

November 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

TEMPORARY HALT ON COLLECTING NEW MATERIAL

Thank you very much for offering new material for the Thackray Museum collection. Unfortunately we are not able to accept your offer at this time.

We have temporarily stopped adding new material to the Museum collection, to give us the opportunity to review our collecting policy. The Museum has now been open for nearly 15 years. In this time we have accepted from many generous donors over 45,000 objects, over 9,000 books and over 12,000 trade catalogues. It is important that we consider carefully what new material we should now accept, to ensure that we make the right decisions for the future care of the collection.

We will review this decision in May 2012.

If you are offering material which relates specifically to the Thackray Company, please ask to speak to a curator. We are currently accepting on loan items relating to the Thackray Company for a new temporary exhibition to be opened in Spring 2012.

The Museum is not able to pass on or dispose of unwanted property on your behalf, so we would ask you kindly to make other arrangements for your material. Contact details for some other local and medical museums are given overleaf.

Yours faithfully,

Joanne Bartholomew
Curator of Exhibitions

Other local and medical museums

Please always telephone a museum before taking an object to them for donation. Please note that each museum will only accept donations in line with its own collecting policy.

Leeds Museums and Galleries

Note - Collecting area includes archaeology, social history and decorative arts

Leeds Museum Discovery Centre

Carlisle Road

Leeds

LS10 1LB

Tel – 0113 214 1548

Email - discovery.centre@leeds.gov.uk

West Yorkshire Archive Service

Note - Collecting area is archival documents relating to Yorkshire

2 Chapeltown Road

Leeds

LS7 3AP

Tel - 0113 214 5814

Email - leeds@wyjs.org.uk

Science Museum, London

Note - Collecting area includes medical objects

Enquiries Co-ordinator

Collections Dept

Science Museum

London

SW7 2DD

Tel - 0870 870 4868

Email - scmobjectenquiries@nmsi.ac.uk

Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Note - Collecting area includes medical objects

1 Lambeth High Street

London

SE1 7JN

Tel- 020 7572 221

Email - museum@rpharms.com

Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons

Note - Collecting area includes medical objects

35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields

London

WC2A 3PE

Tel -02078696560

Email- museums@rcseng.ac.uk

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