublin Hospital regulations for articled and paying probationers, giving regulations for probationary nurses in the hospital, regarding training, uniforms, fees, board and behaviour, and duties. Includes daily timetables ([1937?], 4 pp).

File on the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin

Contains: inspection reports and ancillary material from June 1970 and July 1945; examination results 1948–81, and correspondence regarding examinations; material on nurse training and training courses, including a large number of agreements between the hospital and affiliated Dublin hospitals for continuation of training for individual nurses; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, placements, transfers, staffing issues; annual reports from 1966 and 1944; affiliation agreements between the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital and Dr Steevens’ Hospital and Sir Patrick Duns’ Hospital, 1945.

Includes:

- Keogh to Miss M. C. Prunty, matron, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital. An Bord Altranais wishes that the affiliated training scheme, under which the Eye and Ear Hospital is the only one still operating, be discontinued because of EEC directives. Nurse training is to be phased out at the hospital, but it is intended to locate an ophthalmic nursing diploma course there (17 May 1979, 1 p).
- Mary Crowley, Nurse Tutors Academic Society, to Keogh. The Society recommends that the nursing staff structure be reorganised in teaching hospitals, that the qualifications of sisters and staff nurses appointed to such hospitals be defined, and that one sister should not have responsibility for more than 30 beds (24 March 1969, 1 p).
• Winifred Jackson, registrar, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, to the registrar, General Nursing Council, informing the Council that the Meath Hospital is to discontinue taking their students after 1950, and inquiring whether they can affiliate with recognised schools of nursing in Northern Ireland or England (19 October 1949, 2 pp).

P220/353 1923–87

c400 items

File on Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1976 and 1970, information regarding the hospital, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1939–87 (at end of file), and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence and related material regarding nurse training, staffing, registration absenteeism, and transfers.
Includes:

• Staffing scheme for an obstetric unit in a general hospital, giving the members of nursing staff needed to run an obstetric unit, including a schematic drawing indicating hierarchies (2 July 1974, 2 pp).

• Secretary, Dr Steevens' Hospital, to Hospitals’ Commission, commenting on points made in the recommendations by the Minister for Health on improving the conditions for student nurses; and regarding employment of another nurse tutor, student nurse uniforms, student discipline when off duty, communications and group discussions, and increased student numbers ([July 1966], 2 pp).

• Application for recognition as a nurse training school by Dr Steevens’ Hospital, giving brief details on wards, departments and patient numbers, and on nurse training and teaching. Signed by Herbert B. Kennedy, chairman of the board of governors (24 July 1924, 1 p).

P220/354 1923–93

c270 items

File on St Vincent’s Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1973, 1958; correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material, including training seminars organised by the hospital, 1981–2; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration, transfers, staffing; certificates of specialised nursing experience for student nurses on placements, November–December 1982; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1973; material relating to the hospital’s
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application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1938.
Includes:
  - Report by Kathleen Keane, An Bord Altranais education
    officer, on an inspection of Our Lady’s Hospital, Harold’s
    Cross, Dublin, on 11 January 1980. The hospital is used to
    provide geriatric nursing experience for student nurses from
    St Vincent’s (February 1980, 1 p).
  - Proposed scheme for group training, St Vincent’s Hospital and
    Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital, with proposals for student
    nurses at St Vincent’s to spend three months at Cappagh
    Hospital training in orthopaedics, commencing on 1 July
    1964. Gives details of the training course to be undertaken
    there ([1964], 2 pp).
  - Sister Mary Paula Gleeson, superioress, St Vincent’s, Sister M.
    Causius O’Keefe, superioress, Temple Street Children’s
    Hospital, Sister Claude de la Colombiére Meehan, superioress,
    Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital, to Keogh, informing An Bord
    Altranais that they are to amalgamate their hospitals under
    the title ‘St Vincent’s Group Hospitals’ (17 October 1960, 1 p).

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1935–84

c220 items

File on St Michael’s Hospital, Dun Laoghaire
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983
(including hospital policies and a printed history of the hospital,
1876–1976), 1971, 1942; examination results from 1943–85 (at
end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; training
and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse
training, absenteeism, staffing, transfers, registration; material
regarding the integrated psychiatric/general nursing course,
1981–4, 1974–6, 1971; material relating to the hospital’s
application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1941–2,
1935.
Includes:
  - Inspection report for St Columcille’s Hospital, Loughlinstown,
    County Dublin. The hospital was inspected in order that
    student nurses from St Michael’s could receive experience in
    the maternity unit there. Gives statistics and facilities of the
    unit, and approves it for such training (7 October 1981, 2 pp).

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1933–75

c240 items

File on Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire
File contains material on Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun
Laoghaire, and on the National Medical Rehabilitation Centre,
opened at the hospital in 1961. Contains: inspection report and
related material for the National Medical Rehabilitation Centre, 1972, and for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, 1960, 1958, 1950 and 1939; examination results from 1940–61, and correspondence related to examinations; material relating to a proposed course in rehabilitation nursing organised by the National Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, 1971–2; material relating to nurse training, including several affiliation forms for nurses undergoing preliminary training at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, before going on to complete their training at other hospitals, 1943–59.

Includes:

- Sister N. Oliver, superioress, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, to Keogh, informing him that the hospital is shortly to cease being a sanatorium and is instead to be sanctioned as the National Hospital for Rehabilitation. Wishes that it may continue to be a preliminary nurse training school, but it will cease to be a postgraduate centre for tuberculosis (5 June 1959, 1 p).
- Draft agreement between Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, and St Michael’s Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, whereby St Michael’s agrees to accept two probationer nurses each year who have completed two years’ preliminary training at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Gives some other conditions. There are similar agreements with Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, 25 November 1944, the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, 14 November 1940, Mercer’s Hospital, Dublin, 5 December 1933 (1 January 1949, 2 pp).
- Souvenir booklet from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, giving information on the hospital, its history, facilities and staff, and including many photographs ([after 1932], 24 pp).

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1921–85

c300 items

File on Bon Secours General and Maternity Hospital, Cork

Includes:

- Report of Bon Secours Hospital, Cork, containing staff lists, information on facilities and some statistical information. Printed booklet containing mounted photographs of the hospital facilities ([1922], 16 pp).
File on St Finbarr’s Hospital, Cork and Cork Regional Hospital
This file contains the records of South Cork County Hospital, which was named St Finbarr’s Hospital from 1952 onwards, including the records of the midwifery training school at St Finbarr’s from the 1950s onwards. From the early 1980s it contains the records of Cork Regional Hospital, Wilton. Contains: inspection reports and related material, regarding the maternity unit of the hospital, from 1982, 1979, 1972, 1956, the general hospital from 1983, 1959, 1957, 1948, and the South Cork County Fever Hospital from 1939, 1938; examination results for trainee nurses and midwives and related correspondence from 1947–88; material regarding the training and education of nurses and midwives; information on courses run by the Southern Health Board, including two nursing refresher courses in 1974 and 1975; issues involving individual trainee nurses and midwives, such as training, registration, absenteeism; correspondence (1957–8) regarding the construction of student nurse accommodation at the hospital; correspondence and material regarding the proposed training of male nurses at the South Cork County Hospital, 1945–50; correspondence regarding the decision of the General Nursing Council to withhold recognition of the South Cork County Hospital as a training school, 1938–9.

Includes:

- C. Walsh, programme manager, Southern Health Board, to M. Deegan, K. Keane, Sister M. Thecla, B. Dorgan. Refers to the Minister for Health’s wish to save costs in the health service. They are to set up a nursing procedure review unit in Cork Regional Hospital in order to evaluate where savings can be made (7 December 1982, 1 p).

- Sister Mercy O’Keefe, matron, South Cork County Hospital, to Anne Black. At a recent hospital committee meeting, O’Keefe objected to a candidate trainee nurse on the grounds that she had previously worked as a wardsmaid in another Cork hospital. Her objection was overruled on the grounds that having had previously to work for a living should not disbar a candidate from nursing. O’Keefe now complains that no nurses from outside Cork are being accepted here, and that ‘the qualities desired in a Nurse are not confined to any class, but my experience has shown me the value of a good background in the formation of those qualities of character and refinement, so important in a Nurse’ (12 July 1939, 1 p).

- South Cork County Home and Hospital proposed nursing scheme for the employment of nurses and probationer nurses at the hospital. Candidates for probation must be 21–30 years, well educated, intelligent, of unexceptional character, in good health, of average physique, free from physical deformity’. Gives application procedures and conditions of employment (1 July 1926, 4 pp).
File on the Mercy Hospital, Cork
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1975, 1959, 1957; examination results from 1938–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration, staffing, discipline; material relating to the hospital's application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1936–9, 1923.
Includes:
- Sister M. Francis, matron, Mercy Hospital, to Keogh, informing him that due to the difficulty in securing sufficient religious probationers, they have decided to take lay student nurses (5 January 1956, 1 p).
- Annual report of the Mercy Hospital, 1921–2. Printed booklet giving details on staff, operations and procedures carried out, endowments and benefactors, with several photographic illustrations. Notes that 'In the early part of 1921 the Hospital, like all similar institutions, went through an anxious time. Frequent visits from the Black and Tans rather disturbed the ordinary working, but owing to the magnificent way the entire staff behaved in maintaining perfect neutrality in all political matters, nothing serious happened to the Hospital' (1923, 29 pp).

File on the North Charitable Infirmary, Cork
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1987, mainly concerned with the imminent closure of the school of nursing at the hospital; examination results from 1986–8 and correspondence relating to examinations.

File on the South Charitable Infirmary, Cork
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1975, 1959, 1957; examination results from 1939–85, 1990, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding student nurse training, staffing, absenteeism, discipline; material relating to the hospital's application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1938, 1923.
Includes:
- Ward duty timetables for student nurses in Adelaide, Dr Steeven's and Stewart's hospitals, and three unidentified timetables, probably for the same hospitals (25 January 1988, 6 items).
- Statistical information for the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin, giving details on bed occupancy, in and out-patient statistics, consultant attendances and speciality clinic attendances (12 January 1988, 6 pp).

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*File on Victoria Hospital, Cork*

Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1967, 1959 and 1938; information regarding the hospital, hospital policies, and training services provided by it, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results 1948–86 (at end of file) and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence on nurse training matters, most relating to training periods spent by student nurses from the Victoria Hospital in other hospitals; material relating to the proposed amalgamated training scheme of the Victoria Hospital and St Finbarr’s Hospital, Cork in 1967; material regarding affiliation agreements between the Victoria Hospital and several Dublin hospitals for the purposes of nurse training from the 1940s; correspondence and reports from 1920–38 when the hospital was applying for recognition as a training school.

Includes:
- Anne Black to the secretary, Victoria Hospital, informing the hospital that it is their duty to inform girls who apply to train there that it is not a registered training hospital, and ‘the three years spent in it by these girls does not count, and not only have they wasted the best three years of their lives without any recognition, but they find great difficulty in being accepted for training afterwards in any recognised Hospital’ (26 June 1936, 1 p).

**P220/363** 1923–88

*File on Barrington’s Hospital, Limerick*

Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1975, 1970, 1969, 1936 and 1935; information regarding the hospital, hospital policies, and training services provided by it, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results 1940–88 (at end of file), and correspondence relating to the examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, including
registration of Irish nurses in the UK, staffing issues; material relating to an application by the hospital to be recognised as a training hospital in 1934 and 1924, and relating to an inspection of the hospital in 1929; annual reports of the hospital for 1942, 1939, 1934, 1923.

Includes:

- Keogh to Anne M. Casey, matron, Barrington’s Hospital, informing her, after her inquiry, that since the removal of the marriage bar, married student nurses are to be treated in exactly the same way as single ones (17 December 1976, 1 p).
- Barrington’s Hospital and Limerick County Infirmary, nurse training scheme. Four year training programme for nurses, giving subjects covered and lecturers in each, and some general information (8 May 1929, 2 pp).

