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**Introduction**

In 1974 a new Lothian Area Medical Committee (LAMC) was created to replace the old Executive Council and Local Medical Committee system. It had sub-committees including a General Practitioners Sub-Committee (GPSC) and a Hospital Services Sub-Committee. Lothian Local Medical Committee (LLMC) took the place of the existing local medical committee for the Lothians and Peebles, with office-bearers from the General Practitioners Sub-Committee taking the same posts within the Lothian Local Medical Committee. The link between these two committees was sufficiently close that they shared an AGM and a lot of the papers cannot be easily divided between the two committees.

A large part of this fonds was from Accession 96/20A and had originally been catalogued as LHB26. This applies to LHB54/3-6 and 9-17 where the original references have been included. All other parts of the fonds are from Accession 01/28.

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**1      Agenda of Meetings of Lothian Area Medical Committee, 1974-1989**

Agenda papers include minutes of the previous meeting. Items 1-5 contain circulation sheets for each meeting's papers for each committee member. September 1977 to August 1979 and July 1981 to December 1984 are wanting but the minutes are in LHB54/2.

1A	23 Oct 1974 – 23 Nov 1974	Notices of meetings. Originally with LHB26/17.
1	22 Jan 1975 – 28 May 1975	Includes membership list. 3 items.
2	25 Jun 1975 – 22 Oct 1975	3 items.
3	26 Nov 1975 – 28 Apr 1976	3 items.
4	26 May 1976 – 27 Oct 1976	2 items.
5	24 Nov 1976 – 23 Feb 1977	3 items.
6	23 Mar 1977 – 28 Sep 1977	3 items.
7	26 Sep 1979 – 23 Jan 1980	3 items.
8	27 Feb 1980 – 26 Nov 1980	3 items.
9	28 Jan 1981 – 24 Jun 1981	3 items.
10	23 Jan 1985 – 26 Jun 1985	3 items.
11	28 Aug 1985 – 22 Jan 1986	3 items.
12	26 Feb 1986 – 25 Jun 1986	3 items.
13	23 Jul 1986 – 22 Oct 1986	3 items.
14	26 Nov 1986 – 25 Feb 1987	3 items.
15	20 Mar 1987 – 27 May 1987	3 items.
16	1 Jul 1987 – 28 Oct 1987	3 items.
17	25 Nov 1987	2 items.
18	27 Jan 1988 – 9 Mar 1988	3 items.
19	13 Apr 1988 – 6 Jul 1988	3 items.
20	10 Aug 1988 – 7 Dec 1988	4 items.
21	11 Jan 1989 – 12 Apr 1989	3 items.
22	24 May 1989 – 9 Aug 1989	4 items.

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**1      Agenda of Meetings of Lothian Area Medical Committee, 1974-1989**

23      13 Sep 1989 – 13 Dec 1989      4 items.

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**2           Minutes of Meetings of Lothian Area Medical Committee, 1973-1987**

The signed copies of the minutes used the draft versions. Although there was a complete duplicate set of draft minutes, these were only retained where there was not a signed copy.

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|---|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | 24 Apr 1973 – 26 Nov 1986 | Signed minutes of Lothians Area Interim Medical Advisory Committee for April 1973 and the Lothian Area Interim Medical Committee from May 1973 to February 1974. Originally in lever arch file. 6 items. |
| 2 | 19 Dec 1974 – 22 Apr 1987 | Draft minutes of: Chairman's Group 25/8/1974, 19/12/1974, 20/1/1975, 1/9/1975; Special Meeting of Chairman and Secretaries of Specialty Advisory Groups 5/5/1976; full committee 28/1/1977-22/4/1987.    |

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**3      Agendas of Meetings of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee, 1975-1986**

This was a sub-committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee. These papers were originally in folders labelled 'GP Sub-Committee Meeting' with the date. The items were originally numbered LHB26/16/2/1-41.

