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## CHE Law reform & political campaigning records – 1973 – 1990 Main index

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## CHE law reform campaigning – 1973 to December 1977 (Box 1, folders 1.1 – 1.4)

### Folder 1 – from 1973 to 1975.

- a. Correspondence with Young Conservatives, Conservative Research Department, the Liberal Party, and National Front, the Communist Party of Great Britain, the Cooperative Party and the Young liberal HQ on their attitudes to policies on discrimination against homosexuals.
- b. Briefing by Barrie Kenyon dated September 1974 entitled “Who is being prosecuted?” for distribution to delegates at the CHE September National Council and to EC members.
- c. CHE/SMG/USFI draft sexual offences bill + standard letter to MPs by Paul Temperton (dated 27 June 1975) + memo to all convenors by Paul Temperton (dated 24 June 1975) + copy of booklet “No Offence”.
- d. Letter by Dermod Quirke dated 25 June 1975 to Lord Harris of the Home Office concerning press reports of a reference of sexual offences law to the Criminal Law Revision Committee, seeking details of the scope of the review, whether the Home Secretary’s views on equality would be presented to the Committee, and the timetable for the review; and a reply dated 14 August 1975 from Lord Harris’ Private Secretary noting that the CLRC’s terms of reference had been announced on 14 July, that it would be inappropriate for the Home Secretary to impose views on matters covered by the terms of reference, and that it would be left to the CLRC and PAC to determine their timetable and their sources of evidence.
- e. CHE third annual conference – Sheffield – August 1975 – Report and Recommendations of the Workshop on Law Reform. Recommends two-pronged strategy, to “strain every nerve and effort” to get Parliament to debate and approve at least the fundamental principle of the bill, while preparing the most thorough briefing possible for the CLRC and Policy Advisory Committee.
- f. Note of a meeting at the House of Commons on 19 November 1975 (Clement Freud (chair), Alan Beith MP, Robin Cook MP, Robin Corbett MP, Bryan Gould MP, Marcus Lipton MP, Dickson Mabon MP, Nicholas Ridley MP, Malcolm Rifkind MP, William Rogers MP, David Steel MP, Glenys Parry (CHE), Ike Cowen (CHE), Paul Temperton (CHE), Alan Clarke (CHE), Iain Buist (CHE) (who took the note), Dermod Quirke (CHE), Ian Dunn (SMG), Malcolm Crowe (SMG), Angus Robbie (SMG), Joseph Leckey (USFI)). CHE/SMG/USFI accepted MPs’ advice that right strategy was to get the basic principle of equality, to be applied throughout the UK, endorsed by the Lords, while keeping up pressure for an early favourable report by the CLRC. MPs advised the three organisations to conduct greater ongoing personal contact with MPs (e.g. through local groups). A Parliamentary liaison group would be formed, which would pursue the idea of an all-party delegation to the Home Secretary about the inadequacies of the CLRC/policy Advisory Committee remit.
- g. Letter dated 23 December 1975 from Ian Buist to Ike Cowen on the appointment of the members of the CLRC Policy Advisory Committee, and the Home Office Press Notice on the same topic.

### Folder 2 – Jan – June 1976

- a. Correspondence with Lord Beaumont 19 January 1976 – 12 July 76 concerning: possibly putting down a general motion for the principle of equality debate in the House of Lords; a House of Lords debate on Sex Education (plus Hansard record of the debate); possible supporters in the House of Lords; Lord Beaumont’s conclusion that, with vociferous hostile lobby in the Lords, general motion will probably be defeated; press cutting from the Times dated 10/3/1976 reporting Lord Beaumont’s comments on the hostile lobby (and mentioning also the NCCL’s proposal to lower the age of consent to 14).

- b. Note of meeting at the House of Commons on 13 April 1976 – Lord Beaumont, Clement Freud MP (chair), Dickson Mabon MP, Nicholas Scott MP, Maureen Colquhoun MP, Richard Body MP, Glenys Parry (CHE), Paul Temperton (CHE), Dermod Quirke (CHE), Joseph Leckey (USFI); and related correspondence/notes; topics addressed included need for urgent action on Northern Ireland, PQs, the prospects for the “equality motion” not encouraging, prospects for a total equality package extremely slim in the foreseeable future, better to press for specific reforms such as abolishing gross indecency, rather than drawing attention to the age of consent, a possible delegation to the Home Secretary on the CLRC submission, and the need for CHE to redouble its educational and lobbying work at grassroots level.
- c. CHE submission to the Criminal Law Revision Committee: press release (by Nigel Hart) plus brief guide dated Friday, 11 June 1976, the CHE submission (dated May 1976).

### **Folder 3 – June – July 1976, plus miscellaneous 1976 correspondence**

- a. Letter from Lord Beaumont dated 21 May 1976: has received draft bill [on extending 67 Act to Northern Ireland] from Joseph Leckey, but needs to find a Northern Ireland peer prepared to support it. Lists peers opposed to any further extension of the law – “the case now appears to be only supported by the “radicals”. So “I really do not think it is going to be worth anyone’s while producing a [general equality] motion in the autumn”.
- b. Meeting with the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, on Tuesday, 16 June 1976: briefing paper (by Ian Buist), press article in the Guardian by Nicholas de Jongh + concern at how he got news of the meeting, and various notes and internal memos including: notes of a meeting with Clement Freud MP (who organised the meeting with Jenkins, and who proved difficult); discussion of participation of Peter Wells (prosecuted for his relationship with an underage partner); Michael Steed’s impression of the meeting with Jenkins.
- c. Law Reform Campaign – Paul Temperton’s final report to the EC – for meeting on 26 June 1976. Covers: outcome of meeting with Roy Jenkins (“no way the CLRC can be hurried up”); the equality motion in the House of Lords (“now seems a dead duck”); emphasis on extending 67 Act to Northern Ireland; liaison with gays in political parties; campaigns concerning Bill Walker and Peter Wells; difficulties of holding together a Parliamentary group; crucial need for gays to do a great deal more lobbying than so far and need to put more oomph into Gay Lobby.
- d. Rally in Trafalgar Square on 7 August 1976 – correspondence with potential speakers (MPs/peers).
- e. Miscellaneous correspondence & documents – January to June 1976: Colin Phipps MP, arguing against complex law reform bill; oral questions on the age of consent (11/3/76), letter from Viscount Norwich, edition of SMG News including update on developments, Clement Freud on PQs plus long list of suggested PQs, Robin Corbett MP offering support, file note (21/6/76) by Paul Temperton on conversation with Dermod Quirke (on “bullying groups about MP bashing” and need for Gay Lobby to produce circular to groups, Dermod Quirke hopes Nick Winterton will take responsibility for pushing Gay Lobby along, the need for liaison with Gay Labour Group), file note (22/6/76) of conversation with Maureen Colquhoun MP (she to lead a delegation of herself and Lord Beaumont to Merlyn Rees (NI minister) in hope that legal change in Northern Ireland can be brought about by an Order in Council, removing the need for a Bill).

### **Folder 4 – July 1976 – December 1977**

- a. Correspondence with the Society of Civil and Public Servants (July/August 76) on the discrimination which homosexuals civil servants face in relation to security vetting.

- b. SMG correspondence with Malcolm Rifkind MP (23 July 1976) on his proposal for amending the provisions relating to homosexual acts between consenting adults in private in the Sexual Offences Scotland (Consolidation) Bill, 1976 + Hansard report of Commons debates in October/November 1976.
- c. Parliamentary and political campaigning – a report to CHE’s Executive Committee, 21 November 1976: Parliamentary group inactive; Gay Lobby activity and record system; increase in prosecutions since 67 Act; Scottish consolidation act; promotion of Merlyn Rees from Northern Ireland minister to Home Office a blow to the hope of an Order in Council extending the 67 Act to NI (his successor, Fred Mulley, not supportive); letter by “bigwigs” to CLRC under preparation; the Bill Walker case; lobbying programme for the coming year (string of PQs by 2 or 3 reliable MPs, MP bashing at the local level, research into prosecuting/sentencing trends, liaising with party gay groups).
- d. Note of meeting of CHE and SMG – 23 April 1977 on the two organisations’ approaches to Lord Boothby’s Bill (to extend the 67 Act to Scotland), and to Lord Arran’s Bill (to amend the age of consent to 18) (against a background of approach agreed at Malvern in 1975); the note interesting for light it casts on differing perspectives and priorities.
- e. Criminal Law Bill – campaign to preserve the right to jury trial for males accused of soliciting – correspondence between 17 December 1976 and May 1977 with the office of the Home Secretary, and MPs: Robin Corbett, Bryan Gould, Edward Lyons, Patrick Mayhew, Jeremy Thorpe, David Gardner, Neville Sandelson.
- f. Sentencing policy, particularly with underaged youths – letters to the Lord Chancellor, February 77 and August 77.
- g. Private members’ bill ballot – Spring 1977 – attempt to interest MPs in CHE bill.
- h. The Earl of Arran’s bill to reduce the age of consent to 18, Lord Boothby’s Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill, and discussion of age of consent: the Arran Bill, and correspondence with Lord Winstanley, Lord Queensberry, Baroness Gaitskell (reference to how well the opposition briefed, and how badly the gay rights bodies had done their preparation), Lord Vaisey, the Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, on the House of Lords bills; and with Clement Freud (who was against pressing for lowering of age of consent) and Robin Cook (who was not sure that “reducing the age of consent to 18 would postpone an eventual reduction to 16”) (March – November 1977).
- i. Hong Kong – correspondence with Sir Paul Bryan MP (chair of Anglo Hong Kong Parliamentary group); and with Stan Newens MP, and the Minister of State at the Foreign Office; on proposals in Hong Kong to increase penalties for homosexual acts in private between adults from 2 to 5 years imprisonment (May/July 1977).
- j. Northern Ireland – law on homosexuality – letter from the government (Lord Melchett) to Lord Beaumont – 14 June 1977 - to the effect that the recommendation of the Northern Ireland Standing Advisory Committee on Human Rights that the law in Northern Ireland be brought in line with the 67 Act still under consideration.
- k. “Homosexual affair in Cornwall” – correspondence with David Penhaligon MP.
- l. Conservative Group for Homosexual Equality – Questionnaire for Westminster South by-election, and paper “Homosexuality on the Hustings” by Ian Harvey, in light of Peter Mitchell standing as candidate for homosexual civil rights.

**Loose in Box 1:** Report of the Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution – 1957 (the Wolfenden Report).