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c310 items

File on St John’s Hospital, Limerick

Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1975, 1962 (also Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin and Calvary Hospital, Galway), 1940, 1939; examination results 1940–86 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, secondments, staffing, registration; correspondence regarding the proposed amalgamation of the nursing school at St Johns and Barrington’s Hospital, Limerick, 1975–6; reports on block placements by student nurses from the hospital at Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin and Calvary Hospital, Galway, 1970–2, 1968, 1964; material relating to a group training scheme to be established between St John’s and Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin and Calvary Hospital, Galway, 1961–2; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a nurse training school, 1938–40, 1923–4; annual reports of the hospital, 1938, 1937, 1922; correspondence regarding an amalgamated nurse training scheme between St John’s Hospital, St Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin, and the Mercy Hospital, Cork, 1925–7; correspondence regarding an amalgamated nurse training scheme between St John’s Hospital and the District Hospital, Fermoy, 1924–5.

Includes:

- Sister Mildred O’Sullivan, principal tutor, St John’s Hospital, to Miss Meehan, [INO], objecting to the actions of the nurse tutors section of the INO and disassociating herself from the decision [to go on strike]. Will offer to help An Bord Altranais in conducting the forthcoming examinations (30 August 1980, 1 p).
c245 items

File on the Regional Hospital, Limerick
Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1969 and 1955, along with material provided by the hospital giving statistical information, hospital policies and training services provided by it, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1957–86 (at end of file), and correspondence relating to the examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, student transfers, registration; correspondence (1976, 1982) between the General Nursing Council of England and Wales, An Bord Altranais, and the Regional Hospital, Limerick concerning the continual practice of submitting a standard pre-written form followed by the hospital in seeking registration for nurses in England.
Includes:
- D. J. Doherty, chief executive, Mid-Western Health Board, to Sister Monica, Principal Tutor, Regional Hospital, Limerick, instructing her that the proper name of the nursing school in the Mid-Western Health Board is 'School of Nursing, Limerick', not 'Limerick School of Nursing', and that this syntax is to be applied to the hospitals in the region (2 June 1994, 1 p).
- Progress report on the establishment of a central nurse training school [in the Mid-Western Health Board region]. Gives brief details of proceedings at six meetings, June–December 1973, to discuss the establishment of a central training school. Three hospitals are mentioned, but only St John's Hospital, Limerick and the Regional Hospital, Limerick are named (21 December 1973, 2 pp).
- Architectural drawing of an assembly hall, classrooms, stores and convent at the nurses’ home, Regional Hospital, Limerick. By Patrick J. Sheahan and Partners, Limerick (March 1970, 1 p).

P220/366 1921–59
c250 items

File on Galway Central Hospital, and other Galway health institutions
File on Galway Central Hospital, whose functions were transferred to Galway Regional Hospital in 1956. Also includes some correspondence between An Bord Altranais and Galway County Council, the Western Health Institutions Board/Galway Public Health Department/Galway County Board of Health, and the Western Regional Sanatorium. File contains: correspondence regarding student nurse training, examinations, absenteeism, discipline, transfers; correspondence regarding staffing, registration; correspondence between An Bord Altranais and
Galway County Council regarding trainee nurse numbers, 1956–8; correspondence regarding the application by the Western Regional Sanatorium for recognition as a training school for the post-registration diploma in tuberculosis nursing, 1954–5; correspondence regarding Galway Central Hospital’s application for recognition as a fever and general nurse training hospital, 1925–6.

Includes:
- A sailor’s sick berth ratings proficiency certificate, given to show proficiency in tending the sick aboard a ship, for Frederick McCarthy, from the Devonport port division (1917–21, 1 p).

1938–97
59 items

File on Galway Regional Hospital/University College Hospital, Galway, and other Galway hospitals
Galway Regional Hospital was renamed University College Hospital, Galway, in 1980s. This file also contains some material from Merlin Park Hospital. In the 1980s, Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Hospital were grouped together as Galway Regional Hospitals. File contains inspection reports and related material from 1983 (Galway Regional Hospitals), 1980 (Merlin Park Hospital), 1979 (Galway Regional Hospital), 1971 (Galway Regional Hospital), 1969 (Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Hospital), 1968 (Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Hospital), 1965 (Galway Regional Hospital), 1957 (Galway Regional Hospital), 1956 (Galway Regional Hospital), 1955 (Western Regional Sanatorium), 1954 (Western Regional Sanatorium), 1938 (Galway Central Hospital); training and educational material, including detailed learning objectives for student general nurses at West Galway Psychiatric Service (not dated); correspondence relating to nurse training, registration, absenteeism, examinations; annual report of Galway Regional Hospitals from 1987; correspondence relating to the provision of joint training facilities in Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park Hospital, January–April 1969.

1960–90
C180 items

File on Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, and other Galway hospitals
The hospital at Merlin Park in Galway was built as the Western Regional Sanatorium in 1948 and served as such until the late 1960s, when it became a geriatric and orthopaedic hospital, and was renamed Merlin Park Regional Hospital, later offering other specialities. The earlier documents in this file relate to the
Western Regional Sanatorium, but a good deal of material also relates to Galway Regional Hospital, which was to become University College Hospital, Galway. Some material also consists of correspondence with the Western Health Board (WHB), whose offices were in Merlin Park Hospital. File contains: Merlin Park Hospital training school questionnaire from 1990; inspection report and related material for Galway Regional Hospital from September 1971; correspondence regarding nurse training, transfers and discipline (mainly for Galway Regional Hospital); correspondence regarding staffing issues (mainly for the Western Regional Sanatorium), 1960–3; correspondence with the WHB regarding overcrowding at Galway Hospitals, October 1971–January 1973; correspondence between An Bord Altranais and Galway Regional Hospital regarding students at the hospital undertaking some training at the Western Regional Sanatorium and correspondence regarding the application of the Western Regional Sanatorium for recognition as a nurse training school, January–October 1968; annual reports of the Western Regional Sanatorium, 1967 and 1968.

Includes:
- Letter from Sister M. Kiernan, matron, Galway Regional Hospital, to Keogh, enclosing a copy letter (29 January 1964, 1 p) from the Secretary for Education of Nyasaland (Malawi) inquiring about entrance requirements for nurse training in Ireland and requesting that places be reserved for students from Nyasaland who will be sponsored by the government there (7 February 1964, 2 pp).

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1940–88

125 items

Galway hospitals, examination results
File of examination results for Galway Regional Hospital (1957–88), Galway Central Hospital (1940–56), Western Regional Sanatorium (1956–64).

P220/370
1948–90

400 items

File on Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway
Speech given [by James Keogh?] at a prize-giving ceremony at Portiuncula Hospital, referring to the numbers taking up nursing and the effects of the financial crisis, the removal of the marriage bar, and EEC regulations for nursing (12 October 1976, 2 pp).

Copy letter from Anne Black to the secretary, Department of Health, in relation to an application by Portiuncula Private Hospital for recognition as a nurse training school. The General Nursing Council forbids nurses to be trained on private patients, and does not consider that the new hospital to be built at Portiuncula will be able to fulfil the conditions necessary for recognition. Gives some conditions whereby it might become an affiliated training school (10 February 1949, 2 pp).

File on the County and City Infirmary, Waterford
Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1978, 1964, 1960 and 1959, along with supporting information provided by the hospital and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1939–85 (at end of file), including results from Waterford County Hospital from 1940–8, and correspondence regarding the examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration issues, including the registration of Irish-trained nurses in the UK, staffing issues; correspondence regarding EEC nurse training directives, August–October 1978; annual reports for 1982, 1980, 1977, 1936; material relating to the establishment of a nurse training school with the Waterford Health Authority, 1956–60; material relating to inspections of the hospital in 1960 and the unsuccessful application by Waterford County Hospital for recognition as a nurse training school in 1955.

Includes:
- Newspaper cutting [from a Waterford local newspaper], giving details on the proposed new Waterford County Hospital, costing £129,000, to be paid for from the Hospitals Sweeps Fund (30 October 1937, 1 p).
- Draft scheme for training of nurses of Waterford County and City Infirmary and Waterford Union Hospital, stating that the two institutions are to be regarded as one general nurse training school. Gives regulations for probationers, details regarding training and examinations, and provision for certification and recognition of training (10 March 1902, 1 p).
P220/372 1953–88

c130 items

File on Waterford Regional Hospital, Ardkeen, Waterford
Before 1959 this hospital was known as Ardkeen Chest Hospital.
Material from 1953–8 refers to the County Hospital, John’s Hill, Waterford.
Includes:

- R. G. Strachan, tutor, Ardkeen Hospital, to Mrs O’Donnell, education officer, An Bord Altranais. The hospital is investigating the feasibility of using a computer to store student data, and asks for their advice on this (30 June 1983, 1 p).

P220/373 1919–81

c375 items

File on Wexford County Hospital, Wexford
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1970, 1959, 1956, 1954, 1948; examination results from 1943–72 and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding professional competencies of nurses; correspondence regarding student nurses on issues such as training, absenteeism, transfers; material regarding nurse training and education; correspondence and material relating to the acceptance of probationer nurses by the Mercy Hospital, Cork, for the completion of their training, 1929–48.
Includes:

- Secretary, Wexford County Council, to An Bord Altranais. Due to a fall in the number of vocations the Wexford County Hospital proposes to take in lay staff for training as nurses, not just nursing sisters of the St John of God Order, as previously (7 April 1970, 1 p).
- Wexford County Infirmary, financial statement for the year ended 31 March 1919. Gives receipts from the county council, paying patients, subscriptions and interest on dividends, and expenditure on salaries, patient maintenance and medicines. Also includes financial figures for 1913, 1914, 1918 and 1919 (24 January 1920, 1 p).
- Annual report of Wicklow County Infirmary, for year ended 5 January 1919, giving financial details, subscribers to the Infirmary, lists of governors and some other details ([1919], 3 pp).
File on our Lady of Lourdes General and Maternity Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1957, 1945; examination results from 1949–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse and midwife training, registration (including several inquiries regarding the registration of African–trained nurses and midwives in Ireland), staffing, discipline, transfers, absenteeism; correspondence regarding student exchange between Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and St Loman’s Psychiatric Hospital, Mullingar, 1969; copy affiliation agreements between Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Jervis Street Hospital, St Vincent’s Hospital and the Mater Hospital, Dublin, 1945; applications by nurses in the hospital for positions as lecturers and nurse tutors, 1942–6; much material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a midwifery and nurse training school, 1941–9.
Includes:

- Keogh to Dr T. Gregg, Lady of Lourdes Hospital, informing him that An Bord Altranais do not wish to open a division of the nursing register to allow for a certificate in rehabilitation nursing, but that if he is willing to organise such a course, they will reconsider the matter in twelve months time (22 December 1969, 1 p).
- Extract of a letter from Sister M. Xaverius, Addis Ababa. They are having difficulty getting the Ethiopian nursing ministry to recognise a nursing certificate written in Irish (10 March 1965, 1 p).

File on St Mary’s Hospital, Drumcar, Dunleer, County Louth
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981, 1959; examination results from 1960–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism.

File on Mayo County Hospital, Castlebar, County Mayo
Contains: correspondence regarding the establishment and building of a nurse training school at the hospital, 1972–4,
other correspondence regarding a proposed nurse training school at the hospital 1967–70; inspection reports and related material from 1969, 1962 and 1949; correspondence between the General Nursing Council and the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding nurse training at Mayo County Hospital 1937–8.

