



# **Gay Medical Association Archive**

**(GMA)**

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## **GMA      Gay Medical Association      1977-1999**

**Name of Creator:** Gay Medical Association [inc. proceeding and successive bodies]

**Extent:** 2 Boxes

**Administrative/Biographical History:** GLADD: the Association of LGBT Doctors and Dentists' had its roots in the Gay Medics and Dentals Group, a society of the University of London Students Union, established in 1976 by Martin Hamilton-Farrell and others.

The aims of the Gay Medics and Dentals Group was to support gay and lesbian clinical students in the University, and to promote the needs of homosexual patients to medical staff in London. One of their last actions, in December 1977, was to deliver a 'Guide to counselling agencies for homosexual people in London' to over 10,000 general practitioners and hospital specialists in London. The Group was disbanded in 1978 after many of its members had graduated.

In 1980, Hamilton-Farrell re-established the group following the refusal of an advertisement by Scottish gay doctors in the British Medical Journal (BMJ). He wrote a letter to the BMJ, 'Advertisement from group of homosexual doctors' calling for homosexual doctors to be accepted and supported. The letter drew a good response and led to the establishment of the Gay Medical Information Society.

In 1983 the Society changed name to the Gay Medical Association (GMA) at which point they reported membership to be approximately 150 people. Around this time, GMA published its first leaflet 'AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome'. Possibly the first of its kind in the UK, the leaflet was left in clubs and pubs with the aim of educating gay men and lesbians about the disease. A second leaflet was published in 1984, supported by the newly re-structured Terence Higgins Trust.

Further name changes followed, first in 1988 to 'LGMA, the Lesbian and Gay Medical Association' and from 1994 'GLADD, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists'. The aims were now clarified to including the collecting, collating and disseminating information about homosexuality and medicine, bringing these matters to the attention of the general public and the medical profession.

At time of deposit (2016) the organisation was known as 'GLADD, the Association of LGBT Doctors and Dentists'. The aim of the organisation was now to provide help, support or advice to LGBT medical professionals as well as allowing members to network with other LGBT doctors and dentists.

The organisation was known as:

- Gay Medics and Dentals Group (a society of the University of London Students Union), from 1976.

- Gay Medical Information Society, from 1980.
- Gay Medical Association, from 1983.
- 'LGMA, the Lesbian and Gay Medical Association', from 1988.
- 'GLADD, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists' , from c.1994.
- 'GLADD, the Association of LGBT Doctors and Dentists', n.d.

**Custodial History:** Deposited at Bishopsgate Institute by Martin Hamilton-Farrell, co-founder and former Secretary of the Gay Medical Association on 12 May 2016.

**Scope and Content:**

Papers of the 'GLADD, The Association of LGBT Doctors and Dentists' consisting of papers created under it's former names 'Gay Medic Society', 'Gay Medical Information Society', 'Gay Medical Association', and 'Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists'. Includes:

- Minutes, (1981-1996)
- Newsletters, (1987-1999)
- Correspondence, (1983-1995)
- Leaflets, (1977-1996)
- Information sheets, (1985-1985)
- Articles, (1980-1985)
- Conference papers, (1985-1997)
- Photographs, (1983-1985)

**System of Arrangement:** The Gay Medical Association Archive is divided into the following nine sections:

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**GMA/1      Minutes      1981-1996**

Minutes, papers and reports of the Gay Medical Association and Lesbian and Gay Medical Association, (1981-1996). Includes:

- Minutes of meetings and annual general meetings of the Gay Medical Association, (1981-1987).
- Reports regarding conferences, finance, membership, the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill and AIDS of the Gay Medical Association, (1984-1987).
- Minutes of a joint meeting with Gay Lawyers Association and Gay Legal Advice, (1984).
- Minutes of annual and extraordinary general meetings of the Lesbian and Gay Medical Association, (1992-1996) [incomplete].
- Balance sheet of the Lesbian and Gay Medical Association, (1992).

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**GMA/2      Newsletters      1987-1999**

Newsletter of the Gay Medical Association, the Lesbian and Gay Medical Association, and the Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists, (1987-1999). Includes:

- GMA News, (27 February 1987 - 9 October 1988)
- LGMA News, (27 November 1988 - 25 March

- 1990)  
 - Pink Ink: the newsletter of the LGMA, (July 1990 - January 1992)  
 - GLADD Tidings, (August 1995 - Winter 1998/1999)

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**Correspondence**

**1983-1995**

Correspondence and circular of the Gay Medical Association, (1983-1995). Includes:

- Circular to GPs from the Gay Medical Association regarding AIDS, (3pp) (May 1983)
- Letter to Dr Clifford Kay from the Gay Medical Association regarding the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, (1p) (24 September 1984)
- Letter to Councillor Collett of Rugby from the Gay Medical Association regarding the employment of homosexual doctors, (1p) (3 October 1984)
- Letter to Professor Alvin Novick from Richard Isaac regarding a joint meeting between the Gay Medical Association and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, (2pp) (5 October 1984)
- Letter to Martin Hamilton-Farrell from Councillor Collett of Rugby regarding the employment of homosexual doctors, (1p) (8 October 1984)
- Circular from the European Gay Health Care Foundation inviting the recipient to a meeting in Amsterdam, (2pp) (15 October 1985)
- Letter to Councillor Collett of Rugby from the Gay Medical Association regarding the employment of homosexual doctors, (1p) (21 October 1984)
- Letter to the Gay Medical Association from Dr Clifford Kay regarding the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, (2pp) (22 October 1984)
- Letter to Dr Clifford Kay from the Gay Medical Association regarding the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, (1p) (15 November 1984)
- Letter to Mrs Seward, British Dental Journal, from RGD Williamson regarding the journal's refusal to place an advert for the Gay Medical Association, (2pp) (4 January 1985)

- Letter to RGD Williamson from Mrs Seward, British Dental Journal, regarding the journal's refusal to place an advert for the Gay Medical Association, (1p) (18 January 1985)
- Letter to Martin Hamilton-Farrell from RGD Williamson regarding the British Dental Journal's refusal to place an advert for the Gay Medical Association, (2pp) (21 January 1985)
- Letter to the British Medical Journal from the Gay Medical Association regarding the Association's activities, (3pp) (6 June 1985)
- Circular from Kevin Jackson regarding his new position as Chair of the Gay Medical Association, (2pp) (6 June 1990)
- Circular from Peter King regarding the new name of the Gay Medical Association to Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists. Includes constitution, (5pp) (11 April 1995).

