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Maternal and Child Health Services (Infant Welfare) Publications and Resources

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Details

P1 – Printed Parent Information??This consignment consists of leaflets, pamphlets and booklets on a range of subjects related to health and development, nutrition, parenting education and pregnancy. The dates of publication range from 1936 to 2001. The ‘Jubilee Conference on Maternal and Child Health’ paper located in the P2 consignment of this series refers to leaflets on ‘general management’ being sent out monthly as part of the Infant Welfare section’s Correspondence Service. Content from this consignment could be copies of some of this material.??Some of the leaflets contain a Government printer’s number such as 4907/49. The second number refers to the year of printing – some leaflets were revised and printed at later dates.???P2 – Various Publications??This consignment includes a range of publications and resource material such as a text book/guide, a copy of a 50th Jubilee conference paper, Maternal and Child Health program standards, standards of professional practice and examples of ‘Your Child’s Personal Health Record’ dating from 1979 to the late 1990s. The Personal Health Records were distributed to parents on enrolment in the Maternal and Child Health (Infant Welfare) Service. From the late 1990’s a new comprehensive Child Health Record was introduced with more information, particularly about child development. They were distributed on discharge from hospital and there are samples from 2001-2008. The 2008 edition was published by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as part of a machinery of Government Change.???P3 – Framed Posters??This consignment consists of four large framed posters designed for display in infant welfare centres. The posters provided advice for parents on subjects such as vision and care of the eyes, sleeping and the benefits of night air, and preparing for school. It’s possible that they were developed in the 1940s for the newly created school nursing service, when vision and hearing screening of children was introduced (school nurses worked in schools from 1913 to the 1940s as part of the school medical service).

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