Includes:

- Draft speech at prize-giving at St Mary’s Psychiatric Hospital, Castlebar. Notes popularity of nursing as a career and the difficulty in selecting candidates. Asserts that ‘nurse training must be seen as a branch of 3rd level education’ (9 December 1975, 4 pp).

- Mr P. C. Bresnihan, Mayo County Surgeon, to Mr P. J. Cannon, County Clinic, Castlebar, regarding the establishment of a nurse training school in Mayo. Describes how the County Hospital can be brought up to An Bord Altranais standards. Includes copy of part of a previous letter from Bresnihan giving the benefits of such a school, as ‘the county at large would benefit as the girls who have to go to England for training could possibly be trained at home, and generally it would be a very satisfactory thing’ (15 April 1959, 3 pp).

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1986–2001

23 items

File on Sligo General Hospital, Sligo

Contains: examination results from 1993–2001, 1986; correspondence relating to linking the school of nursing in Sligo General Hospital with St Angela’s College Sligo and Letterkenny Regional Technical College, 1996; questionnaire on nurse training policies and rules completed by Sligo General Hospital school of nursing, May 1992; patient admission forms and notes on patient classification.

### P220/378

1980–5

39 items

File on Letterkenny General Hospital, Letterkenny, County Donegal

Contains: inspection reports from 1980 and 1983, with correspondence and related material; examination results from 1982–5.
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1981–4

8 items

File on Tralee General Hospital, County Kerry
Contains: correspondence and minutes of meetings regarding the transfer of student nurses from Cork Regional Hospital; inspection report and related material from 1983; details of the facilities in the hospital and architectural plans of the hospital buildings.

4.2.3. Psychiatric Hospital Files, 1920–2004

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1925–85

c555 items

File on St Brendan’s Psychiatric Hospital, Rathdown Road, Dublin
Before 1959 this hospital was known as Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and before 1943 Grangegorman Hospital also included the facility at Portrane, County Dublin. File contains: inspection report and related material from 1972, 1976, 1981; training school questionnaires from 1972, 1961, 1956, 1935 (also one for Portrane Mental Hospital); examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, staffing, industrial relations, registration, including correspondence concerning lack of training facilities for male psychiatric nurses in general hospitals, 1973–4; training and educational material; some correspondence and examination results from Portrane Mental Hospital, 1935–43; material relating to the hospitals' applications for recognition as psychiatric nurse training schools, 1935.
Includes:
- Memorandum submitted to Professor Browne, from Dr Ward’s work with the nursing education committee at St Brendan’s. Nurse training needs to take precedence over using student nurses as additional labour. A position of senior nurse tutor should be created, not under the authority of the hospital head of nursing. Student nurses to be considered supernumerary by the local authority. Postgraduate psychiatric nurse training course to be considered (12 February 1971, 2 pp).
- Keogh to Miss M. Glennon, matron, St Brendan’s Hospital, referring to the An Bord Altranais inspection of St Brendan’s hospital, which found that ‘methods taught in the classroom did not appear to be put into practice in the wards’, and that a lack of commitment to student training was leading to ‘a definite air of apathy’ (25 February 1977, 1 p).
- Copy of a newspaper cutting from the Sunday People
newspaper alleging that a male nurse working at St Brendan’s hospital administered overdoses of drugs to psychiatric patients, sent by Richard Bennett, chief nursing officer, St Brendan’s, to An Bord Altranais (November 1979, 2 pp).

P220/381 1943–85

C300 items

File on St Ita’s Psychiatric Hospital, Portrane, County Dublin

Before 1959 this hospital was known as Portrane Mental Hospital. File contains: inspection reports from 1982, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1961 with related correspondence and material; examination results and related correspondence 1943–85; material regarding nurse training and education; correspondence regarding trainee nurses, staffing issues, registration.

Includes:

- Additional report on the June 1981 inspection of St Ita’s, by Vincent Breheny, assistant education officer, An Bord Altranais. Detailed report on the conditions within the hospital, with extensive use of reference material and comparisons. The report is extremely critical of conditions at the hospital, and of almost every aspect of staffing and education there. Describes practices such as electroconvulsive therapy and chair fastening, notes that many areas are ‘drab and depressing’ (p. 5), and compares one ward to a concentration camp, wherein ‘the student psychiatric nurse of 1981 has nothing beneficial, good or positive to learn in a hell hole like this’. (p. 11). Describes nurse education in the hospital as using ‘a medieval model of illness’ (p. 17) ([1981], 28 pp).

- Confidential memorandum by An Bord Altranais visiting committee for St Ita’s Hospital. Description by M. N. McGuinness, medical superintendent, St Ita’s, of a strike by psychiatric nurses in the hospital, 6 October–14 November 1977, with his views on the continuing effects of the strike on patient care, hospital structures and discipline, and the role of the union. Includes copies of union letters and other correspondence relating to the strike (16 November 1977, 12 pp).

- V. Molony, director of mental handicap, Eastern Health Board, to Keogh, inviting him to the first National Indoor Games for the Mentally Handicapped, to be held at St Ita’s on 2 April 1977 (March 1977, 1 p).

- Hospital review of St Ita’s Hospital, mainly concerned with staffing practices at the hospital in the changed psychiatric nursing environment, with criticisms of rota management, non-specialisation, and lack of staff. Calls for the division of the hospital into specialised ‘functional areas’ that can be managed by more specialised staff ([October 1975], 9 pp).
P220/382  1925–85
c360 items

File on St John of God’s Psychiatric Hospital, Stillorgan, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981, 1978, 1972, 1957, 1935, 1934; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence related to examinations; training and educational material, including material on the combined general and psychiatric nursing four-year course, 1971–2, and the advanced psychiatric nursing course, 1972; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, transfers, registration, staffing; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935, 1925–6, the latter including correspondence with the Provincial of the Hospitallers in Lyon, France and the municipal authorities there.
Includes:
 Brother Bernadine Edwards to Keogh. in his capacity as editor of Caritas, the magazine of the Hospitaller order in Ireland, informing him of changes to the content and format of the magazine. Asks him to bring the magazine to the notice of public health nurses ‘as there are always so many domestic problems they deal with’ (27 April 1970, 1 p).
 E. M. Ashe, sister tutor, St John of God’s, to Keogh, asking for information on prospects for male nurses in Ireland, as most of their male nurses go to England to receive general training after their psychiatric training (23 April 1964, 1 p).
 History of the Irish Brothers of St John of God since 1877 when they opened a house for crippled children in County Tipperary, noting their houses in Dublin, Louth and Kildare, and their missions in Australia, New Zealand and Korea ([1957], 2 pp).

P220/383  1953–85
c180 items

File on St Loman’s Psychiatric Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin
Until 1961 this facility was known as Ballyowen Sanatorium.
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1980, 1976, 1973; examination results from 1979–85, 1953–8, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, staffing; material regarding an application by St Loman’s for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1973.
Includes:
 Résumé of St Loman’s Hospital, giving a brief history and description of the hospital, prepared for the visiting members of An Bord Altranais. The hospital originally opened as Ballyowen Sanatorium in 1950, and was opened as an acute psychiatric hospital in 1961. Relates expansion of the hospital
during the 1960s, with local centres in Crumlin and the Phoenix Park, and on-site children’s facilities. Lists members of the medical staff ([1973], 3 pp).

- Memorandum by Paul McCarthy, senior child psychiatrist, St Loman’s, to An Bord Altranais psychiatric nursing committee, noting the need for more in-patient units for autistic children in Ireland, and the inadequate staffing situation at St Loman’s currently the only unit in the country. There is a need to train proper child care therapists. Recommends establishing a post-registration nursing course in child psychiatry, to be taken by psychiatric and paediatric nurses (10 December 1968, 3 pp).

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1925–1985  
c210 items  

File on St Patrick’s Psychiatric Hospital, James Street, Dublin  
Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1973 and 1957, with information regarding the hospital, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1939–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence on nurse training, absenteeism, transfers; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935–6.  
Includes:  
- Richard Leeper, medical superintendent, St Patrick’s, to Anne Black, complaining that the General Nursing Council will not recognise their institution at Lucan as a teaching hospital, and that this will disorganise their staffing arrangements. Assures the Council that the methods used at St Edmonsbury, including the ‘treatment of mental disease by diathermy and electrical methods’, are the most modern in Ireland, and is willing to arrange a demonstration (4 February 1936, 1 p).

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1923–85  
c260 items  

File on St Vincent’s Psychiatric Hospital, Fairview, Dublin  
Contains: inspection reports from 1983, 1977, 1973, 1957, 1941, and related material; examination results from 1942–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence on nurse training, registration, absenteeism, transfers, staffing; correspondence (1968–77) regarding the proposed interchange of general and psychiatric nursing students between St Vincent’s and the Mater Hospital; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1939–41, 1923.
File on Our Lady's Psychiatric Hospital, Cork
Before 1959 known as Cork District Mental Hospital. Contains: inspection reports and other (mainly educational) material for St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, Cork, St Kevin’s Hospital, Shanakiel, Cork, Ravenscourt Day Hospital, Cork, and St Anne's Hospital, Cork (all psychiatric), 1989; inspection reports and related material for Our Lady's Hospital from 1980, 1975, 1959, 1957; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, staffing, transfers, industrial relations; training and educational material.
Includes:
- General Nursing Council nurse training school questionnaire for the Auxiliary Mental Hospital, Youghal, County Cork, giving details on patient numbers and conditions, as part of an application for the school to be recognised as a mental nurse training school (17 August 1949, 5 pp).

File on St Stephen’s Psychiatric Hospital, Glanmire, Cork
Before 1967 this was a tuberculosis hospital under the auspices of the Cork Sanatoria Board. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1975, 1959, 1956; correspondence regarding the training of female psychiatric nurses from Our Lady’s Hospital, Cork, 1972, at St Stephen’s, 1972; correspondence regarding trainee nurses on issues such as training, registration; correspondence and material regarding an application by St Stephen’s for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training hospital, 1967; educational and training material; examination results, 1957–62; correspondence and material regarding the application by the hospital to be recognised as a tuberculosis nurse training school, 1955–6.

File on St Joseph’s Psychiatric Hospital, Limerick
Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Limerick. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1985, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1956; examination results from 1940–85 and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, transfers, registration,
staffing; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

P220/389
1935–2004

c320 items

File on Our Lady’s Psychiatric Hospital, Ennis, County Clare
Before 1960 known as Ennis District Mental Hospital. Contains:
inspection reports and related material from 1985, 1981, 1976,
1971, 1968, 1956; examination results from 1942–85, and
correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence
regarding nurse training, absenteeism, transfers, registration,
staffing.
Includes:
- Advertisement from the Sunday Tribune for the sale of Our
  Lady’s Hospital, Ennis, on a site of 14.371 acres (3 October
  2004, 1 p).
- Patrick J. Power, medical superintendent, Our Lady’s, to the
  doctors and nurses working in the hospital, informing them of
  new procedures with regard to the keeping of patient records.
  These involve making proper records of detailed physical and
  mental examinations on admittance, noting injuries and
  personal property, ongoing clinical assessments, whether the
  patient is a ward of court, and injuries and deaths of patients
  (14 May 1981, 3 pp).
- Newspaper cutting noting the reasons given by the Minister for
  Local Government for the abolition of Clare County Council,
  including its financial position and rate collection, and the
  delays in the improvement and expansion of the Clare Mental
  Hospital ([April 1942], 1 p).