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1977/78 (Box 2, folder 2.1)

<b>Date of meeting + additional papers</b> (Document numbers refer to the agenda item for the month concerned)	<b>Some topics addressed during the period</b> (Numbers refer to the month in which the topic principally arose)
<b>28 November 1977</b>	<b>UK</b>
<b>6 February 1978</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-party Parliamentary Group - plans for (9, 10);</li> </ul>
<b>2 March 1978</b>	
<b>6 April 1978</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces (11 1977)</li> </ul>
<b>16 May 1978</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury – submission to Royal Commission (Pearson report) (4, 5, 8, 9, 10);</li> </ul>
<b>20 June 1978</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General election (2, 8);</li> </ul>
<b>1 August 1978</b> 4. Background paper on “Approaching the European Institutions”. 6. Article by Francis Wheen in the New Statesman of 1/9/1978 entitled “Homosexuals unite against Anglo-Saxon attitudes”, highlighting cooperation between LCGR, GayCon and CHE in preparation for the next general election. 9. Correspondence with the Director General of the Prison Service 10. Report of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury - letter proposing recognition of homosexual partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration rights for same-sex couples (9, 11);</li> <li>• Greece – protests over STD law (10)</li> <li>• Law reform proposals – Preparation of leaflet (“What to say to your MP”) (2, 3, 5);</li> <li>• Merchant Navy Bill amendment (11 1977; 8, 10, 11 1978);</li> <li>• Northern Ireland (6, 8, 9, 10, 11);</li> <li>• Obscenity and film censorship – submission to Williams Commission (9);</li> <li>• Same-sex couples – rights (6, 8, 9, 10, 11);</li> <li>• Scotland Bill (2, 3, 4);</li> <li>• Sex Discrimination Act (Amendment) Bill (10- minute rule Bill) (2, 3, 5, 8, 9);</li> <li>• Sexual Offences Bill - CHE 1976 version – advised that "conceptually wrong" (3, 4);</li> <li>• Thorpe case (10);</li> </ul>
<b>6 September 1978</b> 3. Letter to Lord Chancellor regarding the Report of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury, regarding question whether same-sex relationships should be granted legal status. 7. IGA – Press release on the occasion of the founding of IGA at CHE Coventry conference, and proposals for political action from the August 1978 meeting. + 1978 CHE Annual Conference – draft law reform workshop report.	<b>International</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amnesty International (11)</li> <li>• Council of Europe committee (the Select Committee of Legal Experts of the Council of Europe – the Hulsman Committee) considering homosexuality from the standpoint of decriminalisation (6 10, 11);</li> </ul>
<b>16 October 1978</b> 11. Proposals for action on the Jeremy Thorpe case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council of Europe – Extension of the European Convention on Human Rights (9, 10, 11)</li> </ul>
<b>14 November 1978</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Gay Groups meeting proposed by COC &amp; agenda for the meeting at CHE Coventry annual conference (founding of IGA) (2, 3, 4, 5, 8)</li> <li>• European Institutions – notes on approaching (8)</li> <li>• European Parliament elections – questionnaire (11)</li> <li>• IGA – founding, initial decisions at Coventry (9);</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International treaties and other human rights obligations (including ECHR and European Community treaties) – paper on use thereof (8);</li><li>• Soviet Union – proposed demonstration against Article 121 of the criminal code (11).</li><li>• WHO ICD revision procedures (9, 11)</li></ul>
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CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1979 (Box 2, folder 2.2)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1979
<p><b>16 January 1979</b>                      3. Letter to the Lord Chancellor re initiating study of the law and gay relationships.                      4. Hansard report of Commons debate on Merchant Shipping bill.</p>	<p><b>UK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury – submission to Royal Commission (Pearson report) (1, 2, 4 5);</li> <li>• Criminal Law Revision Committee – submission on soliciting (7, 10, 12);</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 February 1979</b>  <b>13 March 1979</b>                      + CHE proposals on action on police harassment (addressing police malpractice in investigations, use of cautioning, sentences for gross indecency and importuning)                      + CHE Broadsheet – Gay Lobby pre-election article providing statistics of MPs attitudes to gay rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Law Revision Committee paper – ‘Working Party on the Age of Consent in relation to Sexual Offences’ – campaign for submissions; and Policy Advisory Committee submission campaign 12/79 (6, 7, 8, 10, 12);</li> <li>• Criminal statistics (3);</li> <li>• Data Protection – Lindop report – submission (5);</li> <li>• General election campaign (4);</li> <li>• Hong Kong (2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10 April 1979</b></p>	
<p><b>8 May 1979</b>                      10. Papers entitled “The UN Human Rights Bodies”, “Gays and Human Rights: UK Obligations”.                      14. Draft submission to the Data Protection Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration rules for gay spouses &amp; the Home Office (1, 12);</li> <li>• Legal recognition of gay relationships/Lord Chancellor’s department; reply = “no government interest” (1, 3);</li> <li>• Merchant Navy Bill – amendment (not called) (1, 2, 3, 4);</li> </ul>
<p><b>19 June 1979</b>                      3. Letter to Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission enclosing draft bill amending Sex Discrimination Act.                      9. Documents on campaign responding to Policy Advisory Committee working paper age of consent proposal;                      + IGA actions appended to minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland – decriminalisation; and the Dudgeon/NIGRA ECHR case (3, 5 6, 8);</li> <li>• Parliamentary all-party group proposed (6, 7, 8, 9, 10);</li> <li>• Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure (Philips commission) – submission (1, 2, 5, 6, 10);</li> <li>• Sex Discrimination Act (Amendment) Bill &amp; correspondence with Equal Opportunities Commission (1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10);</li> </ul>
<p><b>24 July 1979</b>                      2. Message to conveners of CHE groups on campaign re CLRC/PAC report on the age of consent</p>	<p><b>International:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amnesty International – inclusion of gays as prisoners of conscience (1, 2);</li> </ul>
<p><b>30 August 1979</b>                      14. documents on Policy Advisory Committee Report                      + ‘CHE News Update’ with articles on law reform in Northern Ireland and the Royal Commission on Criminal procedure submission (June 1979)                      + Summary of the work of the Law Reform Committee in the year ending 31 August 1979</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazil – prosecution of gay magazine Lampiao (3, 5);</li> <li>• Council of Europe consultative status for the IGA (2, 3)</li> <li>• Council of Europe committee (the Select Committee of Legal Experts of the Council of Europe – the Hulsman Committee) considering homosexuality from the standpoint of decriminalisation (2, 7, 11, 12);</li> <li>• Council of Europe – Extension of the European Convention on Human Rights (2, 3);</li> </ul>

<p>+ Proposal for an IGA campaign seeking to have EEC Council directive 76/207 cover sexual orientation discrimination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Parliament elections - questionnaire to candidates (1, 2 ,5, 8, 10);</li> <li>• IGA meetings in the Netherlands at Easter and at CHE conference in Brighton (2, 3, 5, 6, 8);</li> <li>• IGA – CHE actions (6, 7, 8, 10)</li> <li>• IGA – no change of name to include lesbian (8)</li> <li>• International treaties and organisations – papers on making use of (5);</li> <li>• Soviet Union – proposed demonstration against Article 121 of the criminal code (2, 8, 12)</li> <li>• UN Subcommittee on Human Rights; (1)</li> <li>• UN consultative status for IGA (1)</li> <li>• WHO (12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2 October 1979</b>  4. Letter by Peter Mitchell to G Morton MP requesting tabling of Amendment to Sex Discrimination Act  10. 2 documents relating to IGA members’ submissions to Policy Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p><b>30 October 1979</b>  12. CHE evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure + related news release, &amp; follow-up letter;  + letter to K Weetch MP requesting meeting to discuss current topics.</p>	
<p><b>18 December 1979</b>  4. Submission to the Criminal Law Revision Committee on prostitution (2 different versions)  10. Summary of LRC activity from 11/77 – 10/79  11. report of meeting with GAA on IGA work.  + Letter from Robin Cook MP to Secretary of State, Scottish Office, dated 1/11/1979, on changing the law in Scotland.</p>	

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1980 (Box 2, folders 2.3 – 2.4)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1980
<p><b>6 January 1980</b></p>	<p><b>UK</b></p>
<p><b>9 February 1980</b>            3. Note of the meeting with the Parliamentary Civil Liberties group on PAC working paper on age of consent.            Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill (presumed to be Francis Bennion version).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of consent (8, 10, 11, 12);</li> <li>• Amnesty International (10, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Armed Forces (7, 10)</li> <li>• Charity law (12);</li> <li>• Civil Liberties Group of MPs (1, 2)</li> <li>• CLRC/Working Paper on Sexual Offences (11, 12);</li> </ul>
<p><b>20 March 1980</b>            12. Leaflet “Discrimination and the gay minority” [See separate folder on Housing Bill debate – Box 7]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHR – armed forces – John Bruce case (11, 12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>17 April 1980</b>            1. List of actions requested of CHE following second annual IGA conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHR – Dudgeon/NIGRA case (1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11);</li> </ul>
<p><b>20 May 1980</b>            1. International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of discrimination based on Sexual Orientation – first draft; + Explanatory Memorandum; + paper entitled “Why do we need an international convention on gay rights?” prepared documents for the CHE 1980 York conference.            2. Draft paper on the renewal of the right of individual petition under the ECHR            4. A bundle of correspondence with ministers/MPs on changing the law in Northern Ireland following the Dudgeon judgment,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHR – Peter Wells age of consent case (3)</li> <li>• ECHR – right of individual petition (5)</li> <li>• Employment – Saunders dismissal case (5, 6) [NB see separate file for the Saunders campaign in the CHE General Archive]</li> <li>• Housing bill – Rights of cohabittees – amendment (2, 3, 6)</li> <li>• Immigration rules – letter to Home Office &amp; Commons debate (1, 2, 3)</li> <li>• Joint Council for Gay Teenagers meeting at the House of Commons (7)</li> </ul>
<p><b>16 June 1980</b>            2. draft Memorandum on the review of the Public Order Act 1936 and related legislation, plus amendments;            6. correspondence on Gay Teenage Group meeting at the House of Commons            + Minutes of CHE June 1980 Executive Committee meeting (Saunders case, Northern Ireland, public order act, housing, Armed Forces).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labour Party – NEC paper on lesbian and gay rights (5)</li> <li>• Law Reform Committee plans for the 1980s (1)</li> <li>• Leaflet on ‘Discrimination and the gay minority’ (3)</li> <li>• Magistrates - position of gay magistrates (1, 2);</li> </ul>
<p><b>20 July 1980</b>            1. Public Order Act – Memorandum on the review thereof;            2. Comments on the Report of the Home Office Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship (the Williams committee) [uncertain if this is the final version]            2. Gay Christian Movement – Comments upon the Report of the Committee on Obscenity and Censorship.            3. Letter from Iris Murdoch regarding the Amphi case            7. Letter from Joint Council for Gay Teenagers on arrangements for lobby at House of Commons on 7 July 1980</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obscenity and film censorship (Williams Committee) (7);</li> <li>• Parliamentary All Party Group of MPs (regarded as infeasible by Robin Cook) (1, 3);</li> <li>• Police Complaints Board Report (11)</li> <li>• Public Order Act – memorandum (7)</li> <li>• Scotland – Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (11)</li> <li>• Sex Discrimination Bill (2, 3, 4, 6, 12)</li> </ul>

<p>7. Joint Council for Gay Teenagers – follow-up actions to the 7 July lobby;</p> <p>8. Text of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (26/6/1980) (the Robin Cook amendment)</p> <p>8. Hansard report of the debate on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (22/7/1980);</p> <p>8. Letter by NGW to Gay News providing information on some MPs who voted against the Cook amendment;</p> <p>8. Standard letter to members of House of Lords in support of Cook amendment + table of data by Gay Lobby summarising the views of English and Welsh MPs– as of summer 1979; + Home Office Statistics on serious offences recorded by the police in 1979 and Q1 1980.</p> <p>8. Letter from Scottish Office on the situation before the success of the Cook amendment. + July Broadsheet – lobbying campaign around the Saunders Case, and the European Commission of Human Rights’ finding against the UK in the Dudgeon case Northern Ireland. + CHE executive committee minutes for July 1980 dealing with law reform issues.</p>	<p><b>International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council of Europe committee (the Select Committee of Legal Experts of the Council of Europe – the Hulsman Committee) considering homosexuality from the standpoint of decriminalisation (1, 4).</li> <li>• Council of Europe conference on Law and Sexuality (3);</li> <li>• European Convention on Human Rights – draft article (5, 6);</li> <li>• PQs drafted on what occasions UK matters have been discussed in the Council of Ministers (should be Committee) and conclusions reached (2)</li> <li>• Helsinki Final Act – letter to Foreign Minister, Lord Carrington (10, 11, 12)</li> <li>• IGA Barcelona conference (issues included Cyprus criminalisation, US immigration rules, Soviet laws) (3, 4);</li> <li>• IGA Ghent meeting and numerous follow-up actions (7, 8)</li> <li>• IGA name – proposal to include lesbian (3)</li> <li>• IGA - paper on structure of (11);</li> <li>• IGA protest letters (Austria, Cyprus, Greece) (11, 12)</li> <li>• IGA women’s meeting in Amsterdam (11, 12)</li> <li>• UN Consultative Status for IGA (7);</li> <li>• UN – draft International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination based on sexual orientation (4, 5, 6).</li> <li>• WHO (1, 7)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 August 1980</b></p> <p>2. CHE discussion paper on the Law Relating to Consensual Sexual Acts;</p> <p>2. paper on existing CHE policy concerning the age of consent. + Report of law reform workshop at the 1980 annual conference</p>	
<p><b>1 October 1980</b></p> <p>1. Letter from the Director of Amnesty International dated 26/6/1980 advising of study on AI position with regard to homosexuality.</p> <p>1. Letter from Andrew Cheseldine following meeting with AI (4/11/1980).</p> <p>3. Correspondence Mike Jarrett/Nigel Warner on Armed Forces &amp; other matters (three letters)</p> <p>5. Letter Christian Elliott to Jim Halcrow (SHRG) on future progress of law reform work</p> <p>5. Note from CE to LRC members on a conference on lobbying + Draft paper on LRC work + CHE broadsheet for August 1980 – report of meeting at House of Commons on the Saunders case [NB: see separate file for the Saunders campaign in the CHE General Archive]</p>	
<p><b>6 November 1980</b></p> <p>8. Draft comments on the triennial Review Report of the Police Complaints Board</p>	

