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## Introduction

In late 1831, a Board of Health was set up in Edinburgh to prevent a predicted cholera epidemic. In 1832, in order to provide accommodation for vagrants coming in to the city without spreading the disease, the Board established a House of Refuge for the destitute in Morrison's Close (117 High Street). In 1834 the House of refuge moved to Queensberry House, the Canongate mansion, built in the 1680s by Lord Hatton. The house had formerly been home to the Duke of Queensberry, but since 1803 was owned by the Government and had been used as a military barracks and emergency hospital. In 1834 the Directors of the House of Refuge acquired the lease to the house and some adjoining premises from the Royal Infirmary. In 1853 the Government decided to sell the property so the Directors bought Queensberry House outright for the sum of £5,000. With the help of generous donations the purchase price was paid within a few years.

From the 1860s the work of the House was separated into three main departments: the General Refuge, the Night Refuge and the Soup Kitchen. During the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century many improvements and modernising features were made to the house. Due to a massive reduction in the cases of destitution and with the formation of the NHS in 1948 the role of the house changed. In 1949 it began to provide medical nursing for the aged sick as Queensberry House Hospital, by agreement with the Regional Health Board. The hospital closed in 1996 and the house was acquired by the Scottish Parliament in 1997, where it has since become integrated into the Holyrood parliamentary complex.

**1 Minutes, 1968-1996**

## 1 Minute Book, Jun 1968 – Dec 1973

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Jun 1968-Nov 1973); House Committee (Jun 1968 – Nov 1973); Finance Committee (Jul 1968- Dec 1973).

## 2 Minute Book, May 1970 – Dec 1976

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Jan 1974-Dec 1976); House Committee (Jan 1974-Dec 1976); Finance Committee (Jan 1974); Staff Committee (May 1970-Nov 1976).

## 3 Minute Book, Jun 1968 – Dec 1989

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Nov 1987-Nov 1989); House Committee (Jan 1988-Dec 1989); Finance Committee (Jan 1988-Dec 1989); Staff Committee (Jan 1989-Dec 1989); AGM of Contributors (Jun 1968-Oct 1986).

## 4 Minute Book, Jan 1982 – Dec 1984

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Jan 1982-Nov 1984); House Committee (Jan 1984-Dec 1984); Finance Committee (Jan 1982-Dec 1984); Staff Committee (Jan 1982-Oct 1983).

## 5 Minute Book, Jan 1985 – Dec 1987

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Feb 1985-Sep 1987); House Committee (Jan 1985-Dec 1987); Finance Committee (Jan 1985-Nov 1985); Staff Committee (Jan 1985-Nov 1985).

## 6 Minute Book, Feb 1989 – Dec 1991

Includes minutes of the Finance Committee (Jan 1990-Dec 1991); House Committee (Jan 1990); Care and Maintenance Committee (Feb 1990-Dec 1991); Board of Directors (Feb 1990-Nov 1991); Staff Committee (Feb 1989-Nov 1990).

## 7 Minute Book, Jan 1970 – Mar 1996

Includes minutes of the Board of Directors (Feb 1992-Mar 1996); Care and Maintenance Committee (Jan 1992-Oct 1995); Finance Committee (Jan 1992-Nov 1995); AGM of Contributors (Oct 1987-Oct 1995); Trustees (Jan 1970 and Dec 1995); Staff Committee (Feb 1991-Aug 1994); Re-equipment Sub Committee (Sep 1970); Meeting of Friends of Queensberry House Hospital (Apr 1971-Oct 1983). Also includes miscellaneous meeting minutes (Oct 1973- Aug 1981) and staff disciplinary procedures (Aug 1976).

## 8 Minute book keys – for unlocking the minute book binders

**2 Annual Reports, 1892 – 1993**

(1-12 in 1 volume)

- 1 1892 Report by Directors (also includes Rules and Regulations)
- 2 1893 Report by Directors
- 3 1894 Report by Directors
- 4 1895 Report by Directors
- 5 1896 Report by Directors
- 6 1897 Report by Directors
- 7 1898 Report by Directors
- 8 1899 Report by Directors
- 9 1900 Report by Directors
- 10 1901 Report by Directors
- 11 1902 Report by Directors
- 12 1903 Report by Directors

1904-1952 wanting

- 13 1953-1954 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 14 1954-1955 Annual Report

1956-1957 wanting

- 15 1958-1959 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 16 1959-1960 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 17 1960-1961 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 18 1961-1962 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 19 1963-1964 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 20 1964-1965 Annual Report
- 21 1965-1966 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 22 1966-1967 Annual Report (2 copies)