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|----|-------------|---|
| 1  | 12 Feb 1979 |   |
| 2  | 19 Mar 1979 |   |
| 3  | 23 Apr 1979 |   |
| 4  | 4 Jun 1979  | Note on original folder 'Miss Nimmo CANO to be in attendance'.                  |
| 5  | 25 Jun 1979 | Note on original folder 'Mr Kent, Director of Social Work to be in attendance'. |
| 6  | 5 Nov 1979  |   |
| 7  | 3 Dec 1979  |   |
| 8  | 14 Jan 1980 |   |
| 9  | 18 Feb 1980 |   |
| 10 | 14 Apr 1980 |   |
| 11 | 14 Jul 1980 |   |
| 12 | 8 Sep 1980  |   |
| 13 | 27 Oct 1980 |   |
| 14 | 12 Jan 1981 |   |
| 15 | 16 Feb 1981 |   |
| 16 | 16 Mar 1981 |   |
| 17 | 13 Apr 1981 |   |
| 18 | 29 Jun 1981 |   |
| 19 | 27 Jul 1981 |   |
| 20 | 7 Sep 1981  |   |
| 21 | 2 Nov 1981  |   |
| 22 | 18 Jan 1982 |   |

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**3      Agendas of Meetings of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee, 1975-1986**

- 23      15 Feb 1982
- 24      8 Mar 1982
- 25      5 Apr 1982
- 26      26 Apr 1982
- 27      28 Jun 1982
- 28      30 Aug 1982
- 29      4 Oct 1982
- 30      8 Nov 1982
- 31      6 Dec 1982
- 32      10 Jan 1983
- 33      7 Feb 1983
- 34      21 Mar 1983
- 35      13 Apr 1983
- 36      6 Jun 1983
- 37      11 Jul 1983
- 38      12 Sep 1983
- 39      10 Oct 1983
- 40      14 Nov 1983
- 41      12 Dec 1983

**42      Agenda papers found in miscellaneous series of LHB26, 1975-1986**

- 1      c1975      Report entitled 'How about a Health Centre?' – draft and final copy.
- 2      Oct 1975 – Dec 1975      Correspondence on a possible consultant radiologist. Possibly raised at a meeting in January 1976.
- 3      25 Apr 1977      Agenda for meeting.

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**3      Agendas of Meetings of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee, 1975-1986**

42      Agenda papers found in miscellaneous series of LHB26, 1975-1986

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|---|-------------|---|
| 4 | 10 Jun 1977 | Letter to a general practitioner from the Division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.   |
| 5 | 4 Jul 1977  | Although it is not known whether these items were kept together, they all have annotations referring them to the next meeting of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee. |
| 6 | Dec 1977    | List of routine business dealt with by committee November 1977 to December 1977. Possibly for meeting of December 1977.   |
| 7 | Jan 1979    | Report on medical manpower and the future supply of doctors.  |
| 8 | Jun 1986    | Letter concerning drug user being added to a practice's roll.   |

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**4      Minutes of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee, 1974-1987**

This was a sub-committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee. These were previously numbered LHB26/11/2/1-14.

- 1      Mar 1974 – Nov 1974
- 2      Jan 1975 – Nov 1975
- 3      Jan 1976 – Nov 1976
- 4      Jan 1977 – Dec 1977
- 5      Jan 1978 – Nov 1978
- 6      Jan 1979 – Dec 1979
- 7      Jan 1980 – Nov 1980
- 8      Jan 1981 – Dec 1981
- 9      Jan 1982 – Dec 1982
- 10     Jan 1983 – Dec 1983
- 11     Jan 1984 – Dec 1984
- 12     Jan 1985 – Dec 1985
- 13     Jan 1986 – Dec 1986
- 14     Jan 1987 – Dec 1987

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**5           Minutes of the Chairman's Sub-Committee of the General Practitioners Sub-  
Committee, 1974-1984**

It is not clear how these minutes differ from those in LHB54/7. It would appear that both the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-Committee and the Lothian Local Medical committee had a Chairman's Sub-Committee. These were originally catalogued as LHB26/14/3/1-7.

- 1           13 Aug 1974
- 2           18 Aug 1975
- 3           2 Aug 1976
- 4           31 Oct 1983
- 5           28 Nov 1983
- 6           30 Jan 1983
- 7           27 Feb 1984

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**6      Papers of Chairman's Group meetings, 1979-1983**

These papers were originally in files labelled 'Chairman's Group meeting'. It is not possible to tell whether these papers relate to the Chairman of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee or the Chairman of the Lothian Local Medical Committee or are a deliberate amalgamation of the two. These were originally catalogued as LHB26/14/4/1-30 and LHB26/14/2/1-2.