<p>+ letter to Christopher Price MP re PQ on whether the EC Council Directive on equal treatment applied to homosexuals.</p> <p>+ Written reply to Price PQ on the EEC Council Directive – 19 December 1980</p>	
<p><b>4 December 1980</b></p> <p>14. Charity law: bundle of correspondence from May 78 to March 79 provided by Antony Grey, including importantly a letter from the Charity Commissioners dated 2 May 1978 concerning Gay Sweatshop &amp; stating that “It is also important to remember therefore that such acts are regarded in law as immoral, and contrary to public policy because they are a deviation from normal sexual behaviour”.</p>	

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1981 (Box 3, folder 3.1)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1981
<p><b>15 January 1981</b> 7. Discussion document on expanding the activities of the IGA by Trevor Percy and Barry Prothero. Report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure – January 1981 (Loose in Box 3)</p>	<p><b>UK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of consent (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12);</li> <li>• Amnesty International (1, 3);</li> <li>• Armed Forces Bill (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12);</li> <li>• Artificial Insemination (4, 5, 6);</li> <li>• Blasphemy law reform – response to Law Reform Commission working paper (12);</li> <li>• Civil Service Security Commission Review (10);</li> <li>• CLRC working paper on sexual offences (1, 2, 3, 4);</li> <li>• Conspiracy to Corrupt Public morals (5, 6, 7, 9);</li> <li>• Dependent “Isles” (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar) discriminatory criminal laws (in light of Dudgeon judgment) (10, 12);</li> <li>• ECHR – Armed Forces – John Bruce case (1);</li> <li>• ECHR – NIGRA/Dudgeon case (3, 10);</li> <li>• Employment – John Saunders case (4);</li> <li>• Employment cases (7, 9);</li> <li>• Illegitimacy (6);</li> <li>• Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (re police checks on licences) (12);</li> <li>• Magistrates – derogatory comments (9);</li> <li>• Merchant Navy (1);</li> <li>• Nationality law (6);</li> <li>• Police Complaints Board Report (2, 3, 4);</li> <li>• Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure (9, 10);</li> <li>• SDP Bill of Rights (10);</li> <li>• Sex Discrimination Act amendment (1,2, 5, 10, 12);</li> </ul> <p><b>International</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly resolution (Social Affairs Committee) (7, 9, 10);</li> <li>• Council of Europe committee (the Select Committee of Legal Experts of the Council of Europe – the Hulsman Committee) considering homosexuality from the standpoint of decriminalisation (10)</li> <li>• Helsinki Review Conference (1)</li> <li>• Hong Kong (2, 6, 10)</li> </ul>
<p><b>15 February 1981</b> 9. Correspondence with Stanley Clinton Davis MP, re tabling of PQ on prosecution of merchant seamen; + CHE Press release for report, “Attacks on Gay People” + CHE Broadsheet for February 1981 with articles on campaign on CLRC working paper on sexual offences and update of Gay Lobby’s analysis of the views of MPs and the launch of Discrimination and the Gay Minority pamphlet.</p>	
<p><b>16 March 1981</b> 4. Observations on the Triennial Review Report 1980 of the Police Complaints Board; + Letters re police objections to renewal of Huddersfield Gemini Club licence;</p>	
<p><b>13 April 1981</b></p>	
<p><b>27 May 1981</b> 8. Note of meeting at House of Commons with CHE MP honorary vice presidents (David Alton, Martin Stevens etc – 13 May 1981 (Armed Forces). 8. Letter to Martin Stevens giving details of the attitudes of Conservative MPs to gay rights – 16 May 1981. 9. Law Commission summary paper on Offences against Religion and Public Worship 12. IGA – Report of CHE IGA activities dated 27/5/81+ IGA conference workshop report on political actions.</p>	
<p><b>28 June 1981</b> 2. draft letter to DPP regarding prosecution policy in light of PAC recommendation that age of consent be reduced to 18. 2. Note re annual conference motion on age of consent 5. Comments on Law Commission Working Paper on Illegitimacy 11. British Nationality Bill – correspondence with George Morton MP on ‘sexual orientation’ amendment to non-discrimination clause. 14. June 1981 – report of international (IGA) activities</p>	

<p>+ “Priority list of issues affecting gay rights which may come up in Parliament of the next six months” + a paper on “some things CHE has done since March national council”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGA actions - Cyprus (1, 2), Amphi, STD laws/Greece (1, 2, 3), Eliane Morrisens case/Belgium (3, 9), Toronto raids/Canada (3, 4), New Zealand (6), Spain (6), Denmark (9).</li> </ul>
<p><b>28 July 1981</b> 7. Correspondence with Matthew Parris MP on PQ on Conspiracy to corrupt public morals; last letter January 1982); 7. background papers on conspiracy to corrupt public morals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGA Constitution (1);</li> <li>• IGA Homosexual Prisoners Agency (6, 7, 9)</li> <li>• IGA women’s meeting in Amsterdam (1)</li> <li>• US immigration laws – ban on gays (5, 6, 7, 9);</li> </ul>
<p><b>24 September 1981</b> 3. correspondence with Matthew Parris MP on employment discrimination 10. LRC motion for national conference 10. CHE conference motion on alleged sexual assault on gay youth by police officer – letters to Home Secretary, DPP, Chief Constable Mersey Police, Roy Hattersley MP, et cetera. 10. note of LRC actions following Durham conference; 15. IGA actions following Stockholm meeting of August 1981; 16. note of possible LRC projects + minutes of CHE executive committee meeting – 25/7/81 + Proposed Conference motions on law reform issues (age of consent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGA Universal Declaration of Lesbian &amp; Gay Rights (10)</li> <li>• WHO ICD (6, 9);</li> </ul>
<p><b>26 October 1981</b> 10. Correspondence re offensive comments by magistrate in Dunbar and Ransome case. 14. Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 756 on discrimination against homosexuals. 14. Report from IGA Stockholm meeting 8/81 14. correspondence with MPs &amp; Times article by Peter Campbell in relation to the Council of Europe resolution on discrimination against homosexuals.</p>	
<p><b>9 December 1981</b> 2. Note from Nick Billingham on how to approach SDA amendment + draft letter to MPs proposing amendment to SDA (19/11/81) + letter to The Minister of Health, Gerard Vaughan MP, on UK government’s position on WHO classification – 16/12/81.</p>	

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Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1982
<p><b>12 January 1982</b></p>	<p><b>UK</b></p>
<p><b>18 February 1982</b>            9. Draft amendment to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1981 re police raids on gay clubs; + related letter to Bill Pitt MP, David Alton MP &amp; Gay News            12. Letter dated 5/2/82 to Lord Carrington on the situation in British Dependent Territories, in the light of the Dudgeon judgement            12. Correspondence with Health Minister, Dr Gerard Vaughan, on the WHO ICD;            12. Proposal for reorganisation of IGA information;            12. UN Consultative Status – Draft answers to UN questionnaire for applicants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Insemination by Donor (4, 10, 11)</li> <li>• Armed Forces (1, 2, 3)</li> <li>• Blasphemy laws (6, 7)</li> <li>• Charity Law (1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Civil Service Security Commission Review (Trestrail affair) (1, 6, 7, 9, 11)</li> <li>• CLRC Working paper on soliciting &amp; prostitution (12)</li> <li>• Conspiracy to corrupt public morals (1, 6, 7, 9)</li> </ul>
<p><b>24 March 1982</b>            11. PQ by Roland Moyle MP on Hong Kong government circular banning homosexuals from employment in public services and compliance with the UN ICCPR (&amp; related correspondence).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Justice Bill – proposed amendments on imprisonment for soliciting; age of consent; Northern Ireland (3, 4, 6)</li> </ul>
<p><b>25 April 1982</b>            7. Correspondence with Robert Kilroy-Silk MP regarding amendments to Criminal Justice Bill 1982 on imprisonment for soliciting, the age of consent and Northern Ireland, and related papers; + Hansard report of the second reading debate.            + Correspondence on Early Day Motion on proposed changes to the law in Northern Ireland;            14. IGA meeting Strasbourg April 82 – Report of the Political Actions Workshop;            14. draft IGA Universal Declaration of Lesbian &amp; Gay Rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damages – implementation of Pearson Report through Administration of Justice Bill (3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11)</li> <li>• Dependent “Isles” – Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar (Implementation of Dudgeon judgment) (2, 9, 10, 11, 12)</li> <li>• ECHR – age of consent case (Richard Desmond) (1, 2, 3)</li> <li>• ECHR - privacy case (Martin Johnson) (12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10 June 1982</b>            6. Administration of Justice Bill – copies of Committee &amp; Lords debate on amendments (Rights of dependents for damages in case of fatal accidents);            12. LRC contribution to CHE annual report;            15. FCO response to Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 924;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment discrimination (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12))</li> <li>• Lesbian mothers, artificial Insemination by donor (10, 11)</li> <li>• Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – re police raids on gay clubs (1, 2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>22 July 1982</b>            1. European Parliament motion for a resolution calling for measures to end employment discrimination (22 April 1982); and draft resolution dated 1 June 1982;            6. Hansard reports on debates on Administration of Justice Bill (6, 8 July 82) (Rights of dependents for damages in case of fatal accidents)            8. Gay Youth Charter – final version;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Ireland decriminalisation – Order in Council (7, 9, 11)</li> <li>• Offences against Public Order – Law Commission (9)</li> <li>• Parole for homosexual prisoners (10, 12)</li> </ul>