P220/390
1981–5

47 items

File on Mid–Western Health Board, regional psychiatric services
Concerned with inspection reports of St Joseph’s Hospital,
Limerick and Our Lady’s Hospital Ennis, both psychiatric nurse
training hospitals, during November 1985, March–April 1985 and
October 1981. All of these reports were very critical of both
general and teaching standards in the two hospitals, and
proposed closing the nurse training facilities. Contains
 correspondence and minutes of meetings pertaining to the
 inspections, the inspection reports themselves, and
 questionnaires and other information submitted by the two
 hospitals prior to the inspections, which give much information
 on hospital facilities, staff and patient numbers, therapies and
 treatments offered, and educational and training material.
Includes:

- Summary of reports by An Bord Altranais inspectors of St Joseph’s Hospital, Limerick and Our Lady’s Hospital, Ennis. Reports on generally unsatisfactory conditions in the training facilities of both hospitals, and names two wards in Our Lady’s and five in St Joseph’s that must be immediately improved before student nurses are assigned to them. Gives recommendations regarding facilities, patient treatment and privacy, and the administration of drugs. Notes that the lacuna between the theory taught to the student nurses and their experience in the hospitals means that ‘confusion, disenchantment and possible resentment are the only fruits which will be sure to grow in their fertile minds’ ([November 1981], 2 pp).

P220/391 1925–85

File on St Otteran’s Psychiatric Hospital, Waterford
Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Waterford, and from 1985 the Regional Psychiatric Nurse Training School at St Otteran’s, Waterford. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1980, 1977, 1975, 1964; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism and leave, registration, staffing, industrial relations, transfers; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1936.

Includes:

- Report, by assistant education officer Vincent Breheny, of a meeting held on 29 February 1984 between representatives of An Bord Altranais and members of the South Eastern Health Board, regarding the rationalisation of psychiatric nurse training schools in the health board area. Mainly concerning the merging of the training school at St Canice’s Hospital, Kilkenny, with that of St Otteran’s. Discussions on issues such as management transport of students, teaching staff. Report concludes that rationalisation expected by An Bord Altranais was unlikely to occur in the near future (1 March 1984, 5 pp).

P220/392 1927–83

File on Belmont Park Psychiatric Hospital, Waterford,
Before 1967 known as St Patrick’s Mental Hospital, Belmont Park, Waterford. Contains: inspection report and related material from 1956; correspondence regarding trainee nurses on issues
such as training, registration, fees; correspondence regarding staffing issues; examination results, 1938–77, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding the proposed scheme to allow the Brothers of Charity at Belmont Park complete their training at Waterford County Hospital, 1956; material regarding applications by the hospital to be recognised as a nurse training school, 1934–6, 1927.

P220/393 1925–85  c290 items

File on St Canice’s Psychiatric Hospital, Kilkenny
Before 1960 known as the District Mental Hospital, Kilkenny. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1980, 1977; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, transfers, registration; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

Includes:
- J. A. Cooney, programme manager, special hospitals, South Eastern Health Board, to Noel Daly, regarding the proposed centralisation of psychiatric nurse training in the health board region in St Otteran’s Hospital, Waterford. The Psychiatric Nurses Association at St Canice’s will not co-operate with the merger, and this will lead to problems in training any students remaining at that hospital (22 June 1983, 2 pp).
- Newspaper cutting from national Sunday newspaper. Columnist from unidentified newspaper, writing on the issue of electro-convulsive therapy in hospitals. Recounts allegations that nurses perform this treatment and that doctors are not present. Further allegations of drug-testing on psychiatric patients ‘after doctors have been treated to “slap-up” meals and nights out at the expense of drug companies’ (20 January 1980, 1 p).

P220/394 1925–2005  c340 items

File on St Columba’s Psychiatric Hospital, Sligo
Before 1960 known as the District Mental Hospital, Sligo. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1982, 1970, 1956; training and educational material; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, student nurse discipline, registration, staffing.

Includes:
- Press cutting from unidentified publication, regarding the
Clarion Hotel, Sligo, which occupies the former site and buildings of St Columba’s Hospital, built in 1848 (June 2005, 1 p).

P220/395 1925–85

C285 items

File on St Dympna’s Psychiatric Hospital, Carlow
Before 1960 known as the District Mental Hospital, Carlow.
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1980, 1977, 1970, 1958; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material; correspondence regarding nurse training, industrial relations, secondments, absenteeism, registration, transfers, staffing; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

P220/396 1925–85

C355 items

File on St Finan’s Psychiatric Hospital, Killarney, County Kerry
Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Killarney.
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981, 1970; examination results 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; material on nurse training and education; material on Ravenscourt Day Hospital, Cork, and Our Lady’s Hospital, Cork, 1980; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, discipline, absenteeism.
Includes:
- Secretary’s report at the first annual general meeting of the regional educational committee, apparently for counties Cork and Kerry. Notes six meeting held, June 1979–February 1980. Notes on nurse recruitment, study sessions for qualified nurses, mental handicap nurse training, post–graduate nurse training. Includes list of members of the committee ([1980], 3 pp).
- Kathleen Casey, secretary, St Finan’s, to Keogh. The hospital wishes to institute a hospital badge, and asks him to contact the chief herald regarding this. Notes that the hospital is named after St Finan, a monk from the monastery on Inishfallen Island in one of the Lakes of Killarney (19 January 1973, 1 p).
- Dr Éamonn N. M. O’Sullivan, respliant medical superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Killarney, to Keogh. Has discussed the details of the ethics and psychology course with the bishop and resident chaplain, Fr John Murphy. Fr O’Keefe has been appointed to give the lectures, and O’Sullivan enquires regarding his remuneration. Has found a

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1935–85

c400 items

File on St Brigid’s Psychiatric Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway

Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981, 1975, 1971, 1956; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, transfers, registration, staffing; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

Includes:

- Report of the Western Health Board Committee on the rehabilitation service at St Brigid’s Hospital. Examines the need for rehabilitation services in the hospital. Recommends the appointment of occupational therapists and the establishment of workshops and small enterprises (April 1979, 29 pp).
- Report of the Western Heath Board working party on the sub-division of St Brigid’s. Gives brief history of the hospital since its opening in 1833 and the present needs. Recommends the establishment of an adult mentally handicapped section, a psycho-geriatric unit, and the organisation of three specific therapeutic teams (March 1977, 20 pp).
- Training school questionnaire for Castlerea Branch Mental Hospital. The hospital is affiliated with Ballinasloe Mental Hospital. Gives details on nurse training facilities, numbers and statistical information (13 November 1941, 5 pp).

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1935–85

c320 items

File on St Luke’s Psychiatric Hospital, Clonmel, County Tipperary


Includes:

- Nora Doherty, sister tutor, St Luke’s, to Keogh, regarding a
threatened strike at the hospital by the Psychiatric Nurses Association. Attached is a newspaper cutting referring to a letter sent to the editor of a local newspaper by nurse Helen Brett, which complains of the influence of the Psychiatric Nurses Association and the dangers posed to patients by a strike (25 January 1974, 3 pp).

- Anne Black to Mr Michael J. Ryan, Clonmel branch secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers Union, informing him about the method of election and electoral procedures to the General Nursing Council. J. J. Mullin, representative for male psychiatric nurses was returned unopposed. Three candidates, B. Sharkey, E. M. Delany and E. Cooke, are standing for election as the female psychiatric nurse representative (25 November 1938, 1 p).

- J. J. Harding, Irish Mental Hospital Workers’ Union, Clonmel branch, to W. Reidy, registrar, General Nursing Council, enclosing a cutting from the Derry Journal (not present) which notes that Letterkenny Mental Hospital has appointed a stonemason named Blake, who has no nursing qualification, to the position of head attendant. Asks that the council take up this issue with the Local Government Board (12 April 1924, 2 pp).

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1925–85

c430 items

File on St Loman’s Psychiatric Hospital, Mullingar, County Westmeath

Before 1960 known as the District Mental Hospital, Mullingar. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1975, 1971; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration, staffing, industrial relations, transfers; correspondence regarding recipients of the Eleanor Finegan Prize for candidates achieving the highest examination results in the hospital, 1953–62; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

Includes:

- Dr Brian McCaffrey, senior psychiatrist, St Loman’s, to Keogh, raising his concern at the continued use of the terms ‘quiet wards’ and ‘disturbed wards’ in the new curriculum for psychiatric nursing. Quotes from articles on the phenomenon of institutionalisation in medical journals (20 August 1968, 2 pp).

- Entrance examination for probationer nurses entering the District Mental Hospital, Mullingar, designed to test the candidates’ general knowledge. Includes basic spelling and grammar, maths, and composition on such subjects as Brian Boru, General Franco, ‘Town versus Country life’ (30 March 1938, 1 p).
P220/400 1924–2004

c215 items

File on St Conal’s Psychiatric Hospital, Letterkenny, County Donegal
Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Letterkenny. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1982, 1972, 1963, 1957; examination results from 1940–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; training and educational material, including for proposed postgraduate psychiatric nurse courses and workshops, 1980–1; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration; course outlines for psychiatric nursing courses from Cregg House, Sligo (1984) and UCG (1985), for an accident and emergency course from The Charitable Institution, Jervis Street, Dublin (not dated), and for coronary care nursing from the Mater Hospital; Promotional material and correspondence relating to the commemoration of 80 years of nurse training in Letterkenny, 2004.
Includes:
▪ Newspaper cutting relating to a strike at Letterkenny Mental Hospital. Gives the views of the strike committee on the strike, which they say is over pay, appointments and union recognition ([May 1924], 1 p).

P220/401 1925–86

c315 items

File on St Mary’s Psychiatric Hospital, Castlebar, County Mayo
Before 1959 known as the District Mental Hospital, Castlebar. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1982, 1971, 1970, 1960, 1956; examination results from 1938–86, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration, industrial relations, staffing; training and educational material; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935–6.
Includes:
▪ Speech given [in St Mary’s Hospital?] at the visit of An Bord Altranais visiting committee. Refers to the good results obtained by candidates from the hospital at the May 1970 examinations. Addresses the need for integrated training schools, and points out that Mayo County Hospital in Castlebar is willing to join with the hospital to establish such a school. This is particularly necessary as ‘our own nursing school is very inadequate’ (21 July 1970, 2 pp).
▪ Dr Michael J. Gilvarry, medical superintendent, St Mary’s, to Keogh. The hospital has incurred expenses in entertaining the Minister for Health that have put them over budget. Asks for £25 to defray this (10 November 1966, 1 p).
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- Miss M. McHugh, for the female mental nurses, District Mental Hospital, Castlebar to Anne Black, enquiring as to why trained female mental nurses, despite their recognised training, are still termed ‘attendants’ (1 June 1947, 2 pp).

P220/402

1925–84

c280 items

File on St Fintan’s Psychiatric Hospital, Portlaoise, County Laois

Before 1960 known as Portlaoighise District Mental Hospital. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1978, 1971, 1959; training and educational material; examination results from 1938–84, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, staffing, industrial relations; material regarding the educational committee study group in St Fintan’s established to encourage change in the hospital, August 1978; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

Includes:

- Speech given [by Keogh?] at a prize–giving ceremony at St Fintan’s, regarding psychiatric nursing, and notes the development of community psychiatric nursing, the advisory committee on EEC directives, and the working party committee on general nursing (7 November 1979, 2 pp).

P220/403

1935–85

c315 items

File on St Senan’s Psychiatric Hospital, Enniscorthy, County Wexford

Before 1959 known as the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1980, 1975, 1971, 1956; examination results from 1938–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, absenteeism, transfers; educational and training material; correspondence regarding staffing issues; annual reports of the hospital from 1934 and 1979; material regarding the hospital’s application to be recognised as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.
P220/404 1925–85

420 items

File on St Davnet’s Hospital, Monaghan
Before 1960 known as the District Mental Hospital, Monaghan. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1975, 1971, 1956; examination results from 1939–85, and correspondence relating to examinations, including cases of alleged cheating, 1951, 1950, 1940; correspondence regarding nurse training, registration, staffing; material regarding the hospital’s application to be recognised as a psychiatric nurse training school, 1935.

