



# **Gill Kent Archive**

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**1974-1985**

**Name of Creator:** Kent, Gill (fl 1979-1985) activist and campaigner

**Extent:** 10 boxes

**Administrative/Biographical History:** From 1979 to 1984 Gill Kent was deeply involved in the British women's movement, particularly the women's health movement, and played a pivotal role in the defeat of John Corrie's anti-abortion bill of 1979-1980.

Kent was a member of the National Abortion Campaign (NAC) National Steering Committee and a founding member of the Campaign Against the Corrie Bill (CAC). At the same time, she worked for the Birth Control Campaign and Trust and was assistant administrator of the Parliament-based Co-ordinating Committee in Defence of the 1967 Abortion Act (Co-ord), working weekly in the House of Commons with pro-choice MPs. This put her in a position to link the campaign in the House with the women's movement-led campaign in the country at a time when Co-ord members believed the bill was impossible to defeat. They were, of course, able to defeat the bill and preserve abortion rights.

Kent was also an early member of the Maternity Alliance and editor of CHC News, the magazine for Community Health Councils, which closed in early 1984 after attacks from the Thatcher government. She continued her involvement in many feminist organizations of the period until leaving the country in late 1984.

**Custodial History:** Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Gill Kent, 26 August 2022.

**Scope and Content:** Papers of Gill Kent relating to her involvement in reproductive rights and campaigning, including as part of Maternity Alliance and National Abortion Campaign, and a founding member of the Campaign Against the Corrie Bill (CAC). (1974-1985)

**Language/scripts of material:**  
English

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<b>KENT/1</b>	<b>Anti-abortion campaigns</b>	<b>1974-1980</b>
	Papers, press cuttings and leaflets relating to anti-abortion campaigns. (1974-1980) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>KENT/2</b>	<b>Abortion term limits</b>	<b>1975-1983</b>
	Papers relating to legal abortion term limits. (1975-1983) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>KENT/3</b>	<b>Abortion facilities on the NHS</b>	<b>1974-1981</b>
	Papers, press releases and press cuttings relating to abortion services provided on the National Health Service (NHS). (1974-1981) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>KENT/4</b>	<b>Erin Pizzy, incest &amp; domestic violence</b>	<b>1975-1981</b>
	Press cuttings relating to Erin Pizzy, incest and domestic violence (1975-1981) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>KENT/5</b>	<b>Notes on National Abortion Campaign (NAC)</b>	<b>1982</b>
	Notes made by Gill Kent reflecting on her involvement in National Abortion Campaign (NAC). (1982)	
<b>KENT/6</b>	<b>The Demand for Independence</b>	<b>1976</b>
	Discussion Kit titled 'The Demand for Independence' published by The Women's Liberation Campaign for Legal and Financial Independence (April 1976) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>KENT/7</b>	<b>Abortion (Amendment) Regulations</b>	<b>1976-1981</b>
	Papers relating to The Abortion (Amendment) Regulations 1980 which came into operation on 1st March 1981 (1976-1981) <b>OPEN</b>	

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**Health issues & campaigns**

**1976-1981**

Papers, journal articles and press cuttings relating to various health issues and campaigns including: the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital; abortion rights in trade unions the labour movement; The 300 Group; the Birth Control Campaign; the Birth Control Trust; the Trent Region Conference on 'Abortion – A Woman's Right to Choose. How do we achieve it in the '80s?'; national and local chapters of National Abortion Campaign (NAC); poetry by Astra; celibacy; foetal screening; 'positive legislation'; Tories for Free Choice; National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts (NCROPA); Day of Legal Action for Women Against Violence Against Women; NAC Sponsored Walk; notes made by GK in response to press cutting 'Abortion : murder or mercy?'; Family Planning Information Service; medical techniques; the Abortion Facilities Bill; Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion; Abortion Law Reform Association (ALRA) / A Woman's Right to Choose Campaign; the International Feminist Network; Socialist Health Association; International Contraception, Abortion and Sterilisation Campaign (ICASC); health education; the Co-ordinating Committee in Defence of the 1967 Abortion Act; Campaign against the Corrie Bill; Pregnancy Advisory Service; Scottish National Abortion Campaign; Contraception Action Programme; Marie Stopes House; Family Planning Information Service; Campaign against Depo-Provera; Society for the Protection of Unborn Children; Family Forum; Population Concern; Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS); Bristol Women's Health Group; and Birmingham Rape Crisis Research Centre (BRCRC). (1976-1981)

**OPEN**

**KENT/9**

**Contraception**

**1976-1983**

Press cuttings and papers relating to various methods and types of birth control, contraception and family planning. (1976-1983)

**OPEN**

<b>KENT/10</b>	<b>Islington National Abortion Campaign (NAC)</b>  Papers and press cuttings relating to the Islington chapter of National Abortion Campaign (NAC) and abortion in general (1977-1979) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1977-1979</b>
<b>KENT/11</b>	<b>Legal abortion statistics</b>  Papers relating to statistics of legal abortions carried out in the UK. (1977-1981) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1977-1981</b>
<b>KENT/12</b>	<b>Women's Liberation Movement</b>  Papers and press cuttings relating to Women's Liberation Movement. (1978) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>KENT/13</b>	<b>Birth Control Campaign (BCC) and Birth Control Trust (BCT)</b>  Papers relating to Birth Control Campaign (BCC) and Birth Control Trust (BCT). (1978-1981) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1978-1981</b>
<b>KENT/14</b>	<b>'Positive Legislation'</b>  Papers relating to progressive legal achievements with respect to reproductive rights. (1978-1980) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1978-1980</b>
<b>KENT/15</b>	<b>Global history of legalised abortion</b>  Papers relating to the global history of legalised abortion. (1979) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>KENT/16</b>	<b>Antenatal and perinatal care</b>  Papers relating to antenatal and perinatal care. (1979-1982) <b>OPEN</b>	<b>1979-1982</b>
<b>KENT/17</b>	<b>National Abortion Campaign Conference 1979</b>	<b>1979</b>

