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St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent, was established in 1949. It closed in 1971.

More information about the home can be found on the Hidden Lives Revealed website: <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/DEAL01.html>

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This catalogue lists records held at The Children's Society Records and Archives Centre that relate to St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

There are two parts to the catalogue:

- **TCS/F/07** (page 3) – Records relating to the home that were created and used by the Homes Department as part of its “Green files” series.
  - **TCS/J/03** (pages 4-5) – Records relating to the home that were created and used by Estates Department as part of its “Pink files” series.
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### **A note on the name of The Children's Society:**

The Children's Society has undergone a number of name changes during its lifetime. From its founding in 1881 until 1883, it was known as *The Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays*; from 1883 until 1893, it was known as *The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*; and from 1893 until 1946, it was known as *The Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*. Throughout this time, from 1881 until 1946, The Children's Society was commonly called *The Waifs and Strays Society*.

In 1946, it gained the name which is still its legal title, *The Church of England Children's Society*, even though it was renamed *The Children's Society* in 1982.

In order to avoid confusion in this catalogue when referring to The Children's Society and its previous incarnations, *The Children's Society* has been used for all records that date after 1946, and *The Society* has been used for all records that date before 1946.

## How to access the records listed in this catalogue

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### Open records

It is possible to view, in person, any of the records in this catalogue that have their access status listed as open.

These records will be made available, by appointment only, at our Records and Archives Centre in London.

**Please note:** Because we have a limited number of staff, it will not be possible to view records without an appointment. It is preferred that requests reflect bona fide interests or projects.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Records and Archives Centre and outlining the research you wish to undertake. You can contact us using any of the methods below:

- **Email:** archives@childrenssociety.org.uk
  - **Telephone:** +44 (0)20 7232 2966
  - **Post:** Records and Archives Centre, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL.
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### Closed records

Some of the records in this catalogue may have their access status listed as closed. These records have been closed because they contain personal information relating to living individuals. All closed records have been given a closure date to show when they will be transferred to open access.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible to view closed records before the closure date has passed. Decisions to grant access to closed records will depend on the records themselves and the nature of the research to be undertaken, and so will be made by the archivist on a case-by-case basis. The Children's Society reserves the right not to make certain records available.

Please contact the archivist at the Records and Archives Centre for further information:

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TCS/F/07 – Head office home management files (Green files) relating to St Monica's Home  
for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent

**TCS/F/07:**  
**Head office home management files: "Green files"**

The "Green files" are a series of files compiled by the Homes Department relating to individual children's homes. The file listed below is the only file in the series that relates to St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

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**TCS/F/07/59:**  
**File of documents relating to the admission of certain children to St Monica's  
Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent**

**1969-1970**

Contains documents relating to the admission of certain children to the home, including correspondence, application forms and school reports from previous schools, 1969-1970.

Also includes two photographs:

- A photograph of two children, one in traditional Welsh clothing [names not given], c1970.
- A photograph of two children in school uniforms [names given on the back of the photograph], c1970.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2071

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

**TCS/J/03:**

**Estates files regarding children's homes and projects: "Pink files"**

The "Pink files" are a series of files compiled by the Estates Department relating to individual children's homes. Listed below are the files from this series that relate to St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

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**TCS/J/03/77:**

**File of correspondence and documents relating to the purchase, running and sale of St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent**

**1948-1972**

Contains the following:

- Bundle of correspondence between The Children's Society, the home, new staff, and the British Diabetic Association, 1948-1971. Includes correspondence relating to: the appointment of chaplains, honorary treasurers and secretaries for the home, 1948-1970; a summer holiday camp for the children at the home, 1968-1969; and the closure of the home, 1971.
- Bundle of correspondence between The Children's Society, the home, diabetic charities, the Ministry of Education, the Lands Branch of the War Department, solicitors, surveyors and valuers, the vendors, and Corfield House Home, Rustington, Sussex. Includes correspondence relating to: the purchase of property, then known as 'The Sun Club', to be used as the home, by The Children's Society from the Anglo-American Relief Fund for London Children and Mothers Ltd, 1948-1949, with valuations of the property, 1948; compensation for temporary defence works beside the home under the Compensation (Defence) Act 1939, correspondence dated 1953; and the sale of the home from The Children's Society to RJ Hutchings, 1971-1972, with press cuttings regarding the sale, 1971-1972.
- Correspondence between The Children's Society, the home and Stanley Edgar Boatfield at Ashford, Kent, fruit grower, regarding the lease of a boathouse in Wellington Parade, Walmer, Kent, from Stanley Edgar Boatfield to The Children's Society, for the use of the home, at a rent of £13 per annum, 1953. Includes the rental agreement, 17 July 1953.
- Correspondence between The Children's Society and the home, regarding the visit of JE Diehl to the General Secretary of The Children's Society, 1970.
- Correspondence between The Children's Society and the wife of the treasurer of the home, regarding the treasurer's health, 1972.
- Copy petition forwarded to The Children's Society from the local district council, in which local residents of Kingsdown object to the sale of the home for it to be converted into a facility for young people with learning difficulties; petition made c1972, copy made c1972.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2057

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

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TCS/J/03 – Estates files (Pink files) relating to St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children,  
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**TCS/J/03/78:**

**File of correspondence relating to St Monica's Home for Diabetic Children,  
Kingsdown, Deal, Kent**

**1948-1968**

Contains the following:

- Correspondence between The Children's Society, the home, and staff, regarding the appointment, payment and work of medical staff at the home, 1948-1965. Includes a report on the work of the home, 1950.
- Correspondence between The Children's Society and the home, with a press cutting from the Dover Express, regarding criticisms of Dover Town Clerk, James A Johnson, 1968.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2050

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.