Includes:
- Submission [by J. V. Glass, resident medical superintendent, St Davenet’s] to the Monaghan county manager, regarding proposals made on psychiatric services in the area, mainly the effect of providing psychiatric short-stay units in general hospitals will have on psychiatric hospitals. Criticises this proposal in terms of its effect on administrations, nurse training, lecturing and medical care ([4 December 1968], 2 pp).
- J. V. Glass, Monaghan Mental Hospital, to Keogh. Notes that a certificate of good moral character is required for those sitting nursing examinations. This is difficult to provide, ‘as with the very considerable freedom for outside activities for staff which is common nowadays in mental hospitals ... even in cases where rumour suggests that they may not be of the best moral character, refusal to give the certificate, unless the matter can be proved up to the hilt, would possibly be actionable’ (1 March 1955, 1 p).

P220/405 1935–83

310 items

File on St Brigid’s Psychiatric Hospital, Ardee, County Louth
Before 1960 known as Ardee Mental Hospital. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981, 1975, 1971, 1967, 1963; material concerning nurse training and education; correspondence regarding trainee nurses on such issues as training, absenteeism, registration, industrial relations; examination results from 1938–76 and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding the withdrawal of the training school status of the hospital, 1972–5.

Includes:
- James J. Wilson, medical superintendent, St Brigid’s, to Keogh. Relates three incidents in which nursing staff at the hospital have allegedly damaged property in Ardee, administered a drug overdose to a patient, and neglected to administer prescribed medication to another patient. Such occurrences are frequent. Reiterates his call that the hospital
no longer be recognised as a nurse training school (16 October 1972, 1 p).

P220/406 1956–82

File on St Patrick’s Psychiatric Hospital, Castlerea, County Roscommon
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1982, 1971, 1959; training and educational material; examination results from 1959–82, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, registration.

P220/407 1923–83

File on Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital, County Wicklow
This file contains material on the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland from 1923–59. Thereafter, it was named Newcastle Hospital or Newcastle Sanatorium, which was closed in 1964, and material from 1966 onwards relates to Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital, Newcastle, County Wicklow. File contains: inspection reports and related material for 1983 and 1981, which include reports for St Brendan’s hospital unit in Newcastle Hospital, and also inspection reports for Newcastle Sanatorium in 1956 and the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland in 1948 and 1939; examination results and related correspondence for Newcastle Hospital and the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland from 1952 to 1962; correspondence and other material relating to the joint postgraduate psychiatric nursing course offered by Newcastle Hospital and St Brendan’s Hospital, Dublin, (1966–70); material regarding nurse training and issues regarding student nurses; registration issues; annual reports of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland from 1950, 1947, 1939, and 1937.
Includes:

- Comments by E. A. Dunphy, chief clerk of Newcastle Hospital, on the Report on Psychiatric Nursing Services of Health Authorities, sent to the Association of Secretaries of Psychiatric Hospitals, in response to a letter inviting views on Department of Health circular of 4 December 1970. Refer to recruitment and selection procedures for psychiatric nurses, training arrangements and facilities, organisational structures, roles and responsibilities, auxiliary nursing grades, rota systems, and community and preventative services (1 March 1977, 3 pp).
- M. A. Croker, secretary, Newcastle Hospital, to Keogh,
informing An Bord Altranais that due to low patient numbers, Newcastle Hospital is to close on 15 October (3 October 1963, 1 p).

- Croker to Keogh, informing him that the hospital board notes that An Bord Altranais has decided to discontinue the recruitment of student nurses for the sanatorium course (19 February 1957, 1 p).

4.4.4. Mental Handicap Centre Files, 1950–90

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1959–74

30 items

File on St Augustine’s Residential Special School, Blackrock, County Dublin
Contains material regarding nurse training and education, examination results and related correspondence, and registration issues.
Includes:
- Brother Bernadine Edwards, St John of God Brothers, Glenageary, County Dublin, to Keogh, writing as secretary to the Joint Committee on Mental Handicap, inquiring about the revision of the nurse training syllabus. The Committee is concerned that nurse training is becoming unsuitable for dealing with mildly mentally handicapped children (11 March 1974, 1 p).
- Draft guidelines for establishing a day nursery/special care centre for severely mentally retarded children, by St Augustine’s Residential Special School. Outlines what is needed in terms of accommodation and, staffing, ([July 1966], 4 pp).

P220/408

1959–85

c120 items

File on St Joseph’s Hospital, Clonsilla, County Dublin, and St Vincent’s, Navan Road, Dublin
Both hospitals are run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul and provide services for mentally handicapped children and adults. Contains: Inspection reports from 1985, 1981 and 1959; examination results from 1960–85 (at end of file) and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding educational and examination matters, leaves of absence, registration issues and other matters.
Includes:
- Sister Patricia Lynch, St Vincent’s, to Miss Kathleen Keane,
Chief Education Officer, An Bord Altranais. Thanks for their recent inspection. Asks for An Bord Altranais advice on the issue of nurses’ aides administering drugs, and the administration of drugs by non-qualified staff to patients who are living in the community (30 October 1985, 1 p).

File on St Michael’s House, Goatstown, Dublin
The file contains mainly material and correspondence relating to a proposed school of nursing to be opened at St Michael’s House, a provider of services to mentally handicapped children.

Includes:
- Brief for a mental handicap centre, to be built and run by St Michael’s House, at Ballymun, Dublin. Gives statistics on mental health needs and facilities in the Dublin area, and specifications for the proposed new facility ([1981], 75 pp).

File on Stewart’s Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1974, 1971, 1962; examination results from 1972–85, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, educational courses, absenteeism, registration, industrial relations, staffing.

Includes:
- H. St George Smith, medical superintendent, Stewart’s Hospital, to the General Nursing Council. Inquires as to whether the attendants at the hospital may gain qualifications, as has been done following a short examination in the past. Notes that Stewart’s Hospital is the only hospital ‘treating mental defectives which is not controlled by religious Orders’. Includes list of the male and female attendants, years of service and lectures attended (17 September 1952, 2 pp).
- Newspaper article from the Irish Independent recounting allegations that a nurse in Stewart’s Hospital had stolen food from the hospital that was intended for consumption by the patients (28 September 1982, 1 p).
P220/412  1959–78
24 items
File on Our Lady of Good Counsel, Residential Care Centre, Lota, Glanmire, County Cork
Contains correspondence regarding nurse training and registration, and inspection reports and related material from 1962 and 1959.

P220/413  1971–85
83 items
File on St Vincent’s Centre for the Mentally Handicapped, Lisnagry, County Limerick
Contains: inspection reports from 1983 and 1972, information regarding the facility, and correspondence pertaining to the inspections; examination results from 1973 to 1985, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse education and training, registration and staffing. Includes:
- Sister Mary Collins, St Vincent’s, to Keogh, thanking him for his help regarding their recent trip to Montreal and the USA (26 October 1972, 1 p).

P220/414  1977–85
75 items
File on Pope John Paul II Centre, Galway
The bulk of the file is concerned with inspection reports and the application by the centre to be a recognised training school for mental handicap nursing, which was approved in March 1983. Includes correspondence in connection with inspections, inspection reports from 1983 and 1985, material connected with nurse training programmes, general information about services provided by the centre, and examination results, 1982–5. Includes:
- Minutes of a meeting held in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, between representatives of the Western Health Board and the Irish Sisters of Charity, regarding the establishment of a training school for mentally handicap nursing at Ballybane Complex for Mentally Handicapped Persons (29 August 1979, 7 pp).
- Architectural drawing of proposed training centre at Ballybane in Galway by Simon J. Kelly and partners, architects, for the Irish Sisters of Charity (January 1979, 1 p).
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1966–85
c165 items

File on Sisters of La Sagresse services for the mentally handicapped, Cregg House, Sligo.
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1970 and 1966; examination results from 1968–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding educational and examination matters, transfers and leaves of absence for students, staffing and appointments.
Includes:

- Speech given [by James Keogh] at the silver jubilee celebration of the Montfort Sisters (La Sagresse) at Cregg House, Sligo. Refers to the original application by the school in 1966, and to the introduction of the new nursing syllabus, and to the need for ongoing care of the disabled during times of economic recession (20 June 1981, 5 pp).
- Sister Frances, Cregg House, to Keogh. Their original representative on the An Bord Altranais mentally handicapped nursing committee has had a breakdown in health and cannot attend. Asks that they be allowed to send a new representative, as ‘we in the West feel so cut off’ (14 February 1971, 1 p).
- Sister Joseph of Carmel, Cregg House, to Keogh, thanking him for An Bord Altranais’s decision to allow them establish a nurse training school at Cregg House, which ‘is going to be the means of keeping many young girls in the Country who would otherwise have gone over to England’ (2 October 1966, 2 pp).

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1959–86
75 items

File on the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, St Raphael’s, Celbridge mentally handicapped facility, County Kildare.
Contains inspection reports from 1985, 1981, 1974, and related material with much information on the facility, including samples of forms used; examination results, 1975–85, and correspondence regarding examinations; regarding nurse education, leaves of absence, and also some procedural material.
Includes:

- Table showing population of County Kildare towns, 1966–1976, projected to 1991, along with a map showing the catchment area for St Raphael’s ([1985], 2 pp).
P220/417
1968–85
56 items
File on St Anne’s Training School, Moore Abbey, Monasterevin, County Kildare
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1982 and 1968; examination results from 1969–85, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence and related material concerning nurse training.

4.4.5. Sick Children’s Hospital Files, 1924–89

P220/418
1924–88
c335 items
File on the National Children’s Hospital, Harcourt Street, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1985, 1983, 1977, 1972; hospital policy documents (e.g. infection policy, disinfection policy, major incident plan), 1980–8; correspondence regarding the lack of paediatric surgical experience for nurses training at the hospital, and the future of nurse training there, 1983; correspondence regarding a study visit to Ireland by a group of Iraqi student nurses, 1979–80; training and educational material; examination results from 1941–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, staffing, absenteeism, registration, transfers, student exchange; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a sick children’s nurse training school, 1938, 1924.

P220/419
1956–83
c375 items
File on Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1956; training and educational material, including several syllabi for proposed postgraduate paediatric courses, 1979–82; examination results from 1958–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, staffing, registration; much material concerning the introduction of an integrated general and sick children’s nursing course, 1968–79, including proposed syllabi, teaching plans, correspondence, minutes, memoranda; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a sick children’s nurse training school, 1956.
P220/420  1934–89

>245 items

File on Temple Street Children’s Hospital, Dublin Also known as St Joseph’s Children’s Hospital, Temple Street. Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983 and [1958]; training and educational material; examination results from 1941–85 (at end of file), and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training, absenteeism, placements, transfers, salaries; material relating to the hospital’s application for recognition as a sick children’s nurse training school, 1938; annual report of the hospital, 1934. Includes:

- Report on a scheme for an integrated general and sick children’s four-year nursing course submitted by Temple Street Children’s Hospital, reported on by Sister Concepta and Miss Walsh. The course is compared with that proposed for Our Lady’s Hospital, Crumlin, and the students are to receive general training at St Vincent’s Hospital. Gives some recommendations regarding length of study and training blocks and specialities (5 November 1970, 1 p).

4.4.6. Tuberculosis, Fever and Polio Hospital Files, 1923–85

P220/421  1930–56

58 items

File on Crooksling Sanatorium, Brittas, County Dublin Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1956 and 1939; material regarding the Sanatorium’s application for recognition as a nurse training school from 1930–41, examination results, 1948–56, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding nurse training and registration.