1	29 Jan 1979	Includes papers relating to the collection of unused medicines.
2	9 Apr 1979	
3	7 May 1979	
4	1 Oct 1979	
5	19 Nov 1979	Includes papers relating to the contingency fund and benevolent fund mandate.
6	17 Dec 1979	
7	29 Jan 1980	
8	3 Mar 1980	
9	18 Aug 1980	
10	8 Dec 1980	
11	1 Mar 1981	
12	4 Mar 1981	
13	8 Apr 1981	AGM and Chairman's Group.
14	25 May 1981	
15	6 Jul 1981	
16	21 Sep 1981	
17	30 Nov 1981	
18	6 Jan 1982	
19	8 Feb 1982	
20	21 Apr 1982	
21	2 Aug 1982	
22	22 Nov 1982	

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**6      Papers of Chairman's Group meetings, 1979-1983**

23      20 Dec 1982

24      21 Feb 1983

25      21 Mar 1983

26      4 Apr 1983

27      25 Apr 1983

28      27 Jun 1983

29      25 Jul 1983

30      15 Aug 1983

31      31 Oct 1983

32      28 Nov 1983

33      Mar 1977 – May 1977

Papers relating to the inspection of a general practice in Whitburn. Annotation indicates that these were referred to at the Chairman's Sub-Group.

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**7      Minutes of the Hospital Services Sub-Committee, 1983-1989**

This was a sub-committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee.

1	25 May 1983 – 18 Jul 1984	3 items.
2	12 Sep 1984 – 12 Jun 1985	3 items.
3	10 Jul 1985 – 9 Jul 1986	3 items.
4	10 Sep 1986 – 9 Sep 1987	3 items.
5	11 Nov 1987 – 15 Nov 1988	3 items.
6	25 Jan 1989 – 23 Aug 1989	3 items.
7	27 Sep 1989 – 22 Nov 1989	2 items.

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**8      Minutes of the Medical Records and Computing Sub-Committee, 1984-1986**

This was a sub-committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee. These were originally in one file with the reference LAMC/3/15.

1      15 Mar 1984 – 6 Nov 1986      3 items.

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**9      Agendas of Meetings of Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice),  
1975-1983**

There was an empty file dated 21 March 1983. These were originally numbered LHB26/16/1/2-41.

1A	2 Jun 1975	Originally with LHB26/17.
1	15 Jan 1979	
2	12 Feb 1979	
3	4 Jun 1979	
4	25 Jun 1979	
5	10 Sep 1979	
6	5 Nov 1979	
7	3 Dec 1979	
8	14 Jan 1980	
9	18 Feb 1980	
10	17 Mar 1980	
11	14 Jul 1980	
12	8 Sep 1980	
13	27 Oct 1980	
14	24 Nov 1980	
15	12 Jan 1981	
16	16 Feb 1981	
17	16 Mar 1981	
18	13 Apr 1981	
19	29 Jun 1981	
20	27 Jul 1981	
21	7 Sep 1981	
22	2 Nov 1981	

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**9      Agendas of Meetings of Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice),  
1975-1983**

23      14 Dec 1981

24      18 Jan 1982

25      15 Feb 1982

26      8 Mar 1982

27      28 Jun 1982

28      30 Aug 1982

29      4 Oct 1982

30      8 Nov 1982

31      6 Dec 1982

32      10 Jan 1983

33      7 Feb 1983

34      6 Jun 1983

35      11 Jul 1983

36      12 Sep 1983

37      10 Oct 1983

38      14 Nov 1983

39      12 Dec 1983

40      Agenda papers found in miscellaneous series of LHB26, 1977-1979

1      May 1977      Correspondence concerning the provision of general practitioners in Wester Hailes.

2      Apr 1979 – May 1979      Correspondence concerning an amendment to the minutes of the meeting of 23 April 1979.

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**10      Minutes of Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice), 1974-1987**

These were previously numbered LHB26/11/1/1-14.

