

Observation Log – Seaforth Home

1968 – 1973

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Details

This series contains the Observation Log of Seaforth Home for 1968 to 1973, which is titled “Wet Bed Book”.

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Records

The pages have been ruled into calendar format, with provision for an AM and a PM check of the bed of each child. Ticks and crosses were used, but it is not clear whether ticks meant the bed was wet or dry. The names of the children were entered on each page, and they have been divided into two groups, toddlers and schoolgirls. During the period that this record was used, the home accommodated children up to the age of six years, some of whom had intellectual or physical disabilities, and some girls up to the age of eighteen who were committed because of minor behavioural problems or truancy. Children from the different age groups were accommodated in separate dormitories or nurseries. The records from September 1973 were grouped into Units 1 and 2, and the children accommodated in these units were six years old or younger.

Seaforth Home at Somerton Park was operated by the Children’s Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors between 1921 and 1975.

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Related Organisations

- [Seaforth Home \(1946 - 1975\)](#)

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