Includes:

- R. Walker, secretary, Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland, to Anne Black, noting a press announcement that the Council are to establish a supplementary register for tuberculosis nursing, and whether they are to issue a special syllabus for this (29 March 1945, 1 p).
- Arthur J. Walsh, medical superintendent, Crooksling Sanatorium, to Anne Black, asking whether the General Nursing Council will recognise a proposed new sanatorium, intended to replace Crooksling, as a preliminary training school for probationer nurses (16 May 1941, 1 p).
P220/422 1948–79
93 items

File on St Mary’s Chest Hospital, Phoenix Park, Dublin
Contains: inspection reports from 1978, 1974, 1970, 1951, 1950; correspondence regarding nurse training, secondments and registration, hospital practices; educational and training material; examination results from 1950–60; correspondence regarding the recognition of St Mary’s as a nurse training school, 1950–1.
Includes:
- N. M. Cahalin, matron, St Mary’s, to Keogh, informing him that the hospital is no longer a training school for the tuberculosis certificate (31 January 1962, 1 p).
- M. A. Kelly, matron, St Mary’s, to Keogh. Wishes to apply for recognition as a training school for the new Dublin Regional Sanatorium, to be opened in Abbotstown (4 May 1955, 1 p).

P220/423 1938–75
c160 items

File on Peamount Hospital, Newcastle, County Dublin
This hospital was called Peamount Sanatorium up to 1962.
Contains: some examination results from 1946–71, and correspondence relating to examinations; correspondence relating to the closure of the sanatorium nurses’ division of the nursing register, 1957; annual reports of the sanatorium from 1949, 1946, 1941; correspondence regarding nurse training and student nurses; registration issues, including recognition of the UK tuberculosis nurse training certificate; material regarding an inspection of the sanatorium in October 1948 and an inspection report from 1939.
Includes:
- Miss H. M. O’Shaughnessy, acting matron, Peamount Sanatorium, to Anne Black, seeking directions in taking a sworn affidavit with regard to a girl who has applied for a post as a student nurse at the hospital, who was born ‘out of wedlock’ (14 February 1950, 1 p).
- Margaret Dancey to Anne Black, Informing her that the Richmond Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals have agreed to accept nurses from Peamount for the completion of their training (17 September 1942, 1 p).
- Detailed lecture notes for a proposed lecture series on tuberculosis, under headings such as aetiology, pathology, immunity and allergy, symptoms, treatment. Examines different types of the disease and different treatments (not dated, 57 pp).
P220/424 1923–46

24 items

File on Vergemount Fever Hospital, Clonskeagh, Dublin
Contains inspection reports and related material from 1946 and
1943, and the hospital’s application for recognition as a fever
nurse training school in 1923–4.

P220/425 1971–85

72 items

File on Cork Polio and General After-Care Association (COPE
Foundation) and St James’ School of Nursing, Montenotte, Cork
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1981,
1978 and 1972; examination results from 1975 to 1985, and
correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence
regarding nurse training, staffing issues and the appointment of
teaching staff, and some correspondence in relation to the
application of the Association for recognition as a nurse training
school in 1972.

4.4.7. Maternity Hospital Files, 1957–89

P220/426 1967–89

100 items

File on the Coombe Lying-In Hospital, Dublin
Renamed the Coombe Women’s Hospital in 1993. File contains
inspection reports and related material from 1972, 1979, 1982,
1985; material regarding the midwifery curriculum and teaching
programmes, 1983–5; correspondence regarding examinations;
correspondence regarding pupil midwives on issues such as
training, absenteeism, registration; correspondence regarding
postgraduate seminars organised by the hospital.
Includes:
- Programme for public health lecture series, ‘It’s only natural’,
on women’s health, organised by the Coombe Hospital, and
running weekly from 12 September to 24 October 1989
([September 1989], 3 pp)
- Coombe Lying-In Hospital, Clinical report of obstetrics and
gynaecology in the hospital during 1984, and a clinical
summary of the period 1978–84. Includes statistics on births,
mortality rates, and many incidences of procedures carried
out ([1985], 119 pp).
**P220/427** 1967–86

104 items

File on St James’s Hospital, Dublin, Maternity Unit

St James’ Hospital was known as St Kevin’s Hospital up to 1971. File contains: inspection reports and related material (mainly educational) from 1985, 1982, 1978, 1972; correspondence regarding pupil midwives on such issues as training and education, absenteeism, registration; material on midwifery examinations, training and education; correspondence regarding the establishment of a midwifery training school at St Kevin’s Hospital, 1967–8.

Includes:

- Speech delivered by Alderman Mrs J. M. Barlow at the opening of the midwifery tutors’ annual conference at St James’. Mainly relates to EEC directives on midwifery and the changes this will mean for duration of training (23 November 1981, 3 pp).

**P220/428** 1971–85

88 items

File on the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin

Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1985, 1981, 1979, 1972; material on midwifery training and education, and postgraduate training for nurses and midwives; correspondence regarding pupil midwives on such issues as training and education, absenteeism, registration; staffing issues; correspondence regarding examinations.

Includes:

- National Maternity Hospital, clinical report of obstetrics and gynaecology in the hospital during 1984. Includes statistics on births, mortality rates, and many incidences of procedures carried out. Also details the educational functions of the hospital ([1985], 96 pp).

**P220/429** 1971–85

112 items

File on the Rotunda Maternity Hospital, Dublin

Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1985, including a large amount of educational material and hospital sample forms and policy documents, 1982, 1979, 1972; material on midwifery training and education; correspondence regarding the effect of EEC directives on midwifery training, 1980; correspondence regarding pupil midwives on such issues as training and education, secondments, absenteeism;
correspondence regarding examinations; clinical report from 1984.
Includes:
- G. R. Henry, master, Rotunda Hospital, to Dr Joseph Alvey, chairman, midwives section of An Bord Altranais. The Rotunda is trying to introduce a caesarean section operating theatre, but the labour ward midwives oppose their being responsible for servicing it when theatre staff are unavailable. Has information that in the UK, midwives should be trained to act as scrub nurses for caesarean sections. Asks for their opinions on this matter (28 October 1981, 1 p).
- M. A. Kelly, matron, Rotunda Hospital, to Keogh, enclosing details of a natural family planning teacher training course organised by the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, to run in September 1981 (23 July 1981, 3 pp).

P220/430 1957–88

61 items

File on Erinville Maternity Hospital, Cork
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1978, 1972, 1959, 1957; training and educational material and correspondence; correspondence regarding pupil midwives, on issues such as training, absenteeism, industrial relations, registration, and correspondence relating to examinations.
Includes:
- Brief history of the hospital and its expansion from 1798 to 1982 ([1983], 4 pp).

P220/431 1983–8

6 items

File on St Finbarr’s Hospital Maternity Unit, Cork
Correspondence and a memorandum (March 1988) regarding inspections of the hospital’s school of midwifery, with regard to low student numbers and inadequate gynaecological training.

P220/432 1960–85

92 items

File on St Munchin’s Regional Maternity Hospital, Limerick
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1977, 1972, 1970, 1969, 1961; material on midwifery training and education; correspondence regarding pupil midwives on such issues as training and education, absenteeism, registration; staffing issues; correspondence regarding examinations;
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Correspondence and material regarding the hospital’s application to be a training school for midwives, 1961.

P220/433

1971–83

48 items

File on Galway Regional Hospital, Maternity Unit
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, including information on staffing and nurse training, and an inspection report of Galway Regional Hospital from 1983, and an inspection report from 1972; correspondence regarding the effect of EEC regulations on nurse training, 1978--; correspondence and material on education and training issues, and correspondence regarding examinations; correspondence regarding pupil midwives training, registration, leaves of absence, industrial disputes.
Includes:
- Questionnaire filled out by the hospital for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, giving details of the medical staff, statistics on obstetrical and gynaecological admissions and procedures, and facilities in the hospital (25 March 1983, 2 pp).
- T. Keyes, programme manager, Western Health Board, to Keogh. In order to solve the overcrowding problem at Galway Regional Hospital they have relocated the pupil midwives and converted their accommodation (12 January 1973, 1 p).

P220/434

1957–82

71 items

File on Our Lady of Lourdes Maternity Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth
Contains: inspection reports and related material from 1983, 1979, 1973; correspondence regarding pupil midwives on such issues as training and education, absenteeism, registration; material on midwifery examinations, training and education; correspondence regarding the areas of professional competence of midwives, 1974.
Includes:
- B. Boyce, matron, Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry, to Keogh, confirming that midwifery training parts 1 and 2 can be undertaken at Altnagelvin (3 August 1967, 1 p).
4.4.8. Other Training Centres, 1955–81

**P220/435**  1955–81

59 items

Inspection reports for various hospitals
Contains correspondence and some inspection reports from the following hospitals: St Luke’s Hospital, Rathgar (1981), St Columcille’s Hospital, Loughlinstown (1981, 1974, 1969), Sacred Heart Hospital, Mullingar (1981), Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum (1981), Our Lady’s Hospital, Manorhamilton (1980), Royal Hospital, Donnybrook (1980), St Camillus Hospital, Limerick (1979), Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan, (1977), Holy Angels, Chapelizod (1975, 1972), St Nessan’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Croom, County Limerick (1973, 1969), County Hospital, Ennis (1972), Holy Cross Convent, Glen Road, Belfast (1972), Our Lady’s Hospice, Harold’s Cross (1972), Sisters of St Vincent de Paul, St Vincent’s Navan Road, Dublin (1971–2), Shiel Hospital, Ballyshannon (1970), Mount Desert Home, Cork (1969), St Kevin’s Hospital, James’ Street, Dublin (1969), Bon Sauveur Hospital, Dungarvan (1959), St Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranebraher, County Cork (1956–7), Waterford Maternity Hospital (1955).

**P220/436**  1953–68

2 items

Minutes of meetings of the Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses
Minute book of the annual general meetings of the Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses, held in May or June each year, and a separate copy of the rules and regulations of the school.
5. Registration and Correspondence

5.1. Registration Material

5.1.1. Supplementary Nurse Registers, 1919–78

**P220/437**  1919–78

12 items

Nurse Registration Rules
Rules, generally photocopies, for different divisions of the register, relating to registration, fees, courses, new divisions of the register, establishment of a student index.

**P220/438**  1920–34

13 items

Central Midwives Board, Midwives’ Rolls
Contains a bound published volume from 1920 listing alphabetically the names of midwives numbered 1 to 2648, and twelve shorter printed booklets giving the supplemental roll of midwives, to number 5438, added each year until 31 March 1934.

**P220/439**  [1923?]; 1930

2 items

General Nursing Council, Supplementary Registers
Supplementary Nurse register from 1930, giving an alphabetical list of registered general nurses, mental nurses, sick children’s nurses and fever nurses. Some names are torn out, presumably those removed from the register because of death or for disciplinary or other reasons. Also, pages 113–39 from a similar register, apparently from 1923.
5.1.2. Correspondence relating to Registration, 1926–86

**P220/440**  1976–85

13 items

File of correspondence on nurse registration
Mainly correspondence and queries, 1983–5, on registration by nurses, midwives and health officials, addressed to Gerry Donnellan, deputy chief executive officer. Most are from nurses and midwives who have trained outside Ireland.
Includes:
- Circular letter from An Bord Altranais regarding unregistered nurses. Notes that there are a number of foreign–trained nurses working in Ireland who have not yet registered. An Bord Altranais will make provision for these nurses to register up to 1 June 1983, for an additional fee of £30. Such nurses are to contact Gerry Donnellan (February 1983, 1 p).
- Correspondence, memoranda and notes between An Bord Altranais and Sarah Fleming, regarding her application to continue her psychiatric nurse training in 1976–7, after she had last taken the examinations in 1957 (1976–82, 17 pp).

**P220/441**  1961–6

17 items

File of certificates of deceased nurses
Registration certificates of deceased nurses returned to An Bord Altranais by their relatives, with some correspondence.