<p>12. Correspondence with Jeff Dudgeon re lobbying in support of the Order in Council to repeal discrimination in Northern Ireland;</p> <p>17. Hong Kong – Letter from FCO on employment of homosexuals in civil service.</p> <p>+ Mental Health Bill – Definition of “nearest relative” for purposes of mental health act - correspondence with Christopher Price MP re tabling of amendment; newspaper article on final vote &amp; copy of the Act.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police and Criminal Evidence Bill (12)</li> <li>• Police Complaints Board – CHE proposals &amp; other actions (1, 2, 3, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Police practices – Home Office Codes thereon (9, 10);</li> <li>• Police training (2, 7, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Same-sex couples – Legal treatment of unmarried couples – Law Commission (1)</li> <li>• SDP Bill of Rights (11, 12)</li> <li>• Soliciting – statistics for imprisonment (7);</li> </ul>
<p><b>9 September 1982</b></p> <p>15. IGA note of protest to Canadian government concerning prosecution of The Body Politic;</p> <p>15. IGA Political Actions agreed at Washington Conference.</p> <p>+ Report of the 1982 CHE Annual Conference law reform workshop (age of consent, Dudgeon judgement, Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly recommendation, European Parliament motion on discrimination against homosexuals, Armed Forces, security (Bridge report/Trestrail)).</p>	<p><b>International</b></p>
<p><b>5 October 1982</b></p> <p>12. Trust deed of the Gay Educational and Research Trust.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action against Bishop of Strasbourg following cancellation of use of church facilities for IGA conference (4);</li> </ul>
<p><b>11 November 1982</b></p> <p>3. Private Members’ Bill – draft letter to supportive MPs;</p> <p>6. Draft of teaching materials for submission to police training school;</p> <p>9. NIGRA press release on Northern Ireland Order in Council, text of the Draft Homosexual Offences (Northern Ireland) order + related correspondence;</p> <p>9. Hansard report of the Commons debate on the NI Order.</p> <p>15. letter from Robert MacLennan MP, on incorporation of the European Convention in UK law (in context of SDP proposal for Bill of Rights)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amnesty International (4, 7, 10);</li> <li>• Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 924 (4, 6);</li> <li>• Council of Europe 15<sup>th</sup> criminological research conference (4, 10, 11);</li> <li>• EEC Parliament resolution calling for equal treatment in employment (Eliane Morissens case) (4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11);</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 December 1982</b></p> <p>17. Proposed amendments to Police and Criminal evidence Bill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gay Association of South Africa (GASA) (10)</li> <li>• Hong Kong (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10)</li> <li>• IGA actions (Body Politic Toronto police raid, 6, 7, 9, 10)</li> <li>• IGA consultative status with ECOSOC (2);</li> <li>• IGA Information Secretariat (2)</li> <li>• IGA European regional meeting – Strasbourg (4)</li> <li>• IGA European regional meeting – Edinburgh (11)</li> <li>• IGA Universal Declaration of Lesbian &amp; Gay Rights (4, 6)</li> <li>• IGA world conference – Washington (7)</li> <li>• Islam and homosexuality (12)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UN Human Rights Committee (10);</li><li>• WHO (1, 2, 3, 7);</li></ul>
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CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1983 (Box 4, folders 4.1 – 4.2)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1983
<p><b>17 January 1983</b> 15. Press reports of ban of advertising on Channel 4 directed towards homosexuals;</p>	<p><b>UK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces (7, 8, 9)</li> <li>• Channel 4 – complaints about refusing advertisements (1, 3)</li> <li>• Charity law (1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12)</li> <li>• Co-habitants’ rights – Law Commission letter (3,4, 8, 9)</li> <li>• Consensual sex offences – sentencing – Dighton case (3, 8)</li> <li>• Conspiracy laws (3)</li> <li>• Dependent “Isles” (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar) (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)</li> <li>• ECHR – Acton privacy case (Martin Johnson) (2, 3, 4)</li> <li>• ECHR – Armed Forces (John Bruce) case (7, 12)</li> <li>• ECHR – Dudgeon/NGRA case (3)</li> <li>• Employment (3, 6)</li> <li>• Future strategy (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Immigration rights for gay couples (3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12)</li> <li>• Law Reform Committee – future strategy (4, 5, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Parole (2)</li> <li>• Police and Criminal Evidence Bill (1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 (proposed CHE amendment), 12)</li> <li>• Police training (1, 2)</li> <li>• SDP Bill of Rights (6)</li> <li>• Security Commission (4, 7)</li> <li>• Sex Equality Bill – Jo Richardson 10-minute rule Bill (1, 2,3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Soliciting – CLRC report (4, 12)</li> <li>• Soliciting – letter to Home Secretary re police guidelines (10)</li> <li>• Status of gay couples - meeting with Home Office junior minister (3)</li> </ul>
<p><b>21 February 1983</b> + IGA – invitation to IGA World Conference in Vienna July 1983</p>	
<p><b>21 March 1983</b> 3. Letter from Isle of Man Attorney General; 15. Letter to Robert Parry MP on harassment of gays in Hong Kong; 15. PQ by Alf Dubs on decriminalisation in Hong Kong; and on the role of the special investigation unit of the Hong Kong police.</p>	
<p><b>24 April 1983</b> 6. Comments on SDP Green Paper on Citizens’ Rights; 15. Ideas for LRC programme; + Leaflet “Gays &amp; Discrimination”</p>	
<p><b>6 June 1983</b> 16. Correspondence with Maureen Colquhoun MP and Antony Grey re House of Commons meeting.</p>	
<p><b>5 July 1983</b> 18. CHE press release on survey of attitudes of candidates in general election, + briefing for local groups on parliamentary action in the light of the general election; 19. Hong Kong – Law Reform Commission report on laws governing homosexual conduct – summary.</p>	
<p><b>18 August 1983</b> 2. Letter from Gloria Cooper MEP; + letter to F. G. van der Gun, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment of the European Parliament, on draft EP resolution on discrimination against homosexuals; 3. “Defend the Kiltdale 7” leaflet. 10. Transcripts of judgments in the Dighton case; 12. Artificial Insemination – Draft submission to the Warnock committee; 14. House of Commons Defence Committee report on positive vetting procedures &amp; related press report; 18. Conference paper on future campaigning in Parliament. +1983 CHE annual conference – Law reform workshop report (campaigning in a largely unsympathetic Parliament, supporters reducing their commitment; specific topics: police bill, employment, data protection, immigration, the CLRC, charity law, equal treatment in taxation).</p>	
<p><b>19 September 1983</b></p>	
<p><b>17 October 1983</b> CHE Executive Committee meeting minutes – 16 October 1983 (Jo Richardson sex equality bill).</p>	
<p><b>14 November 1983</b></p>	
<p><b>6 December 1983</b></p>	

2. iii. Jo Richardson Sex Equality 10 minute rule Bill – amendments, correspondence with numerous MPs, Hansard record of the debate.

9. Letter from Office of Population Censuses and Surveys regarding the revision of the WHO ICD;

9. Letters from BMA and Royal College of Psychiatrists supporting Council of Europe Parliamentary assembly recommendation on homosexuality not being a disease; + CHE Executive Committee minutes 19 November 1983 (Jo Richardson Sex Equality Bill, Police and Criminal Evidence Bill).

- Amnesty International (2, 4)
- Body Politic case (1, 2)
- EEC Parliament draft resolution calling for equal treatment in employment (Eliane Morissens) (2, 3);
- EEC Parliament – report and resolution on employment (Squarcialupi report) (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12);
- EEC Parliament elections (12);
- Hong Kong (1, 3,7);
- Islam and homosexuality (2);
- State of the World Atlas – Pluto Press (2, 3)
- WHO (2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12).

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1984 (Box 4, folders 4.3 – 4.4)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1984
<p><b>10 January 1984</b> 13e – Lord Chief Justice’s Darwin Lecture – “Do we get the criminals we deserve”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of consent – medical submissions to the Policy Advisory Committee obtained (10, 11);</li> <li>• AIDS (2, 3, 4, 5);</li> <li>• Armed Forces (3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10);</li> <li>• Cautioning (12);</li> <li>• Charity Law (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, – charitable status accepted finally, 10, Lesbian and Gay centre rejected, 12);</li> <li>• Conservative party conference fringe meeting (10)</li> <li>• Council of Europe recommendation on discrimination against homosexuals (5, 6, 7);</li> <li>• Dependent Isles (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar) (1, 3);</li> <li>• ECHR – Age of consent – Desmond case inadmissible &amp; next steps at Council of Europe (7, 9);</li> <li>• Employment - European Parliament (Squarcialupi Report) (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Employment – other (9, 10); Rugby (11, 12);</li> <li>• Gays the Word – customs raid (4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12);</li> <li>• Gibraltar – possible ECHR case (10, 11);</li> <li>• Hong Kong (7);</li> <li>• House of Commons – all-party meeting planned (9, 10)</li> <li>• Immigration – same-sex couples (2, 3, 5, 12);</li> <li>• Keith Hampson MP – trial for indecent assault (10, 11);</li> <li>• Kerb crawling/soliciting bill (Janet Fookes) (12);</li> </ul>
<p><b>22 February 1984</b> 6. Times law report making clear that homosexual relations outside the Immigration Rules; 7. Comments on the CLRC Working Paper on offences relating to prostitution and allied offences; + newsletter article on the same, + extract of the 1982 CLRC Working paper; 10. Letter from the Royal College of Psychiatrists giving their view on homosexuality as a category in the WHO ICD; + Article for CHE newsletter on “European Human Rights Convention setback” (deals with rejection of cases on immigration and Armed Forces, and prospects for privacy and age of consent cases).</p>	
<p><b>26 March 1984</b> 3. Letter from Home Office on decriminalisation in Jersey following the Dudgeon case; 6. Letter to the Chairman of the CLRC on Council of Europe PACE 1981 resolution and European Parliament 1984 (Squarcialupi) resolution; 10. Draft PQ for Terry Davis MP, on AIDS [it seems never tabled]; 11. Video Recordings Bill + letter from Matthew Parris MP enclosing report of the Standing Committee proceedings. + letter to Robert Parry MP enclosing suggested PQ on the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong Proposals &amp; Hansard report of the written answer (22 March 1984). + Briefing by Nigel Warner for March Executive Committee meeting (debate on EP Squarcialupi resolution, plans for 1984 European Parliament elections, one year imprisonment for consensual buggery with 17-year-old, “regret” of judge rejecting residence application in gay immigration case, PQs on Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly’s 1981 recommendation, and on Hong Kong).</p>	
<p><b>16 April 1984</b> 15. Gay’s the Word raid: Bundle of papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the original charges against the directors + schedule of charges altered since committal dated 3/6/86;</li> <li>• Emergency motion tabled by CHE at NCCL AGM – 12 April 1984;</li> <li>• correspondence with Frank Dobson MP (15/4 &amp; 13/6 1984)</li> <li>• Letter from Chairman of HM Customs and Excise dated 9 May 1984</li> <li>• Explanation provided by Customs and Excise (undated);</li> <li>• Letter from HM Customs and Excise with attachment setting out their enforcement powers (11 July 1984);</li> <li>• Letter from the chairman of HM Customs and Excise dated 30 November 1984;</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of a letter from the IGA annual conference in Helsinki (9/14 July 1984) to the Chancellor of Exchequer + copy of model letter for IGA members to send to the British authorities;</li> <li>• Bill to amend the Customs Consolidation law tabled by Chris Smith et al. together with Commons debate on the amendment (2 July 1986).</li> </ul> <p>+ CHE press release recording profound disappointment at findings of the report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee. + The Criminal Law Revision Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> Report – Sexual Offences – April 1984.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Reform Committee – future strategy (5)</li> <li>• Parole (3, 4);</li> <li>• Police and Criminal Evidence Bill (1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 9, 10, 11);</li> <li>• Police rules on entrapment (7, 9, 10);</li> <li>• Same-sex couples law (Law Commission) (1, 3, 4);</li> <li>• Same-sex tenancy rights – Mary Simpson case (10, 12);</li> <li>• Sex Equality Bill (1);</li> <li>• Sexual offences – Criminal Law Revision Committee report (4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11);</li> <li>• Soliciting, submission to CLRC (2, 3, 9,)</li> <li>• Video Recordings Bill (2, 3, 4, 5);</li> <li>• Warnock report (9);</li> <li>• WHO – ICD (2, 4, 9, 10);</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 May 1984</b></p> <p>1. PQ on Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation on Discrimination against homosexuals; &amp; reply dated 22 March 1984.</p> <p>8. PQ on AIDS by Alf Morris MP.</p> <p>11. Letter from Frank Dobson MP on Gay's the Word.</p>	
<p><b>11 June 1984</b></p> <p>10. Reply to PQ on Gay's the Work of bookshop by Simon Hughes MP.</p>	
<p><b>30 July 1984</b></p> <p>+ record of meeting at Home Office with junior minister Douglas Hurd &amp; Matthew Parris MP covering entrapment/Metropolitan Police force orders, Schedule 5 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, the Home Office/police report on cautioning, and police attitudes to gay people/need for training.</p> <p>1. Draft of PQs on Council of Europe Parliamentary assembly recommendation and discrimination against homosexuals, together with replies to the questions put by Tom Cox MP.</p> <p>5. Correspondence with Richmond Magistrates' Court in relation to use of 'binding over' procedure against men arrested in public lavatories (dated 9/2/1984)</p> <p>10. Letter to CLRC seeking disclosure of the medical evidence on which the Policy Advisory Committee recommended a male age of consent of 18;</p> <p>11. PQs on Gays the Word by Chris Smith and Simon Hughes;</p> <p>18. Letter from Paddy Ashdown MP with response to Hong Kong PQ;</p> <p>+ PQ by Tom Cox MP on merchant seamen (30 July 1984) + IGA – report for Helsinki conference on information and actions in England and Wales.</p>	
<p><b>6 September 1984</b></p> <p>9. i. Letter to Home Office seeking disclosure of the medical evidence on which the Policy Advisory Committee recommended a male age of consent of 18;</p> <p>9. ii. CLRC Report on "prostitution in the street" (covering also homosexual soliciting);</p> <p>9. Article from the Guardian on the CLRC report;</p> <p>15. Newspaper article on the Mary Simpson case (tenancy).</p>	