**2 Annual Reports, 1892 – 1993**

- 23 1967-1968 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 24 1969 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 25 1970 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 26 1971 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 27 1972 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 28 1973 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 29 1974 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 30 1975 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 31 1976 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 32 1977 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 33 1978 Annual Report
- 34 1979-1980 Annual Report
- 35 1980-1981 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 36 1981-1982 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 37 1982-1983 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 38 1983-1984 Annual Report (6 copies)
- 39 1984-1985 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 40 1985-1986 Annual Report (2 copies)
- 41 1986-1987 Annual Report and Accounts
- 1987-1988 wanting
- 42 1988-1989 Annual Report and Accounts (3 copies)
- 43 1989-1990 Annual Report and Accounts
- 44 1990-1991 Annual Report and Accounts (2 copies)
- 45 1992-1993 Annual Report and Accounts (12 copies)

**3 News cuttings, pamphlets and books, 1927 - 1984**

1 Visitors' Book, Dec 1927-Oct 1983

Contains chronological visitor's signatures and comments, includes groups and visiting dignitaries.

2 Photocopy of booklet *Centenary of the House of Refuge (Queensberry House) 1832-1932*, n.d.

3 Newspaper cuttings, Mar 1954-Jun 1975

4 *Queensberry House Hospital: A History* by Margaret Hume and Sydney Boyd (ed. E. F. Catford), Waddie and Co. Scotland, 1984 (21 copies)

**4 Case Books, 1850 - 1856**

1 "Case Book No. 6", Aug 1850-Oct 1856

Records details of cases admitted to the House of Refuge, stating their name, date of entry to the house, age, place of birth and a brief history of the circumstances leading to their admission. Indexed (A-D are missing).

## 5 Documents relating to the redevelopment and closure of Queensberry House Hospital, 1992-1996

Between 1992 and 1996 there were discussions about the possible redevelopment of the hospital, these included improvements to the original hospital building, staff restructuring and the use of a new site at Restalrig.

The hospital closed in 1996. Most of these files appear to have belonged to Mr J.C. Robinson, the Hospital Manager of Queensberry House.

- 1 KPMG Management Consulting
  - 1 *The Future of Queensberry House Hospital, An Option Appraisal, Phase Two Report (Discussion Draft), May 1992*
  - 2 *The Future of Queensberry House Hospital, A Statement of the Options for Change, Phase One Report, Feb 1993*
  - 3 *The Future of Queensberry House Hospital, An Option Appraisal, Phase Two Study, Discussion Report, June 1993*
  - 4 *Queensberry House Hospital, Remuneration Workshop, Jul 1994*
- 2 Caresector Management Associates, *Queensberry House Hospital: Review of Working Practices, Manning Levels and Remuneration Package*
  - 1 *Report 1, Staffing Requirements, Jul 1994*
  - 2 *Report 2, A Remuneration Package for Care Staff – a Framework for Change, produced by KPMG Management Consulting for CMA, Jul 1994*
  - 3 *Summary Report, Staffing Requirements, Management Presentation, Jul 1994*
- 3 File “[ ] Presentation to Directors 12 Nov 1994” Includes correspondence and print-out of slides, Nov 1994
- 4 File “Presentation to Directors 12<sup>th</sup> March 1995” Includes correspondence and print out of slides, Feb – Mar 1995
- 5 File “Slides Presentation to Director August 1996”, Print-out of slides [Aug 1996]
- 6 Original Box/File Lists, n.d.



- 5 Documents relating to the redevelopment and closure of Queensberry House Hospital, 1992-1996**
- 7 File “JCR Folio 10” [Jack C. Robinson, Hospital Manager], Oct 1995 – Feb 1996
- Contains papers relating to possible redevelopment of hospital, the Restalrig site, staff restructuring and redundancies. Also contains papers relating to a complaint and investigation into the standard of care provided (Oct – Nov 1995).
- 8 File “Sale of Assets to Outside Organisations. Feb to March 1996”, Feb – Apr 1996
- 9 File “Lists of Queensberry Nursing Homes [Assets] Disposed of for Scrap”, 1996
- 10 File “List of Queensberry Nursing Homes Assets sold to Parties and Individuals”, Feb 1996
- 11 File “Lists of Queensberry Nursing Homes Assets disposed of gratis to charities and other parties”, Mar – Apr 1996