**P220/442**  1926–86

52 items

File of nursing and midwifery certificates
Contains registration certificates and midwifery enrolment certificates of individual nurses, and related correspondence usually regarding changes to nurses’ names or the death of the certificate holder. Also includes several hospital training certificates.
Nurse training certificates
Nurse and midwifery training certificates, issued by hospitals and regulatory bodies in Ireland and elsewhere, for individual named nurses, as follows: Lamont Public Hospital, Alberta, Canada, certificate of nurse training for Eileen Baronsfeather, 1 June 1936; Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, certificate of registration for Eileen Baronsfeather, 18 June 1936; Rotunda Lying–in Hospital, Dublin, certificate of six months’ midwifery training for Eileen Baronsfeather, 8 March 1937; Central Midwives Board certificate and entitlement to practice for Eileen Baronsfeather, 28 March 1939; St James’ Hospital, Leeds, certificate of nurse training for Bridget Carey, 5 January 1945; Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwick Hospital, Dublin, certificate of nurse training for Sarah Coyle, 18 March 1947; Cork Street House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Dublin, certificate of fever nurse training for Mary Heron, 24 June 1948; Central Midwives Board, first certificate of training for Bridget Carey, 28 May 1949; Central Midwives Board, certificate of training and entitlement to practice for Bridget Carey, 19 November 1949; Central Midwives Board, certificate of training in the use of nitrous oxide for Bridget Carey, 19 November 1949; Royal Northern Hospital, London, certificate of nurse training for Imelda O’Donovan, 5 January 1956; General Nursing Council for England and Wales, certificate of registration for Imelda O’Donovan, 4 January 1958; Central Midwives Board for England and Wales, certificate and entitlement to practice for Imelda O’Donovan, 31 March 1958; St Giles’ Hospital, Camberwell, London, certificate of nurse training for Mary Agnes Lee, 24 January 1959; Mater Hospital, Dublin, certificate of nurse training for Honor Ryan, 31 December 1968; Rotunda Lying–in Hospital, Dublin, certificate of midwifery training for Eileen Clifford, 31 March 1970; Coombe Lying–in Hospital, Dublin, certificate of midwifery training for Honor Ryan, 26 April 1971; National Maternity Hospital, Dublin, certificate of midwifery training for Angela Melley, 17 November 1971.

File on midwives’ registration
Lists of practicing midwives sent to An Bord Altranais by the County Medical Officers of Tipperary North, Waterford, Waterford City, Kildare, and correspondence between Keogh and individual midwives concerning their registration numbers or requests to change their name due to marriage.
5.1.3. Sample Nurse and Midwife Record Files, 1922–82

**P220/445** 1922–71

69 files

Individual nurse record files
Series of sample files retained by An Bord Altranais, mainly from the years 1922–49, relating to the training and registration of individual nurses. Each file generally contains: the nurse’s examination schedule, giving name, address, training hospital, and certifying that the nurse has completed the required training period for the examination she wishes to enter (preliminary or final); application forms for certificate of registration; correspondence between the nurse and the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais regarding birth and marriage certificates or registration certificates. Some files also contain correspondence with the General Nursing Council of England and Wales regarding registration by reciprocity. Most of the files relate to registered general nurses, with a few for fever nurses, tuberculosis nurses, mental nurses, and sick children’s nurses. The files are arranged by registration number, in descending order.

**P220/446** 1945–82

21 items

Individual midwife record files
Series of sample files, retained by An Bord Altranais, relating to the training and registration of individual midwives, mainly from the years 1945–50, but including three files from 1981–2. Some of the files relate to overseas candidates from such countries as South Africa, Rhodesia, New Zealand, Australia and Nigeria. The files contain correspondence between the Central Midwives Board (1981–2, An Bord Altranais) and the candidate, correspondence between the Central Midwives Board and midwifery training hospitals, application forms for registration as a midwife, birth and other certificates, certificates of training.
5.1.4. Penal Case Files, 1919–85

P220/447-486 consists of files containing sensitive fitness to practice material. This is not available for consultation. The material will be reviewed in 2013.
5.2. Correspondence

5.2.1. Correspondence with the Department of Health, 1982–5


98 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Department of Health
File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Department of Health, usually the personnel and organisation units therein. Covers routine matters such as An Bord Altranais staff numbers, pay, industrial relations and other personnel issues, finance, computerisation and systems development, and other administrative matters. Contains correspondence relating to appointments to An Bord Altranais, the Public Health Nursing course, EEC nursing directives, proposed amalgamation of nursing schools, changes in examination fees and nurses’ rules. Includes:

- Draft press release from the Minister for Health, Barry Desmond, announcing a formal agreement between An Bord Altranais and the Libyan Department of Health for training Libyan nurses in Ireland and aiding the establishment of nurse training schools in Libya (15 July 1983, 2 pp).
- Letter from Fergus Campbell, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, to Daly thanking him for his recent letter and article concerning Creutzfeldt–Jakob Disease (CJD), which they will bring to the attention of all psychiatric hospitals (21 March 1983, 1 p).


92 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Department of Health
File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Department of Health, much of it between Noel Daly and Jerry O’Dwyer, assistant secretary at the Department. Covers routine matters such as staff numbers, pay, industrial relations and other personnel issues, finance, computerisation and other administrative matters. There is also correspondence regarding An Bord Altranais’s interest in the Central Mental Hospital, the proposed degree course in nursing at UCD, the Public Health Nursing course, the Working Party on the General Medical Service, the 1984 Nurses Bill, establishment of a student nurse index, and some nurse training issues regarding psychiatric nurses, Harcourt Street Children’s Hospital, amalgamations of
training schools in Limerick and Cork. There is correspondence in February and March 1984 referring to the visit of the Minister for Health, Barry Desmond, to address a meeting of An Bord Altranais. Includes:

- Copy letter from Noel Daly to Jerry O'Dwyer, regarding a proposed research study on 'Stress in Nursing', to be undertaken by An Bord Altranais and funded to the amount of £10,000 by the Department of Health. The study would 'highlight the stresses and strains under which nurses work', and 'help An Bord enormously in its future training plans' (19 December 1984, 2 pp).

- Copy circular letter from A. Boushel, Department of Health, to the health boards, hospitals and health agencies, informing them of a ministerial directive not to engage in commercial or other dealings with the Republic of South Africa 'while the South African Government continues its apartheid policy' (4 September 1984, 1 p).

### 5.2.2. Correspondence with Local Health Authorities and Health Boards, 1960–84

**P220/489**  
June 1960–November 1969

c160 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and Local Health Authorities

Mainly correspondence between Local Health Authorities and An Bord Altranais regarding public health nurses. Also, inquiries about the registration status of individual nurses and midwives. Other correspondence between local Health Authorities regarding the organisation of public health and other nursing courses, lists of nurses and midwives practising in local Health Authority areas.

Includes:

- Letter from two midwives in County Galway, Mrs D’Arcy-Mitchell and Mrs Kelly-Keane, to Dr Patrick Power, chief medical officer for the county, complaining about public health nurses illegally practising as midwives; ‘we have succeeded in exposing the midwifery conditions existing in the Irish Free State on “Newsbeat” T. E.!’ (5 May 1969, 3 pp),
42 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Southern Health Board
Contains: correspondence regarding education and training, particularly of Public Health Nurses, administrative issues, hospital inspections, and much correspondence relating to the construction of a new general hospital and associated nurse training school in Tralee, and the transfer of students there from hospitals in Cork.
Includes:
▪ Killian Searson, principle tutor, School of Nursing, Cork Regional Hospital, and others, to Noel Daly, objecting strongly to the decision by An Bord Altranais concerning the relocation of second and third year students to Tralee General Hospital. ‘We also feel that An Bord Altranais, the body responsible for Nurse Education, should not have given approval for such a ludicrous arrangement’. Recommends instead that Tralee take in 15–20 students and build up their school over a three year period or open the hospital and begin taking in students after about two years in operation (30 September 1983, 2 pp).

5.2.3 Files of General Correspondence, 1966–78

c110 items

General Correspondence File
Mainly queries regarding registration of nurses, from nurses seeking their registration details and certificates, or from employers and others seeking confirmation of the registration details of nurses. Also contains applications for duplicate certificates and badges to replace those lost, and general enquiries relating to nurse training in Ireland.
Includes:
▪ Marie Jordan, Belfast, to Keogh, asking that the name on her registration certificate be changed from ‘Maire’ to ‘Marie’, ‘as it has been questioned by the authorities here’ (11 April 1967, 1 p).

C375 items

General Correspondence File
Contains: inquiries about nurse training in Ireland, by Irish and overseas applicants and nurses, much of these are by Irish born nurses training in England and who wish to complete their training in Ireland; inquiries by individuals and businesses seeking to trace Irish–trained nurses; inquiries about registration details and requests for nursing certificates for nurses who are emigrating; requests for registration numbers from newly qualified nurses; requests for examiners and supervisors for An Bord Altranais examinations, and some details of fees paid them; inquiries about recognition of foreign nursing training and qualifications from persons wishing to practice in Ireland; inquiries by Irish and foreign nurses seeking employment; inquiries by nurses regarding salaries, conditions of employment and pensions (usually referred to the INO).
Includes:
- Keogh to Martin Ruane, Psychiatric Tutors’ Association, giving details on the proposals for the proposed postgraduate faculty of nursing at the Royal College of Surgeons (2 December 1970, 1 p).
- Eoghan Harris to Keogh, inquiring if any members of An Bord Altranais have sufficient Irish to participate in the RTE programme ‘Féach’. Includes a questionnaire concerning proficiency in Irish (16 March 1970, 2 pp).
- Keogh to Clive Ridgeon, Miles Laboratories Limited, Slough, Buckinghamshire, sending the thanks of An Bord Altranais for his firm’s presentation of a scholarship for their first-line nursing management course (10 April 1970, 1 p).


C400 items

General Correspondence File
Contains: inquiries regarding nurse registration; inquiries regarding salary scales of nurses, usually referred to the INO or the Department of Health; material on housekeeping matters and repairs to An Bord Altranais premises at Fitzwilliam Square; requests for general information on An Bord Altranais; inquiries on nurse training in Ireland; requests for information on individual nurses; inquiries regarding job opportunities in Ireland by nurses in the UK and elsewhere; correspondence regarding the publication in the Irish Times on 25 September 1973 of an article concerning unsatisfactory conditions in St Martin’s Nursing Home in Montenotte, County Cork, including a letter from the proprietor explaining that she had at several times sought funding and help from the Southern Health Board, September–October 1973; correspondence between An Bord
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Altranais and the Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin, regarding a course in guidance and counselling, November 1972. Includes:

- Brendan Martin, Esso Ireland, to An Bord Altranais, informing them that due to the situation in the Middle East, they will have to reduce delivery of oil supplies (23 November 1973, 1 p).

- Mr T. Treacy, Civil Defence, to Keogh. Refers a Miss A. Beegan, employed by An Bord Altranais and who is also a member of the Civil Defence Organisation. Requests that Miss Beegan be released from employment should, as anticipated, an influx of refugees from Northern Ireland come to Dublin (13 July 1973, 1 p).

P220/494
November 1975–May 1977

c290 items

General Correspondence File

Contains: inquiries regarding nursing employment in Ireland, from Irish and overseas applicants, also requests for clerical and other employment within An Bord Altranais; requests for information on nurse training in Ireland; requests for information on nurse training in England and Wales; several complaints, some anonymous, referring to persons holding nursing positions who are not registered nurses; inquiries regarding nurse registration; correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board regarding Health Board policy towards nurse training and refresher courses; general queries about An Bord Altranais, nursing in Ireland, and government reports on nursing services; circulars from the Department of Foreign Affairs recruiting for United Nations technical and administrative positions.