<p>+ CHE 1984 annual conference – report of the Law Reform Workshop (Police &amp; Criminal Evidence Bill, soliciting proposals, Police Complaints Authority, Channel Islands).</p>	
<p><b>11 October 1984</b>        8.1 Letter to the Home Secretary registering CHE's disappointment with the CLRC's 15<sup>th</sup> report on sexual offences; and reply (dated 10 December 1984).        14. The trial of Keith Hampson MP for indecently assaulting a policeman – press cuttings &amp; CHE factsheet.        + Draft PQ attacking comment by the Home Office Minister, David Waddington notion that discrimination against homosexuals wrong “crankish” (not certain if this was ever submitted).</p>	
<p><b>12 November 1984.</b></p>	
<p><b>13 December 1984</b>        1. Press reports on Rugby Council ban on employment of gay people;        13. Letter to Matthew Parris MP regarding approach to Janet Fookes MP on the inclusion of soliciting in her private members bill.</p>	

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1985 (Box 5, folders 5.1 – 5.2)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1985
<p><b>14 January 1985</b>                      3. Draft comments on the Home Office document on cautioning &amp; the document itself;                      10. Comments on the Warnock Report;                      13. Janet Fookes “Kerb crawling” bill &amp; related correspondence;                      15. Proposed amendments to Law Reform (miscellaneous provisions) (Scotland) Bill (intended to remove discriminatory provisions of 1980 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act and limit powers of Customs and Excise) + letter to Donald Dewar MP and his (unhelpful) reply.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIDS (3, 4, 5, 12)</li> <li>• Armed Forces (3, 4, 6, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Cautioning (1,2, 3, 4, 9)</li> <li>• Charity law (3, 5, 6, 7, 11)</li> <li>• Criminal Justice Bill (6)</li> <li>• Criminal statistics – convictions for soliciting and gross indecency in 1984 (12);</li> <li>• Dependent Isles (Gibraltar, Channel Islands and Isle of Man) (9, 10, 12)</li> <li>• ECHR – Acton privacy case (Martin Johnson) (2, 4, 5, 6, 11)</li> <li>• ECHR – tenancy succession rights – Mary Simpson (5, 9)</li> <li>• ECHR - possible Gibraltar case (2, 4, 5, 6, 7)</li> <li>• ECHR cases generally (2, 4, 5, 6)</li> <li>• ECHR – right of individual appeal (10, 11)</li> <li>• Employment – Rugby Council (1, 2,) and other (11, 12)</li> <li>• Gays The Word (including IGA actions) (1, 2, 3, 9)</li> <li>• Hong Kong (2)</li> <li>• IGA/GASA - Simon Nkoli (9, 10)</li> <li>• Immigration (1, 7)</li> <li>• Kerb crawling/soliciting bill (Janet Fookes Bill) (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Labour Campaign for Gay Rights gay rights bill; (11)</li> <li>• Labour Party conference (9)</li> <li>• Law Reform Committee – future strategy (11)</li> <li>• Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Scotland Bill (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</li> <li>• Local government grants – Widdicombe Committee report (4, 5)</li> </ul>
<p><b>14 February 1985</b>                      1. Replies to PQs on employment/Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly recommendation;                      10. Correspondence with MPs on “kerb crawling bill” + Hansard report of debate on second reading;                      11. Correspondence with Paddy Ashdown MP on Hong Kong law forms.</p>	
<p><b>14 March 1985</b></p>	
<p><b>11 April 1985</b>                      9. Letter from Clare Short MP re kerb crawling bill;                      12. Letter regarding Public Health (Infectious Diseases) regulations;</p>	
<p><b>9 May 1985</b>                      5. Correspondence regarding kerb crawling bill;                      13. Submission on local government grants (Widdicombe Committee).                      + Correspondence with Margaret Thatcher concerning recognition of same-sex partners as “next-of-kin”.</p>	
<p><b>9 June 1985</b>                      5. “Kerb crawling” bill plus amendment sent to Lord Gifford, plus Clare Short MP letter.</p>	
<p><b>8 July 1985</b>                      10. Comments on White Paper on the Review of Public Order Law + summary of White Paper proposals;</p>	
<p><b>9 September 1985</b></p>	
<p><b>14 October 1985</b></p>	
<p><b>11 November 1985</b>                      1. Letter to John Smith MP proposing PQ on EP resolution on employment;                      10. First draft of Labour Campaign for Gay Rights draft gay rights bill.                      + CHE Executive Committee – minutes of meeting on 16 November 1985 (Armed Forces, Sex Discrimination Act – EEC related amendment, Public Order Act).                      + Correspondence between Clifford Hindley and Margaret Thatcher firmly rejecting major extension of homosexual rights – “neither widespread support nor strong case”.</p>	
<p><b>5 December 1985</b></p>	

6. CHE campaign leaflet regarding public order bill.

- Mary Simpson case (UK courts) (3)
- Parole (1, 9)
- Public Order White Paper (6, 7) & Bill (12)
- Security vetting procedures (4)
- Sexual offences – CLRC Report (1)
- Warnock (1, 2)
- WHO (1)

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1986 (Box 5, folder 5.3)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1986
<p><b>6 January 1986</b> 13. Text of Obscene Publications (protection of children) amendment + related press comments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of consent cases (2)</li> <li>• AIDS (1, 6, 7, 12)</li> <li>• Armed Forces bill (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)</li> <li>• Cautioning/criminal statistics (2)</li> <li>• Charities (1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12)</li> <li>• Clone Zone police raid (1, 2)</li> <li>• Criminal convictions statistics (1, 7)</li> <li>• Dependent Isles (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar) (2, 4, 6, 7,9)</li> <li>• DPP guidelines for prosecuting service (1)</li> <li>• ECHR – Acton party/privacy/Johnson case (3, 5, 6, 12);</li> <li>• ECHR – right of individual petition in the Channel Islands/Isle of Man (2, 4, 5, 12)</li> <li>• Employment – Foreign Office Ban (5, 7)</li> <li>• Halsbury Bill (sex education) (12)</li> <li>• Immigration (3, 4)</li> <li>• Insulting behaviour – charges under the Public order legislation (5, 7, 9)</li> <li>• Judiciary – derogatory statements (12)</li> <li>• Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights – second version of draft Bill and plans for law reform conference (7, 9, 10, 11)</li> <li>• Law Reform Committee plans for future campaigning (7, 9, 11, 12)</li> <li>• Obscene publications (protection of children) Amendment Bill (Churchill bill) (1, 2, 3)</li> <li>• Public Order Bill (1, 2 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11)</li> <li>• Sex Education at School – response to DES circular (10)</li> <li>• Simon Nkoli case (1, 3, 4)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3 February 1986</b> 10. Letter from Chris Smith MP to a Mr Robinson re possible age of consent case. 15. PQ, correspondence with David Ashby MP re Channel Islands;</p>	
<p><b>3 March 1986</b> 5. Correspondence – Iain Buist, David Mellor MP, Home Office, re Public Order Bill. + Minutes of CHE Executive Committee meeting on 16 March 1986 (Armed Forces, public order, obscenity bill).</p>	
<p><b>7 April 1986</b> 3. PQ on gross indecency statistics for Johnson ECHR case. + Hansard report of Jo Richardson PQ on imprisonment for consenting sexual acts. + Minutes of CHE Executive Committee meeting on 19 April 1986 (Armed Forces, Obscenity Bill). + Report of prosecution for insulting behaviour (The Times)</p>	
<p><b>12 May 1986</b> + letter dated 3/6/86 to Kevin McNamara MP requesting PQs on the Calcutt report on interview techniques employed by the service police in Cyprus in 1984.</p>	
<p><b>16 June 1986</b></p>	
<p><b>20 July 1986</b> 10. Message from LCLGR on plans for draft rights bill and conference; and letter dated 5 August 86 from Jo Richardson MP to GCM on needs to bring forward proposals for the party conference.</p>	
<p><b>1 September 1986</b> 9. LCLGR manifesto</p>	
<p><b>6 October 1986</b></p>	
<p><b>3 November 1986</b> + CHE comments on DES draft circular “Sex Education at School” (prepared by Tim Bolton Maggs, Tyneside group)</p>	
<p><b>1 December 1986</b> + Reply to PQ by Jo Richardson MP on imprisonment in Hong Kong for homosexual offences. + Hansard for the debate on the Local Government Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill – second reading on 18 December 1986</p>	

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1987 (Box 6, folder 6.1)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1987
<p><b>2 February 1987</b></p> <p>6. Letter from Association of British Insurers re AIDS and Life insurance;</p> <p>7. Transcript of sentencing statement by Judge with extreme attack on the gay community.</p> <p>9. House of Lords debate – local Government Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill – second reading (Halsbury Bill)</p> <p>12. PQ by Jo Richardson MP on sentences for relations with 16 to 21-year-olds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIDS &amp; life insurance (2, 3)</li> <li>• AIDS/Employment discrimination (9, 11)</li> <li>• Age of consent offences – sentencing (2, 3, 5)</li> <li>• Charities (3)</li> <li>• Criminal Justice Bill (1987) (3)</li> <li>• Criminal Statistics/cautioning (6, 11)</li> <li>• Dependent Isles (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar) (2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11)</li> <li>• European Convention – renewal of the right of individual appeal (9)</li> <li>• General Election questionnaire (3)</li> <li>• Hong Kong (5, 6, 9, 10)</li> <li>• Judiciary – derogatory comments (2, 3, 5, 6)</li> <li>• Law reform conference (officially known as Legislation for Lesbian Gay Rights Conference) (3, 6, 9, 10)</li> <li>• Law reform Bill (11)</li> <li>• Local Government Bill (Widdicombe recommendations on local authority “propaganda” (9, 11)</li> <li>• Parole – Carlisle committee report (11)</li> <li>• Police raid on Vauxhall Tavern (2 &amp; 3)</li> <li>• Sex Education Bill (Halsbury) (2, 3, 5)</li> </ul>
<p><b>19 March 1987</b></p> <p>10. PQ by Jo Richardson MP on sentencing of 16 to 21-year-olds.</p> <p>13. – The Vauxhall 11 – letter from Bob McLennan MP saying he would take this up with the Attorney General; + letter of 16 June with a reply from the Attorney General.</p>	
<p><b>5 May 1987</b></p> <p>6. Press cutting on Hong Kong plans to liberalise homosexuals laws.</p>	
<p><b>15 June 1987</b></p> <p>7. Reply from Lord Chancellor’s office to complaint about a judge’s discriminatory comments;</p>	
<p><b>1 September 1987</b></p> <p>6. Hansard – Committee stage of Local Government Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill debate in committee.</p>	
<p><b>5 October 1987</b></p>	
<p><b>2 November 1987</b></p> <p>11. Draft submission to the Carlisle Committee review of Parole.</p>	