- 1      Apr 1974 – Nov 1974
- 2      Jan 1975 – Nov 1975
- 3      Jan 1976 – Nov 1976
- 4      Jan 1977 – Dec 1977
- 5      Jan 1978 – Nov 1978
- 6      Jan 1979 – Dec 1979
- 7      Jan 1980 – Nov 1980
- 8      Jan 1981 – Dec 1981
- 9      Jan 1982 – Dec 1982
- 10     Jan 1983 – Dec 1983
- 11     Jan 1984 – Dec 1984
- 12     Jan 1985 – Dec 1985
- 13     Jan 1986 – Dec 1986
- 14     Jan 1987 – Dec 1987

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**11       Minutes of Chairman's Sub-Committee of Lothian Local Medical Committee,  
1974-1983**

It is not clear how these minutes differ from those in LHB54/4. It would appear that both the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-Committee and the Lothian Local Medical committee had a Chairman's Sub-Committee. These were originally catalogued as LHB26/14/1/1-4.

- 1       13 Aug 1974
- 2       24 Nov 1975
- 3       30 Nov 1981
- 4       27 Jun 1983

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**12      Notices and agenda papers for AGMs of General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian  
Local Medical Committee, 1975-1984**

As with the papers for the Chairman's Group, the AGM appears to have been shared by both the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-Committee and the Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice). These were originally numbered LHB26/13/1/1-7, LHB26/16/1/1 and LHB26/13/6. See also LHB54/14/3.

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|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | 2 Jun 1975  | Notice only.  |
| 2 | 18 May 1976 | This item was originally included as part of LHB54/9. It is more typical of that series as it includes papers but the original folder was labelled 'General Meeting.' Includes annual report of the Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) 1975-1976. |
| 3 | 29 May 1978 | Notice only.  |
| 4 | 14 May 1979 | Notice only.  |
| 5 | 11 May 1981 |   |
| 6 | 25 May 1982 |   |
| 7 | 16 May 1983 | Includes combined annual report of the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-Committee and the Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) 1982-1983 and paper on the health of doctors.  |
| 8 | May 1984    |   |

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**13      Annual reports of the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-Committee and the Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice), 1975-1983**

From 1978, there was a combined annual report for both committees. These were originally catalogued as LHB26/15/1-14.

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|----|-------------|--|
| 1  | 1975        | Annual report of Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice).   |
| 2  | 1975        | Annual report of Lothian General Practitioners Sub-Committee of the Area Medical Committee.  |
| 3  | 26 May 1975 | General Practitioner Sub-Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report 1974/1975. Includes abstract of accounts for General Practitioner Sub-Committee, Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) and the Benevolent Fund Account. |
| 4  | 1976        | Annual report of Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice). Includes abstract of accounts for Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) and the Benevolent Fund Account.   |
| 5  | 1976        | General Practitioners Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee.   |
| 6  | 1978        | General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1977/1978. 2 copies.   |
| 7  | 1979        | General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1978/1979.   |
| 8  | 1980        | General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1979/1980. 2 copies.   |
| 9  | 1981        | General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1980/1981. 4 copies.   |
| 10 | 1982        | General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1981/2.  |

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**13      Annual reports of the Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-  
Committee and the Lothian Local Medical Committee (General Practice), 1975-1983**

11      1983      General Practitioner Sub-Committee of Lothian Area Medical  
Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee (General  
Practice) annual report and statement of accounts 1982/3.

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**14      Minutes and Agendas of Special Meetings, 1974-1986**

These were originally catalogued as LHB26/12/1-5.