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**Leaflets**

**1977-1996**

Leaflets and information sheets created and collected by Gay Medics Group, Gay Medical Information Society, Gay Medical Association, Lesbian and Gay Medical Association, and the Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists, (1977-1996). Includes:

- 'Guide to Counselling Agencies for Homosexual People in London', (4pp) (December 1977) [Distributed in University hospitals]
- 'Gay Medical Information Society', (1p) (c.1978)
- 'Gay? The Gay Medical Association meets monthly somewhere in London!', (1p) (c.1979)
- 'Helping your patients', (3pp) (1981)
- 'An Introduction to the Terrance Higgins Trust', (6pp) (c.1982)
- 'Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome', (3pp) (July 1983)
- 'AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome', (4pp) (1984) [Possibly the first leaflet to be distributed in gay clubs and bars in London to educate men and women about AIDS.]
- 'Some facts about AIDS', Heath Education Council, (8pp) (1984)
- 'Homosexuality and the Medical Profession',



- [lecture notes] (12pp) (c.1985)
- 'Information Sheet', Gay Medical Association, (3pp) (c.1985)
  - 'Newsletter of the Terrence Higgins Trust', Terrence Higgins Trust, (16pp) (June 1985)
  - 'Introduction to AIDS', unknown, (20pp) (c.1985)
  - 'AIDS: a brief for members of Parliament', unknown, (18pp) (c.1986)
  - 'The Facts About AIDS', Terrance Higgins Trust, (6pp) (May 1985)
  - 'Sexual Minorities Advisory Service', Sexual Minorities Advisory Service, (4pp) (c.1985)
  - 'Press release: Gay Medical Association (UK)', (1p) (1 October 1985)
  - 'Experiences of a GMA Secretary', Martin Hamilton-Farrell, (1p) (c.1985)
  - 'Gay Medical Association' (3pp) (c.1985)
  - 'AIDS: The facts', Terrence Higgins Trust, (4pp) (c.1986)
  - 'Gay and Lesbian Association of Doctors and Dentists', (1p) (August 1996)
  - 'Telling a friend about GLADD', (1p) (c.1996)
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**Information Sheets**

**1982-1985**

Information Sheets produced by Gay Medic Information Society and the Gay Medical Association recording references to homosexuals, AIDS and STDs in medical journals, (March 1982 - February 1985)

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**Articles and Published Letters**

**1980-1985**

Articles and published letters created and collected by the Gay Medical Association, (1980-1985). Includes:

- 'Homosexuality and the Medical Profession', John Marshall, (September 1980)
- Letter in the British Medical Journal, 'Advertisement from group of homosexual doctors', MR Farrell, (30 August 1980) [Following this letter, doctors contacted Farrell about forming a group, and the Gay Medical Association was established].
- Letter in the Journal of Medical Ethics, 'Advice

- for the homosexual patient', Martin Hamilton-Farrell, (1982)
- Letter in the British Medical Journal, 'Acquired immune deficiency syndrome', MR Farrell, (2 April 1983)
  - Letter in the British Medical Journal, 'Should homosexuals be vaccinated against hepatitis B virus?', Martin Hamilton-Farrell, (18 June 1983)
  - Letter in the British Medical Journal, 'Acquired immune deficiency syndrome', APJ Dunford, (29 February 1984)
  - 'ABC of Sexually Transmitted Diseases', Michael Adler, British Medical Journal, (10 March 1984)
  - 'Gays: The doctors' dilemma', Martin Farrell, Gay News, (n.d.)
  - 'Fighting bigotry as well as an epidemic', Andrew Veitch, Guardian, (5 November 1985)
  - 'Why many gays feel uneasy with GPs', Martin Hamilton-Farrell, unknown, (n.d.)
  - 'Case of the vapours', WL Warner, (n.d.)

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**Conference Papers**

**1985-1987**

Conference papers collected by Martin Hamilton-Farrell, secretary of the Gay Medical Association, (1985-1987). Includes:

- European Gay Health Conference 1985, organised by the European Gay Health Care and Terrence Higgins Trust, (May-June 1985)
- Homosexuality and Medicine: First international conference, organised by an international committee, (August 1986)
- 'The Way Forward: a discussion document about the possible future directions for the Gay Medical Association (UK)', Gay Medical Association, (c.1986)
- European Gay Health Care Conference 1987, organised by the European Gay Health Care, (January 1987)

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- GMA/8      Photographs: Homosexuality and      1986**  
**Medicine Conference**
- Twenty three colour photographs with negatives of delegates at the International Conference on Homosexuality and Medicine, held at the Royal Society of Medicine, (1986).  
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- GMA/9      Digital Photographs: GMA Garden      c.1983**  
**Party**
- Five digital colour images of a social event for Gay Medical Association members, (c.1983)
- [Co-founder Martin Hamilton-Farrell is stood at the top of the stairs in a blue jumper.]  
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