

- 4.31. On **RO-A69** file there is a record of Mr C.H. Baker, Deputy Children's Officer visiting **RO-A69** on 21st January 1964; "*Visited Cambridge House this afternoon and saw all 3 boys who are in care. They were all in the television room and seemed very happy*". This is likely to have referred to **RO-A79** and **RO-A65** as well as **RO-A69** (**Exhibit GH19**)
- 4.32. Lyndon Price in his 2014 interview conducted by the Garnham Review recalled that when he arrived in Rochdale in March 1965 to become the Children's Officer there was no proper record of who was in care and where children were placed. He also suggests that there was no Child Care Officer responsible for visiting the young men in care placed at Cambridge House until James Gavin was appointed in September 1965. (**Exhibit GH50**)
- 4.33. We also know from page 11 of Lyndon Price's interview with Garnham that when first appointed James Gavin resided at Cambridge House whilst he looked for other accommodation. (**Exhibit GH50**)
- 4.34. We do know that in 1965 there were four boys in the care of Rochdale Council placed at Cambridge House; **RO-A69**, **RO-A79**, **RO-B357**, and **RO-A49**. On **RO-A69** file there is a letter from Cyril Smith to Lyndon Price, Children's Officer, dated 22nd September 1965 referring to **RO-A65**, **RO-A65**, **RO-A69**, **RO-B357** and **RO-A49** (**Exhibit GH20**) "*All four lads are progressing well and there is no cause for concern in any of them*" (**Exhibit GH20**)
- 4.35. There is no further reference to Cambridge House in Rochdale Council minutes until 4th February 1965 when the Children's Committee considered a letter submitted from the secretary of the association (Cambridge House) requesting an increase in the annual donation to the Rochdale Hostel for Boy's Association (Cambridge House). The Children's Committee resolved to invite representatives from the Association (Cambridge House) to address their next full meeting. (**Exhibit GH21**)
- 4.36. The following month, on 18th March 1965, the Children's Committee met with the three officers of the Rochdale Hostel for Boys Association (Cambridge House), (Cyril Smith, William Harding and Albert Potter), and agreed to increase the grant to £300. They also agreed to pay for boys in the care of Rochdale Council placed at Cambridge House at the same rate as charged to other Councils. It is also recorded that a further grant may be considered in six months' time. (**Exhibit GH22**)
- 4.37. Six months later, on 16th September 1965, the Children's Committee deferred consideration of a further grant to Cambridge House. (**Exhibit GH23**)
- 4.38. On 12th November 1965 the Children's Committee again met with the officers from the Rochdale Hostel for Boys Association (Cambridge House) (Cyril Smith, William Harding and Albert Potter), to consider a further request for assistance "*in view of their staffing problems*". The Children's Committee resolved that they were not prepared to assume responsibility for the running of Cambridge House and would make no offer of increased financial assistance to Cambridge House. (**Exhibit GH24**)