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|---|---------------------|--|
| 1 | 11 Jun 1974         | Memorandum of meeting of Chairman of Lothian Health Board, Chief Administrative Medical Officer and Administrator of General Practitioner Services with the General Practitioners Sub-committee of the Lothian Area Medical Committee. |
| 2 | 11 Jan 1975         | Minutes of general meeting of all general practitioners in the Lothian area.   |
| 3 | 28 May 1984         | Notice and agenda of special meeting of all NHS Practitioners in the Edinburgh area issued by the Lothian Local Medical Committee and the General Practitioners Sub-Committee.   |
| 4 | 26 May 1986         | Minute of meeting of the Trustees of Lothian Local Medical Committee.  |
| 5 | May 1977 – Jun 1977 | Report of two meetings held between officers of the Lothian Health Board and the General Practitioners Sub-Committee.  |

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**15      Constitution and Membership of the General Practitioners Sub-committee, 1974-1988**

These were originally catalogued as LHB26/16/3/1-7, LHB26/16/4 and LHB26/16/5.

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|----|---------------------|--|
| 1  | May 1974            | Handwritten election results.  |
| 2  | May 1974            | List of elected members.   |
| 3  | 13 Mar 1976         | List of nominations to office for the General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee.   |
| 4  | Feb 1982 – Mar 1982 | Notice of election to the General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee; nomination forms; and election results.                           |
| 5  | Mar 1984            | Notice of election to the General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee; nomination forms; and election results.                           |
| 6  | 11 Apr 1986         | Election results for General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian Local Medical Committee.  |
| 7  | 1987 – 1988         | General Practitioners Sub-Committee and Lothian Local list of officer holders.   |
| 8  | c1974               | Constitution of Lothian Area Medical Committee General Practitioners Sub-committee   |
| 9  | 1 Aug 1975          | Letter to Dr Paterson of the Lothian Local Medical Committee from James Symonds, a member of the General Practitioners Sub-Committee regarding committee procedures. |
| 10 | c1974               | List of members of the Interim Medical Advisory Committee - Lothians Area.   |

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**16      Correspondence and related papers, 1974-1990**

These items were originally catalogued LHB26/17/1-8.

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|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | c1974                     | Notice of new arrangements for laboratory diagnosis of virus infection at City Hospital.  |
| 2 | 4 Feb 1974                | Letter to the Lothian Area Medical Committee from the Lothian Health Board on the Child Health Programme Committee.   |
| 3 | 25 Mar 1975               | Letter to the secretary of the Lothian Area Medical Committee from Lothian Health Board on medical requests for re-housing.   |
| 4 | 5 May 1975                | Letter to the General Practitioner Sub-Committee from Lothian Health Board on primary care for single homeless.   |
| 5 | 21 May 1975               | Letter to the General Practitioner Sub-Committee from Lothian Health Board on a change of location for the central surgery in Bathgate.   |
| 6 | 1980 – 1984               | Correspondence from Lothian Health Board Primary Care Division to the General Practitioners Sub-Committee on the prescribing of specific drugs and general prescription issues. Gives patient details. 5 items. |
| 7 | 16 Apr 1974 – 20 Nov 1980 | Correspondence from Lothian Health Board Primary Care Division and individual doctors to the General Practitioners Sub-Committee on higher fees paid to doctors for maternity services. 4 items.                |
| 8 | Apr 1974                  | Letter to all general practitioners from the Lothian Local Medical Committee on the continuance of the benevolent fund.   |
| 9 | 1986 – 1990               | Papers and correspondence relating to premises of general practitioners. Includes details of alterations and the cost rent scheme. 2 items.   |

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**17      Circulars and other papers from the British Medical Association, 1973-1975**

These items were originally catalogued LHB26/17 except where otherwise indicated.

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|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | 30 Jul 1973 | Circular from the British Medical Association (BMA) on doctors' contracts.  |
| 2 | 14 Sep 1973 | Circular from the BMA on Health Board Districts. Includes population statistics.  |
| 3 | Jan 1975    | Circular on Review Body. Original ref: LHB26/21/2   |
| 4 | 21 Feb 1975 | Circular to the secretary of Local Medical Committees from the BMA including voting paper calling for resignations from the NHS.                    |
| 5 | May 1975    | Draft new contract for general practitioners plus Counsel's opinion. Original ref: LHB26/21/3   |
| 6 | Jun 1975    | Agenda for and report on annual conference of representatives of local medical committees. Original ref: LHB26/21/4                                 |
| 7 | Sep 1975    | Lothian Local Medical Committee memorandum on recent BMA communications and General Medical Services Committee activities. Original ref: LHB26/21/5 |