Includes:

- Mary B. Murphy, Irish Red Cross Society, to Keogh. The Irish Red Cross has agreed to fund one annual nursing postgraduate scholarship, to be rotated among subjects such as paediatrics, geriatrics, intensive care, public health, specialised theatre training. Asks for information on costs and candidates (20 October 1976, 1 p).

- Labour Court recommendation in a case involving the demotion to the post of attendant of an unnamed trainee psychiatric nurse due to failure to pass her examinations in the prescribed time, concerning the Eastern Health Board and the Psychiatric Nursing Association. Labour Court recommends that the demotion to attendant remain, but should the applicant succeed in passing her final examination in September 1976 she be retained as a psychiatric nurse without any loss of seniority (7 July 1976, 4 pp).

- ‘Concerned students’ to An Bord Altranais, complaining about the type of questions on the final general nursing examinations in May 1976. Claims that the examination was
on the lines of an English Lit. paper the ordinary lay person would have been better suited for the paper’. Includes copies of the examination papers in surgery, medicine and nursing ([May 1976], 5 pp).

**P220/495**

February 1977–March 1978

c250 items

**General Correspondence File**

Contains: information and requests for information for Irish nurses who wish to train or work abroad; inquiries about nurse training in Ireland, by Irish and overseas applicants and nurses; requests for information on nurse registration in Ireland; requests for information on job opportunities in Ireland by nurses in the UK and elsewhere, also requests for employment as Bord Altranais staff; requests for information on the registration details of individual nurses, by the nurses themselves or by employers or other bodies; correspondence regarding issues in the training and education of nurses; requests for general information on An Bord Altranais; letters of complaint by trainee nurses or their relatives over conditions at teaching hospitals; inquiries regarding fees paid to An Bord Altranais examiners, usually for accounting or tax purposes; correspondence regarding a complaint made against nurses at The Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital and a nursing home in Blackrock, County Dublin, June–December 1977.

Includes:

- ‘The over worked nurses’, Temple Street Hospital, to Keogh, complaining about shortage of nurses at Temple Street, problems with teaching and supervisory staff, and about the lack of opportunities for single qualified nurses when married nurses hold key posts ‘while their husbands earn a fine salary’ (10 October 1977, 4 pp).
- Keogh to Sister Dr Magaret Garnett, Conference of Major Religious Superiors (Ireland). Refers to their letter seeking information on ethical medical issues, 1 September 1977. Informs them that at present, trainee nurses are lectured in ethics by a lecturer appointed by the bishop of the diocese in which their hospital is located, and that the main ethical problems arising are ‘contraception, birth control and euthanasia’. An Bord Altranais is to consider a suggestion that all hospitals set up ethical committees (4 November 1977, 1 p).
- Margaret Gallagher, South Hospital, Chingola, Zambia, to An Bord Altranais, informing them that the situation in Zambia for non-Zambian workers is deteriorating due to the government policy of ‘Zambianisation’ of the workforce. Asks An Bord to make this known to Irish nurses contemplating working in the country. ‘Hatred is a factuality and end product of a country that was dominated by colonialism—we need no reminding–do we?!’ (1 August 1977, 6 pp).
5.2.4. Correspondence with UK Nursing and Midwifery Bodies, 1920–80

P220/496 1920–79

c235 items

Correspondence between the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais and the General Nursing Council for Scotland

File of correspondence between the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais and the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Much of the correspondence concerns issues of reciprocal recognition of training and registration, in general and in individual cases. There are also several requests for information by both organisations on nurse training in the other jurisdiction, and requests for lists of approved training hospitals. There are also several inquiries regarding administration and pay scales within each organisation, and correspondence regarding proposed harmonisation of nurses’ rules in Ireland, Scotland and England/Wales, 1920–1

Includes:
- Copy letter from Keogh to Miss J. Main, registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, seeking information on clinical teachers’ courses in Scotland, as An Bord Altranais is considering establishing such a course in Ireland (16 March 1972, 1 p).
- Letter from Ruth Pecker, registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland to the registrar, General Nursing Council, (19 May 1950, 2 pp) informing the Council that the 1949 Nurses (Scotland) Act came into force on 16 December 1949. Encloses a copy of the Act, Scottish nurses’ rules and regulations, a list of Scottish training hospitals, and other documents relating to nurse training in Scotland (December 1949, 10 items).

P220/497 1921–1937

28 items

File on Nurses’ Rules, Ireland and the UK

File containing some correspondence between the General Nursing Council for Ireland, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and the General Nursing Council for Scotland, along with copies of the rules for the registration of nurses in England and Wales (14 April 1921, 37 pp), and the rules of Irish Central Midwives Board (1938, 28 pp). Also some forms and examination procedural handbooks from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Includes:
Ireland, also attended by four members of the General Nursing Council for Ireland. Discussions held on qualifications of lecturers, reciprocal registration, removal from the register for non-payment of fees, and some other items (11 October 1937, 9 pp).

- Copy of Nursing Notes and Midwives’ Chronicle. Includes, on pages 249–50, a highlighted article regarding the Midwives and Maternity Homes Bill (April 1926, 24 pp).

P220/498 1936–80

c255 items

File of correspondence between the Central Midwives Board/An Bord Altranais, and the Central Midwives Board of England and Wales. Contains: correspondence regarding registration of Irish–trained midwives in England and Wales, and vice versa; correspondence relating to the registration of overseas–trained midwives in England, Wales and Ireland, and proceedings of the Overseas Recognition Sub–Committee of the Central Midwives Board of England and Wales; educational material sent by the Central Midwives Board of England and Wales; copies of circular letters sent by the Central Midwives Board of England and Wales to training hospitals there; correspondence and reports regarding joint meetings of midwifery and nursing bodies in Ireland and the UK; lists of midwives removed from the roll of midwives in England and Wales for disciplinary reasons.

Includes:

- An Bord Altranais to Irish nurse training hospitals, informing them that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has confirmed to An Bord Altranais that Irish–trained nurses may have to take extra training in order to be registered in England. This is due to their stipulation that nurse training hospitals must have a total bed capacity of 300, and some other conditions. An Bord Altranais is negotiating with the General Nursing Council on this issue, but it is thought that some amalgamation of training schools will be necessary in Ireland (10 April 1968, 2 pp).
5.2.5. Correspondence with the Irish Nurses Organisation and other representative bodies, 1920–86

P220/499 1920–59

C190 items

Correspondence between the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais and the INO
Correspondence between the INO and its antecedent organisations, the Irish Nurses Association and the Irish Nurses Union, and the General Nursing Council/An Bord Altranais.
Contains: queries on registration of nurses; queries on fees paid to nurses acting as examiners in examinations; notices from the General Nursing Council and An Bord Altranais for inclusion in the Irish Nurses’ Magazine; queries and suggestions on educational issues and additional training for nurses; correspondence on issues involving professional competence and areas of authority for different grades and types of nurses and midwives.
Includes:

- Eleanor Grogan, general secretary, INO, to Anne Black, regarding a resolution by the INO supporting the establishment of post-certificate training for nurses, and their linkage to the university system, as part of a revision of nurse training under the proposed Irish Nursing Bill (5 May 1949, 2 pp).
- INO, fees for privately employed general trained nurses in private employment. Gives fees for day duty and night duty, and for specialised nursing such as paralysis and tuberculosis, as well as other fees (1947, 4 pp).
- Annie Smithson, secretary, INO, to Anne Black. The INO protests against the proposal to make the Dublin Union Hospital a recognised training school for nurses, as there are already too many training schools in the country, and registered nurses are finding it difficult to gain employment (24 August 1932, 2 pp).
- R. N. Price, assistant secretary, Irish Nurses Union, to the General Nursing Council for Ireland. Arising from informal discussions with their members, and after the example of the English Nursing Council, the union send their recommendations on the outdoor and indoor uniforms to be worn by registered nurses (21 June 1921, 2 pp).

P220/500 Not dated

8 pp

INO, summary of the functions of teaching staff
 Gives the role, responsibilities, authority and functions
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(professional, administrative and personnel) of the principal tutor, vice–principal tutor, nurse tutor, midwifery training school, clinical teacher.

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December 1976–December 1982

c315 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the INO
File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Irish Nurses Organisation and National Council of Nurses of Ireland (the Irish Nurses Organisation before January 1979), mainly letters between James Keogh (Noel Daly after October 1982) and the general secretary of the INO, Ena Meehan. Correspondence deals mainly with issues of industrial relations, nurse education issues, refresher courses for nurses, the impact of EEC directives, training and professional competence for midwives, registration issues, seminars and courses organised by the INO, overcrowding in hospitals, resolutions of INO meetings. There is also correspondence regarding the Public Health Nursing course, May–June 1982, the Occupational Health Nursing course, [1981], the proposed registration (part 1) examination, July–August 1980, the introduction of a degree course in nursing, 1979–80.

Includes:

- Irish Nurses Organisation and National Council of Nurses of Ireland, comments on the report of the Working Party on General Nursing. The organisations welcome the report, and provide detailed commentary, especially on chapter 4 on the role of the nurse and organisation of hospital nursing services, chapter 7 on nurse education, chapter 5 on entry to nursing, and chapter 6 on the role of An Bord Altranais (August 1981, 14 pp).

- Draft programme for an INO course in the theory of family planning, proposed to be held in June 1979 (February 1979, 4 pp).

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December 1982–November 1983

78 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the INO
File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Irish Nurses Organisation and National Council of Nurses of Ireland, mainly letters between Noel Daly and the general secretary of the INO, Ena Meehan. Correspondence deals mainly with issues of industrial relations, the position and pay of student nurses, registration. There is also correspondence regarding the Occupational Health Nursing course, the new nurse training school at Tralee General Hospital, the proposed Central Applications Bureau for student nurses, the 1983 An Bord
Altranais elections, and Public Health Nurse training. 

Includes: 
- Letter from Ena Meehan to Noel Daly, enquiring about the agreement concluded with the Libyan department of health for the training of Libyan nurses in Ireland, and how this will effect training and employment opportunities for Irish nurses (16 August 1983, 2 pp).
- Letter from Joanna Fitzgerald, midwives section, INO, to Noel Daly, informing him of ‘the stunned, shocked, amazed, totally bewildered state of Midwives, following the announcement that discontinuation of the Midwifery option of the Nurse Tutors Course at UCD will probably be set in motion’ (8 December 1982, 1 p).

February 1984–January 1986

89 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the INO
File of correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Irish Nurses Organisation and National Council of Nurses of Ireland, mainly letters between Noel Daly and the general secretary of the INO, John Pepper, and the deputy general secretary, Hilary Marchant. The correspondence deals mainly with issues of industrial relations, funding for educational courses, registration issues, issues of professional competence and authority of different grades of nurses and healthcare workers, issues of hospital overcrowding and health budget cuts. There is also correspondence regarding the proposed code of conduct for nurses, the 1984 Nurses Bill, and the computerisation of An Bord Altranais’s registers.

1935–82

c335 items

Correspondence between An Bord Altranais and the Irish Transport and General Workers’ Union (ITGWU)
Contains: correspondence regarding industrial disputes involving nurses; correspondence relating to individual nurses in cases of promotion, recruitment, areas of responsibility, qualifications, and registration; enquiries on general matters; correspondence relating to student nurses regarding union representation, and pay and conditions; queries on nurse training and An Bord Altranais examinations; correspondence relating to employees of An Bord Altranais. Most of the material pre–1980 is concerned with psychiatric nurses.
Includes: 
- Speech given [by James Keogh at an ITGWU symposium] entitled ‘The Nurse of the ‘80s’. Examines role of nurse tutors,
technological change, EEC directives, and economic problems. Recommends new institute of nursing education and new student nurse selection methods ([12 October 1979], 5 pp).