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1988 (Box 6, folder 6.2)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1988
<p><b>14 January 1988</b> 3. Press reports for House of Commons debates on the local government Bill on 15 December 1987</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIDS monitoring (8)</li> <li>• Age of consent – possible ECHR case (11)</li> <li>• Age of consent – Isle of Man prosecution (12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>22 February 1988</b> 6. Law Commission submission on binding over.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-gay bye-laws (6)</li> <li>• Binding over (2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 June 1988</b> 4. Immigration Appeal Tribunal papers relating to foreign gay lover allowed to remain on compassionate grounds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Law Revision Committee report – PQ on implementation of recommendations on age of consent and privacy (“no plans”) (6, 12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>8 August 1988</b> 6. Draft response to the Report of the Working Group on the Monitoring and Surveillance of HIV infection and AIDS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dependent Isles (Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey) (1, 6, 10, 12)</li> <li>• ECHR – Norris case on illegality in the Republic of Ireland (11)</li> </ul>
<p><b>17 October &amp; 14 November 1988</b> 6. Draft submission to the Home Office on the Right to Silence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration - rejection of individuals on basis of sexual orientation (Wong Case) (1, 8, 12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>19 December 1988</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration – bi-national same-sex couples (6).</li> <li>• Law reform - gay rights bill (a.k.a. homosexual equality bill) (1, 12)</li> <li>• Local Government Bill, Halsbury Bill (1)</li> <li>• Right to silence (10)</li> <li>• Parole – Carlisle report (12)</li> <li>• Police raids on gay video owners (6, 11)</li> <li>• Rights of suspects – Police &amp; Criminal Evidence Act guidelines (6)</li> <li>• Sexual offences – CLRC recommendations (10, 12)</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">INTERNATIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEC – Charter for the European Citizen (12)</li> </ul>

CHE Law Reform Committee – Index of minutes – 1989 (Box 6, folder 6.3)

Date of meeting (plus additional papers)	Some topics addressed in 1989
<p><b>30 January 1989</b> 4. Reply to PQ on sentences for sex with males between 16 and 21 years in 1986 and 1987.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age of consent – Isle of Man prosecution (1, 3)</li> <li>• Age of consent – government refuses to implement reduction in age of consent to 18 as proposed in Law Commission proposal for criminal code (6)</li> <li>• ECHR &amp; dependent territories (1, 2, 3, 4, 6)</li> <li>• Employment Bill &amp; discrimination against persons with HIV/AIDS (1, 2, 3, 4, 6)</li> <li>• European Parliament Elections (1, 2, 6)</li> <li>• Homosexual Equality Bill (6, 12)</li> <li>• Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (12)</li> <li>• Immigration cases – rejection of individuals on basis of sexual orientation (2, 3, 4, 6)</li> <li>• Sentencing – imprisonment for consensual homosexual acts (1)</li> <li>• Parole – Carlisle recommendations (1, 2)</li> <li>• Privacy Bill – co-dwelling (2, 3, 4)</li> <li>• Right of silence (12)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERNATIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter for the European Citizen (2, 4)</li> <li>• EEC Social Charter (12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13 March 1989</b> 10. Text of (unsuccessful) Amendment to Employment Bill to outlaw discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS + related correspondence.</p>	
<p><b>24 April 1989</b></p>	
<p><b>12 June 1989</b></p>	
<p><b>18 December 1989</b> 2. Comments on the report of the Working Group on the Right of Silence; 5. Draft and final version of the Homosexual Equality Bill + related papers; + “Taking centre stage”, Gay Times, July 1990; + “Peter Ashman – quiet campaigner” – David Prosser, Capital Gay, June 5, 1992.</p>	

## The 1980 Housing Bill (Box 6, folder 6.4)

Correspondence with John Tilley MP re tabling of CHE amendment; together with the proposed amendment, and an explanation.

Copies of Hansard reports for the discussions in Committee.

Letters to Lord Soper, the Bishop of Southwark, Lord Avebury, Lord Beaumont, seeking to get the amendments tabled in the House of Lords.

Various background documents on cohabitation

## 1981 CHE submission on the Criminal Law Revision Committee's Working Paper on Sexual Offences (Box 7, folder 7.1)

- NCCL evidence to the Criminal Law Revision Committee on sexual offences (March 1976)
- Submission from the Gay Christian Movement to the CLRC and the PAC on sexual offences (1979)
- CLRC Working Paper on sexual offences – October 1980
- Message to conveners of local CHE groups explaining the working paper and encouraging them to make their own submissions.
- Letter from Nick Billingham dated 1 March 1981 enclosing draft of CHE comments on the CLRC working paper (prior to approval at National Council)
- Final CHE submission: "Criminal Law Revision Committee: 1979 Working Paper on Sexual offences – Comments prepared by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality".
- Press release of 1 April 1981 announcing CHE's evidence to the CLRC and a 15 point plan for sexual law reform.
- Final report of the CLRC on sexual offences – dated April 1984.

## 1980 CHE submission responding to the June 1979 Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences' Working Paper on the Age of Consent (Box 7, folders 7.2 – 7.3)

### Folder 7.2

- “Working Paper on the Age of Consent in relation to Sexual Offences – June 1979” – Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences [NB CHE response to the Working Paper not in archive – was submitted in December 1980]
- “CHE and the ‘Working Paper on the Age of Consent in relation to sexual offences’ [of the Policy advisory Committee].
- Submissions to the Policy Advisory Committee by:
  - British Medical Association
  - Royal College of Psychiatrists
  - Gay Christian Movement
  - NCCL
- “Report on the Age of Consent in relation to Sexual Offences” – 1981 – Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences

### Folder 7.3

Background papers to the submission

The Speijer Report (translation) – the 1969 Dutch government report that prepared the way for the repeal of discriminatory age of consent laws in the Netherlands.

1972 report of the British Medical Association “On the Age of Consent in relation to Sexual Offences”

Sexual Law Reform Society – Report of Working Party on the Law in Relation to Sexual Behaviour – 5 September 1974

Extracts from the Danish Criminal Law Council’s report on lowering of the homosexual age of consent – 1975

Committee of Experts for the Revision of the Criminal Code – Federal Department of Justice and of the Police – Berne – Switzerland – Initial proposals for the revision of the Articles concerning the offences against life and bodily integrity, sexual offences and for against the family.

Paper documenting ages of consent in European countries – ALEPH – 1978

Paper on Sentencing and the Age of Consent to Homosexual Behaviour by Karen White and Roy Walmsley (researchers preparing information for the Criminal Law Revision Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences).

Report on Sexual Offences, consent & sentencing (Home Office research study number 54).

‘Pregnant at School’ – Joint Working Party on Pregnant Schoolgirls and Schoolgirl Mothers – September 1979 – National Council for One Parent Families.

## The Armed Forces – 1978 – 83 (Box 8, folders 8.1 – 8.5)

### Folder 8.1 – documents up to end 1980

- Extracts from the Air Force, Army, and Navy Acts on discipline
- Document entitled “The rights of a soldier charged with an offence under the Army Act 1955” dated 15 January 1973;
- Paper for the NCCL conference dated 14 May 1977, entitled “Lesbians and the Forces”.
- Letter to Gay News seeking information on the armed forces from readers – 24 January 1978.
- Correspondence with RAF chaplain, Rev Fraser MacLennan, including provision of example of individual cases – December 79 to November 81; includes schedule of court martials for homosexual offences in the RAF for the period October 78 to November 1980.
- Letter from MoD explaining policy on homosexuality dated 6 April 1979.
- Letter from MoD refusing to supply their submission to the Policy Advisory Committee – dated 6 August 1979.
- Transcript of Gay Life programme “Gays in the Military”, 27 April 1980.
- Letter to Reg Rees, MP, dated 20 June 1980 asking him to take part in debate on the RAF.
- Letters to Mike Jarrett from the MoD dated 10 November 1980 and 11 September 1980, addressing the single sex nature of the military, coercion, blackmail, statistics for discharges.

### Folder 8.2 – Campaign on the 1980/81 Armed Forces Bill

Numerous documents, including:

- CHE proposed amendment, supporting memorandum and notes
- Letters to Bruce George (tables amendment), Keith Best (PQ), Lords Wigoder and Peart, Armed Forces Minister Philip Goodhart to Sir Anthony Royle MP
- Standard letter for constituents to send to members of the Select Committee
- News cuttings of dismissals, e.g. The Royal Yacht Britannia, and the Rhine army.

### Folder 8.3 – Campaign on the 1980/81 Armed Forces Bill (continued)

- The Armed Forces Bill
- The Report of the Select Committee
- The Hansard account of the debate in Committee on 19 May 1981.

### Folder 8.4 – Campaign on the 1980/81 Armed Forces Bill (continued)

Correspondence with military attachés of European states documenting their treatment of lesbians and gays in the armed forces.

### Folder 8.5 – August 1981 – June 1983

- Letter to George Cunningham MP dated 2/8/1981 requesting him to challenge the use of courts martial and dishonourable discharge and subsequent correspondence with the MoD up to 26 November 1981.
- Press cuttings of dismissals (1981 & 92)
- Correspondence with Sir Anthony Royle MP (August 1981, March 1982), Arthur Davidson MP, George Thomas MP, Douglas MP, John Nott MP, Tom Cox MP, Keith Best MP including

replies from MoD, between August 1981 and June 1983, on a variety of topics, including dismissal statistics, justification for courts martial in certain cases, Parliamentary Questions.

## The Armed Forces – 1985/6 (Box 9, folders 9.1 – 9.4)

### Folder 9.1 – campaign on the 1985 Armed Forces Bill

#### Bundle 1

- a. Documents setting out ideas for the campaign and for a study on the position in the Armed Forces.
- b. Letter from Chris Smith MP dated 17 April 1985 and PQs dated 7 & 8 March 1985, including on number of dismissals, and correspondence.
- c. The Armed Forces Bill plus related correspondence.
- d. Press cuttings concerning Cyprus dismissals and suicide of a paratroop major.
- e. Letter sent to MPs ahead of the second reading on 21 November 1985.
- f. Hansard report of the debate on second reading on 21 November 1985.

#### Bundle 2

- g. Press account of naval rating's harsh treatment (City Limits – 29 November).
- h. Correspondence with the Clerk to the Select Committee – 6 & 17 January.
- i. CHE's evidence to the Committee – dated January 1986.
- j. Letter from Chris Smith, 21 January 1986
- k. The Memorandum submitted by the MoD to the Select Committee.
- l. Correspondence – Matthew Parris MP to Neil Thorne MP, 5 February 1986.
- m. Progress report on the state of the campaign for the CHE bulletin.
- n. PQ tabled by Kevin McNamara MP on numbers of dismissals (3 March 1986).
- o. Press report of the Select Committee's rejection of CHE's case and a letter by Kevin McNamara MP highlighting the obstructive behaviour of the Select Committee chairman, John Stanley MP.
- p. Hansard account of the debate in the House of Commons on 10 April 1986 on McNamara amendment requiring any homosexual acts to be "prejudicial to good conduct and discipline".
- q. Hansard account of House of Lords debate on 19 May 1986 on amendment to withdraw the ban on lesbians and gays in the armed forces.