Papers relating to the National Abortion Campaign Conference, held in Nottingham. (1979)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/18      Corrie Bill / Campaign Against Corrie      1978-1980**

Papers and press cuttings relating to the campaign against John Corrie's Abortion (Amendment) Bill, including amendments to the bill and papers relating to the voting procedures and predicted outcomes for MPs and Peers with respect to the vote on the Bill. (1978-1980)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/19      NHS Services : Abortion      1978-1981**

Papers relating to abortion services provided on the National Health Service. (1978-1981)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/20      Co-ordinating Committee in Defence of the 1967 Abortion Act      1979-1981**

Papers relating to the Co-ordinating Committee in Defence of the 1967 Abortion Act. (1979-1981)  
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**KENT/21      Seminars and Events      1980-1982**

Papers relating to British Parliamentary Group on Population and Development meeting, National Abortion Campaign Conference 1981, leaflet from Equal Opportunities Commission, invitation to a seminar in connection with the publication 'Family Planning, Sterilisation and Abortion Services' published by Policy Studies Institute, invitation to conference 'The Consequences of Teenage Sexual Activity' by Brook Advisory Centres, programme & leaflet 'Women's Rights Against Tory Attacks Festival', paper 'Resolutions Passed at the 1980 National Conference' of the National Abortion Campaign, factsheet 'Sterilisation' by Birth Control Trust, press release 'International Music, Theatre, Cabaret and Dance' by National Abortion Campaign, programme

'International Day of Action' for National Abortion Campaign, folded leaflet 'Family Forum', (1980-1982)

**OPEN**

**KENT/22      Maternity Rights & Post-coital birth control      1980-1982**

Papers and leaflets relating to maternity rights and post-coital birth control, published by Maternity Alliance and Pregnancy Advisory Service. (1980-1982)

**OPEN**

**KENT/23      London Regional Women's Liberation Movement Conference      1980**

Papers relating to the London Area Women's Liberation Conference. (19-20 July 1980)

**OPEN**

**KENT/24      National Abortion Campaign Conference 1980      1980**

Papers relating to the National Abortion Campaign Conference held in Leeds. (1980)

**OPEN**

**KENT/25      National Abortion Campaign letterhead and compliment card      [n.d.]**

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**OPEN**

**KENT/26      Abortion : Our struggle for control      1980**

Papers relating to the pamphlet 'Abortion : Our struggle for control' published by National Abortion Campaign. (1980)

**OPEN**

**KENT/27      Abortion Law Reform Association (ARLA) / A Woman's Right to Choose      1980-1984**

Papers and ephemera relating to Abortion Law Reform Association (ARLA) / A Woman's Right to Choose. (1980-1984)

**OPEN**

**KENT/28      Political Issues and Campaigns      1980-1981**

Papers relating to political issues and campaigns, including: Feminist Newspaper Group; Festival for Women's Rights Against the Tory Attacks; National Child Care Campaign; Women's Action Day; Equal Opportunities Commission; Green Paper : "The Taxation of Husband and Wife"; ATD Fourth World; Women's Research and Resources Centre; The Women's Press Bookclub; Sheba Feminist Publishers; British Humanist Association; Federation of Conservative Students; Conservative Central Office; and The National Council for Voluntary Organisations. (1980-1981)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/29      Maternity Alliance      1981-1984**

Papers relating to Maternity Alliance, including agendas and minutes of the executive committee, correspondence, policy statements. (1981-1984)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/30      Post Coital Birth Control      1981-1982**

Papers, journal articles, typescript papers and factsheets relating to post coital birth control. (1981-1982)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/31      International Day of Action and International Contraception, Abortion & Sterilisation Campaign (ICASC)      1981**

Papers relating to International Day of Action and International Contraception, Abortion & Sterilisation Campaign. (1981)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/32      Peter Huntingford      1981**

Papers relating to Gill Kent's interview of Peter Huntingford which was published in 'East End News'. (1981)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/33      Labour Movement Conference & 'Positive Legislation'      1981**



Papers and printed materials relating to NAC/LARC Labour Movement Conference on Abortion and Positive Legislation. (1981)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/34      Abortion Notification Form (HSA4)      1981-1982**

Papers and press cuttings relating to a new abortion notification form (HSA4) introduced by the Department of Health & Social Security, and the political response to this introduction. (1981-1982)  
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**KENT/35      NHS Unlimited      1981-1985**

Papers and correspondence relating to NHS Unlimited, self-described as 'a committee to combat private medicine', and papers relating to various reproductive rights campaigns, including National Abortion Campaign, Women's Reproductive Rights Campaign, and Women's Reproductive Rights Information Centre. (1981-1985)  
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**KENT/36      Reproductive Rights Campaigns & Resources      [1981?]-1985**

Papers relating to various reproductive rights campaigns and resources, including the National Abortion Campaign (NAC), Women's Reproductive Rights Information Campaign & Information Centre. ([1981?]-1985)  
**OPEN**

**KENT/37      'The Foetus Myth Shattered'      [1980?]**

Pamphlet, 'The Foetus Myth Shattered', published by BPAS [British Pregnancy Advisory Service] (45pp) [1980?]  
**OPEN**

**KENT/38      'Men Too'      1984**

Papers relating to men-centred contraception, including the 'Men Too' campaign. (1984)  
**OPEN**