### Folder 9.2 – Campaign on the 1985/6 Armed Forces Bill (continued) [This folder contains sensitive information. Access is restricted. Please apply to the Archivist.]

Papers relating to the detailed research for the CHE evidence to the select committee:

- a. Paper setting out the rationale for the research, together with questionnaires used for interviews;
- b. Correspondence and interview notes re 14 current or ex-services personnel (AH, BC, IM, JF, JH, LG, LS, MS, SN, TC, + 4 anonymous).

### Folder 9.3 – Campaign on the 1985/6 Armed Forces Bill (continued)

Papers relating to the research for the evidence to the select committee – survey of the laws applying in other European countries.

Correspondence with Ken Plummer of Essex University concerning the form of the survey.

Replies from the authorities in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

“Getting Out” – A guide to discharges from all branches of the US military (March 1984)

**Folder 9.4 – Stonewall submission on the 1991 Armed Forces Bill**

This was a rehash of the CHE work – by agreement.

**Loose in Box 9:**

House of Commons Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill – 24 March 1986 (together with the proceedings of the Committee and the minutes of evidence, with appendices)

## The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill – 1983 (Box 10, folder 10.1)

<p><b>Extracts on Police Bill from Law Reform Committee minutes and related documents</b>          (The text below consists of transcripts of LRC minutes on the PACE Bill. The ‘related documents’ referred to are those in Box 10. Some other PACE-related documents are attached to the relevant LRC minute and are most easily identified through the PACE section of the thematic index)</p>
<p><b>Folder 10.1 – 1983 papers</b></p>
<p><b>17 January 1983</b>          14. Adrian Fulford and Peter Ashman to draft three amendments on conspiracy to corrupt public morals, intimate body searches and arrest for ‘affronting public decency’. Paul Crane would forward these to Roy Hattersley.  <b>Related documents</b>          NCCL Briefing Paper for Gay Groups on Police and Criminal Evidence Bill 1982</p>
<p><b>21 February 1983</b>          14. Peter A.’s amendments have been forwarded to Roy Hattersley. Nick B. gave a report on the dispiriting discussions of the Committee. There had been no discussion of the arrest power regarding an affront to public decency. No amendments were accepted on powers to effect body searches. Nick also reported on his meeting with Bill Pitt MP, who is willing to table an amendment on s32 Sexual Offences Act. Peter A. agreed to draft a new amending clause. There was a general discussion on the most appropriate parliamentary tactics. Agreed to suggest amendments on ‘affronting public decency’ and body searches which Bill Pitt would raise at the report stage.</p>
<p><b>21 March 1983</b>          10. Peter A.’s amendments had not been tabled by Hattersley, for reasons which were unclear. The Clause which they had sought to amend had, in any event, been withdrawn by the Government. Peter A.’s new clause on S. 32 had been tabled by Bill Pitt (New Clause 40). PA would send a copy to Jim Halcrow.          Waddington [Junior Minister at Home Office] had been shown the new clause. He was in favour of the first part (the use of uniformed officers) and undertook to ask Patrick Mayhew to give it his personal attention. He was against the second part (which stipulates a need for a complaint by a member of the general public.) As regards the ‘affront to public decency clause’, he was emphatic that there was no intention of creating a new offence and was concerned that this was the impression which had been given. He would check this out in Mayhew’s brief, and let MJ have a copy. On intimate body searches, he claimed that this was no more than a codification of common law powers and was not aimed at gays. PA thinks he is wrong that these powers exist in common law and will check this out.  <b>Related documents</b>          Letters to Peter Snape MP, Ian Wrigglesworth MP, Bill Pitt MP, with amendments on Police and Criminal Evidence Bill;</p>
<p><b>24 April 1983</b>          9. Amendment to Clause 40 tabled by Bill Pitt was not debated. No reason given. Adrian reported that Lord Gifford has agreed to put forward the amendment in the Lords. Lords Hutchinson, Queensbury and Monson to be approached by PA to act as backups. Peter reported that forcible intimate body searches are not justified at common law and would therefore be assaults.  <b>Related documents</b>          Letter from Martin Stevens MP, enclosing a brief on the: Police and Criminal Evidence Bill: The Investigation of Offences – written by Patrick Mayhew QC, MP, Circulated by the Conservative Research Department.          Letter from David Waddington (Home Office Minister) following up on March meeting.</p>
<p><b>6 June 1983</b>          9. Since the Bill has lapsed, no further action until after the Election.</p>

**5 July 1983**

8. The Bill will be reintroduced in October. Paul C to write to Douglas Hurd at the Home Office stating our position. Also to draft a letter to be sent out by Nigel W to selected MPs.

**9 August 1983**

Paul C to write letters previously minuted. Meeting about opposition to the Bill at Hackney Town Hall August 25.

**Related documents**

National Campaign against the Police Bill – press statement – 11 August 1983 on Hackney Town Hall meeting;

**19 September 1983**

Nigel W to circulate circa 80 MPs with Paul Crane's letter. Nick B to write to Home Office on behalf of Mike Jarrett to arrange meeting. PA to give our comments to Graham Zellick, a law professor who was advising the Home Office.

**Related documents**

Capital Gay article dated 30 September 83 on the arrest of 25 men by agents provocateur in Earls Court.

**17 October 1983**

7. The letters to sympathetic MPs had been sent, as had the letter to Douglas Hurd. PA had been in touch with Prof Zellick. The scope of our campaign would depend on the Bill itself, but it was agreed that we should concentrate on those aspects specifically affecting gays, as well as our soliciting amendment. We need case details from GALOP for backup material and Nick B would try to get this. Once the bill was published we would prepare a piece for the newsletter.

**Related documents**

Letter to Douglas Hurd MP, Minister of State at the Home Office.  
Standard letter to 80 MPs & replies from about 35 of them.

**14 November 1983**

3. The rest of the evening was spent discussing the Police Bill. Two amendments were agreed: clause 2 (10), add words preventing the police from searching for articles which were not suspected of being stolen or prohibited.

Clause 22, add words to the phrase "affront to public decency" restricting it to conduct which constitutes an offence.

Nick B, Anna, Dave Green & PA would meet Alex Carlile, the Liberal member of the Standing Committee, to discuss our views on the Bill, and other matters, on Wednesday 16 November.

**Related documents**

Hansard record of Second Reading debate on the Police Bill – 7 November 1983

GLC press conference on launch of book on Police Bill

Letter to Alf Dubs MP – 20 November 1983

Letters from Home Office (Douglas Hurd) to Keith Best MP (dated 21/11/83) & Peter Lloyd MP (8/11/83)

**6 December 1983**

7. Gerald Kaufman had shown interest in three CHE amendments on the early part of the Bill and had referred them to NCCL's drafting committee for refinement. Nick B would attend their next meeting on 19 December.

Alex Carlile had tabled the CHE amendment on soliciting, although the recent Capital Gay article had made no mention of CHE.

PA would try to interest Justice in amending the 'affront to public decency' clause.

**Related documents**

Proposed amendments to clause 2 (10), clause 12, and clause 22.

Briefing document prepared by Liberal Gay Action Group for Alex Carlile MP

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill -1984 (Box 10, folders 10.2 – 10.3)

Extracts on Police Bill from Law Reform Committee minutes and related documents
<p><b>Folder 10.2 – papers from February to Oct 1984</b></p>
<p><b>10 January 1984</b></p> <p>7. Progress report.</p> <p>First amendment on stop and search – defeated;</p> <p>Second Amendment on search of premises – not yet reached. Labour opposition amendment includes membership records.</p> <p>Third amendment on ‘affront to public decency’ – not yet reached.</p> <p>Fourth amendment on intimate body searches – drafted by PA.</p> <p>Nick B attending NCCL’s monthly meetings and will contact John Marshall about publicity. Nick also to brief Alex Carlile about entrapment cases in Earls Court. Adrian F to assist with notes from NCCL files.</p>
<p><b>22 February 1984</b></p> <p>8. The amendment on membership records had been defeated: the Minister took the view that these were already covered. Our amendment on ‘affront to public decency’ was lost after a very good debate in which all the Opposition MPs criticised police tactics and the potential penalties. Even one or two of the Government side expressed sympathy. The second amendment on this – to limit it to offences known to the law – was accepted by the Minister in principle, who said that the government did not intend to create a power which could lead to the harassment of any group – meaning gays.</p> <p>On soliciting, Nick B said there seemed to be a ground swell of sympathy for our new clause and the Home Office might issue new guidelines before it was debated. Adrian F had sent Nick the Earls Court statements which would be very useful.</p> <p>Adrian had spoken to Ed Boyle of the BBC ‘Out of Court’ series and though they couldn’t deal with soliciting in the final programme, he hoped to do a full length programme on it. Adrian would act as liaison.</p> <p><b>Related documents</b></p> <p>Letter from Home Office dated 11 January 1984 responding to CHE letter expressing concern at deployment of plain clothes police officers to detect male importuners;</p> <p>House of Commons report of Committee debates on 31 January 1984.</p> <p>Letter dated 6 February 1984 from Douglas Hurd to Dafydd Elis Thomas MP</p>
<p><b>26 March 1984</b></p> <p>7. The government had given no ground on intimate body searches, and this issue would have to be taken up in the Lords. On the CHE soliciting clause, NB had sent briefings to the Committee MPs. PC had written to Tories on the Committee. It would be debated on the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Home Secretary’s reply to David Owen had now been received. This spelt out at considerable length current police practice, as it should be. The Home Office had raised the question with the Met, and the Commissioner is currently considering whether the Met’s instructions on this issue should be revised.</p> <p><b>Related documents</b></p> <p>Reply of the Home Secretary Leon Brittan to David Owen MP on Metropolitan police policy in relation to male import tuners in the Earls Court area.</p>
<p><b>16 April 1984</b></p> <p>a. the Carlisle soliciting amendment had not been called at the Committee stage, probably because of Home Office embarrassment at the ‘pretty police’ evidence. However it was the first new clause on the order paper for the Report stage, with a galaxy of Alliance supporters, including Steele, Owen, Beith, Cartwright, Carlile and Maclennan. It would probably be debated in the two weeks after Easter. NB/NW would write to friendly MPs urging their support.</p>

- b. NB had received a letter from Douglas Hurd which contained a virtually firm commitment to redefine the 'affront to public decency' clause so that it was limited to existing offences.
- c. This was as much as we could hope for in the Commons – we would have to raise intimate body searches in the Lords. We should write to half a dozen friendly peers explaining our work so far and asking for their help.

**Related documents**

Amendment tabled on 6 April 1984 on powers of arrest for offences contrary to section 32 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 by Messrs Steele, Owen, Beith, Cartwright, Carlile and Maclennan. Guardian article on publication by the Metropolitan Police of "The Principles of Policing and Guidance for Professional Behaviour".

**13 May 1984**

4. The government had tabled an amendment to the Report stage altering the 'affront against public decency' to 'offence against public decency', in line with the second of CHE's proposals. NB had sent letters to 226 MPs in support of the pretty police/soliciting amendment, due to be called on the next day.

The Second Reading of the bill in the Lords is likely to be in the first week of June – we would see who spoke with a view to getting support for any further amendments. In his meeting with SH (see above) Lord Beaumont expressed a willingness to help on this.

**Related documents**

Hansard reports of debates on Police and Criminal Evidence Bill for 14/15/16 May (in folder 10.3)  
 Press cuttings covering the arrest of Dr Keith Hampson MP  
 Police Review article – 25 May 1984 – "Fancy-clothes duty"

**11 June 1984**

4. Following an informal meeting of some members of the LRC, NB had sent a letter to about a dozen peers ahead of the second reading which:  
 stated the need for an amendment to the list of serious arrestable offences to exclude "indecent assault which constitutes an act of gross indecency";  
 urged their support for any amendment empowering courts to exclude evidence improperly obtained;  
 and argued that the power to carry out intimate body searches should be limited to doctors.

Only the latter issue had been mentioned in the debate. The Committee stage was due to start on 26. 6, and will probably continue through until the autumn.

It was agreed that:

PA would assess which of the numerous amendments on intimate body searches came nearest to our position, so that CHE could write to peers in support of it;

PA would draft an amendment to Schedule 5 striking out "indecent assault which constitutes an act of gross indecency", and an explanatory note, by the end of June. We would then find a peer to table it.

NB would draft a letter for DG to send Mellor, asking what action had been taken to amend the police rules on agents provocateur, and seeking an explanation for the Schedule 5 changes.

**Related documents**

Letter dated 6 June 1984 from Jim Wallace MP;  
 Letter dated 18 June 1984 from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher;  
 Letter dated 20 June 1984 from Matthew Parris MP, enclosing a letter from Douglas Hurd;  
 House of Lord's official report on Second Reading of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill on 4 June 1984

**30 July 1984**

4. Since the last LRC meeting there had been some interesting debates:

Committee Stage: the Labour frontbench had tabled both the “pretty police” and “indecent assault/gross indecency” amendments; the latter debate had included widespread attacks on all the government’s late changes to Schedule 5.

Report Stage: the intimate body search powers had also been attacked very strongly, with even the police spokesperson against, and the government had agreed to reconsider this power over the summer recess. The “indecent assault/gross indecency” amendment was due to come up the next day – Lord Hutchinson had agreed to table it (1. 8. 84: in fact the amendment did not fall to be debated until 0.15 AM, and Lord Hutchinson had left by that time; a government amendment adding treason and reckless driving to the list was passed without a vote).

#### 5. CHE meeting with Douglas Hurd

PA, NB and NW had gone with Matthew Parris to see Douglas Hurd on 17/7. An account of the meeting is attached.

[Other topics.....]

Bob MacLennan had asked NB what more he could do to carry on the “pretty police” battle. NB had asked him to try to extract the revised force orders from the Home Office.

The Richmond Guardian had reported another case of the police using the “binding over” procedure.

#### Record of meeting at Home Office with Douglas Hurd on 16 July 84

##### 1. Entrapment/Revision of Met force orders

NB read out the Force Orders as quoted by Mellor in the Commons and pointed out that we knew of recent cases where all of them were being ignored. Hurd replied that there was not some sort of conspiracy, as had been alleged, being operated against homosexuals. The police action at public lavatories was in response to complaints by the general public. The review of the force orders was nearly complete; but it did not cover all the orders read out by NB, but only that relating specifically to entrapment. He said that the force orders were not generally published, and the revised rules would not therefore be available to us.

##### 2. Schedule 5 of Police Bill.

PA quoted the Home Office research unit’s statistics as evidence that most “indecent assault involving gross indecency” cases were not treated as serious by the courts; and pointed out that those that were would fall within the definition of a serious arrestable offence in any event. He expressed concern that the inclusion of “indecent assault involving gross indecency” as a serious arrestable offence would leave the way open for the police to carry out widescale investigations on gay people, as had happened in the mid-1970s. DH replied that the sort of offences which the Home Office had in mind were certainly serious.

##### 3. Home Office/Police report on cautioning

PA quoted the Home Office Research Unit figures on the discriminatory application of cautioning in gay cases by the police. DH replied that CHE should submit its views – there was no mention of the subject in the report since it was of a general nature only.

##### 4. Police attitudes/the Home Office treatment of the subject

NW pointed out that widespread prejudiced attitudes in the police force underlay all the concerns we had discussed today. Did DH think the Home Office had a role in combating the prejudice and if so, what was it doing. DH did not deny the existence of such attitudes, and accepted that the Home Office had a role in combating them. However sending out a directive to various police

forces would not make any difference – it would be ignored. The way for the Home Office to do it was more subtle, by influencing training et cetera.

NB commented that the attitude of the establishment, the Home Office, police, media et cetera was now well behind general public opinion, and that the Home Office's treatment of sexual issues was quite inadequate. DH replied that he received liberal, if cautious, advice from the Home Office.

#### **Related documents**

House of Lord's official record of debate on 11 July 1984.

Notes by Nigel Warner for talk on the Police Bill for the CHE annual conference.

#### **6 September 1984**

4.1. Extension of definition of serious arrestable offence to include sexual offences of various sorts: a letter from the Home Office explained that this change had been made in response to Opposition comments in the Commons during the Committee stage – PA try to find what these comments were.

4.2. PA had now redrafted the "indecent assault which constitutes an act of gross indecency" definition to "indecent assault occasioning actual bodily harm". He hoped that Lord Elwyn Jones would table it. Its advantage was that it would remove from the definition of a serious arrestable offence minor consensual gay offences, but would extend the definition to include physical assaults (as on women) which did not fall within the definition of rape.

#### **Related documents**

Reply from Home Office to Peter Campbell on Police & Criminal Evidence Bill – on indecent assault;

#### **11 October 1984**

i. Extension of serious arrestable offences to include "indecent assault which constitutes an act of gross indecency": PA had tracked down the comments which had led to this amendment: an opposition MP had asked during the Committee stage that serious arrestable offences include psychological as well as physical damage, and the government therefore obliged with this amendment.

ii. In a recent letter to PA they had refused to withdraw or alter the amendment.

iii. Neither the Opposition nor the Alliance front benches have been willing to table PA's redraft of this amendment (to "indecent assault occasioning actual bodily harm") at the Third Reading of the Bill (due on 18/10) since they wished to concentrate their efforts on more significant issues. We would approach Lord Gifford, but as it was now very late to introduce a completely new concept, we would simply ask him to try to delete the original government amendment. NB had prepared a briefing.

5. i Still no news of any revision to rules on entrapment – indeed, in a recent constituency surgery meeting with Ian Buist, Mellor had stated that it was not the Met's code, but its application, that was being reviewed. The GSD was meeting Maclennan in November and Owen in December, and NB would raise this issue with them.

ii. PA's submission on cautioning was pending.

#### **Related documents**

4. Letter to NGW dated September 1984 from Home Office on Police & Criminal Evidence Bill;

4. & 5. Letter from Ian Buist following meeting with David Mellor MP.

5. Reply by Margaret Thatcher to letter from Clifford Hindley on the use of entrapment techniques by the Metropolitan police (dated 27 December 84 to CH's letter of 23 September 84);

#### **12 November 1984**

3. Lord Gifford had tabled the amendment which sought to delete "indecent assault involving gross indecency" from the list of serious arrestable offences, but had withdrawn it without a vote

after a brief debate. Lord Elton had, at least, clarified that the powers were only intended for use in the case of genuinely serious offences.

Alf Dubs had tabled a modified version of the soliciting amendment as the Bill passed for the last time through the House of Commons – the Minister announced that the number of prosecutions for soliciting in the Earls Court area had fallen from 117 in 1982, to 95 in 1983, to 12 in the first eight months of 1984.

**Related documents**

House of Lords Official Reports for 19 October 1984 and 29 October 1984.

NCCL briefing on the Police & Criminal Evidence Act – March 1985

**FOLDER 10.3** – May 1984 Hansards for House of Commons debate

## European Convention on Human Rights cases - (Box 11, folders 11.1 – 11.7)

### **Dudgeon v. UK (Application no. 7525/76) – (criminalisation in Northern Ireland) (folder 11.1)**

- a. NIGRA News, July/August 1978.
- b. Press report dated 8 May 1979 reporting that UK Government's submission to the European Commission of Human Rights rejects decriminalisation in Northern Ireland.
- c. Report of the European Commission on Human Rights (adopted on 13 March 1980)
- d. Reply to PQ on whether the government planned to act on the findings of the Commission dated 18 July 1980
- e. Observations of the applicant on the report of the Commission.
- f. i & ii - Statement for the media by Jeff Dudgeon prior to the *Dudgeon* hearing on 23 April 1981 and background notes in relation to anti-gay legislation in Northern Ireland prepared by Jeffrey Dudgeon (23 April 1981).
- g. The judgment of the European Court of Human Rights, dated 22 October 1981.
- h. Press release by CHE welcoming the judgment, dated 22 October 1981.
- i. The European Court of Human Rights ruling on Dudgeon's claim for just satisfaction under Article 50 (this is the original document).
- j. Article by Jeff Dudgeon about his case in the Socialist undated, but early 1984 probably.
- k. Jeff Dudgeon's account of his case in "Going to Strasbourg – An Oral History of Sexual Orientation Discrimination and the European Convention on Human Rights" – Paul Johnson – Oxford – 2016 (reprinted by kind permission of Paul Johnson).

### **John Bruce v. UK (Application No. 9237/81) (Armed Forces case) (folder 11.2)**

Decision of the European Commission of Human Rights dated 12 October 1983

### **R. Desmond v. UK (Application no. 9721/82) – (age of consent case) (folder 11.3)**

Further submissions providing additional detailed information to the Commission. [Contains personal information, which Richard Desmond had agreed can be made publicly available].

Decision of the European Commission of Human Rights of 7 May 1984.

Richard Desmond's account of his case in "Going to Strasbourg – An Oral History of Sexual Orientation Discrimination and the European Convention on Human Rights" – Paul Johnson – Oxford – 2016 (reprinted by kind permission of Paul Johnson).

### **Martin Johnson v. the UK (Application No. 10389/83) – (privacy case) (11.4)**

Observations of the UK government as to the admissibility and merits of the case – 29 January 1986

Decision of the European Commission of Human Rights of 17 July 1986.

### **X and Y v. UK (Application No. 9369/81) (same-sex couple immigration case) (11.5)**

Decision of the European Commission of Human Rights of 3 May 1983.

### **M Simpson v. UK (Application No. 11716/85) (tenancy succession rights for same-sex couples) (11.6)**

Decision of the European Commission of Human Rights of 14 May 1986

Mary Simpson's account of her case in "Going to Strasbourg – An Oral History of Sexual Orientation Discrimination and the European Convention on Human Rights" – Paul Johnson – Oxford – 2016 (reprinted by kind permission of Paul Johnson).

**Nigel Warner on Going to Strasbourg in the 1980s (11.7)**

"Nigel Warner on Going to Strasbourg in the 1980s" in "Going to Strasbourg - an Oral History of Sexual Orientation Discrimination and the European Convention on Human Rights" – Paul Johnson – OUP – 2016 - pages 158 – 163 - copy included here by kind permission of the author.

## Gay Lobby 1974 – 1984 (Box 12)

One folder containing:

1. 1974 general elections – results of CHE questionnaire
2. 1975 – 76 campaign around the launch of the CHE bill and the booklet “No Offence”.
3. Documents from 76 – 78.
4. 1979 general election – lobbying guide and questionnaire
5. 1980 – 1981 documents
6. The Commons vote on Northern Ireland August 1982
7. 1983 general election campaign
8. Lobbying pamphlets – “Gay Rights – what to say to your MP” and “Discrimination and the Gay Minority”.
9. Letter from Peter Campbell dated 6 July 1983 with limerick about a gay bobby.

Computer printout of information on the views of individual MP regarding lesbian and gay rights – up to approximately 1984.