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168	Mr Jardine, Mr Millar	wards 15/16, 17/18	1923 – 1976
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173	Miscellaneous General Surgery		1933 – 1979

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Introduction

After an appeal for funds by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Edinburgh Infirmary or Hospital for the Sick Poor, opened on 6th August 1729. It was the first voluntary hospital in Scotland.

At the time of opening, the original building, the 'Little House' at the head of Robertson's Close, contained 4 beds. A Royal Charter was granted in 1736 and in 1741 the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh moved to new premises in what is now Infirmary Street. The building was designed by William Adam and accommodated 288 beds. The Infirmary gradually expanded to fill the whole area between Drummond Street and Infirmary Street, the two main additions being the old Surgical Hospital, opened in 1832, and the new Surgical Hospital, opened in 1853. By the 1860s concern was being expressed at the condition of the original building and at the cramped and smoky nature of the whole site. In 1872 David Bryce was commissioned to draw up plans for a new hospital and in 1879 the Infirmary moved to its present site in Lauriston Place.

Until the inception of the National Health Service in 1948, the administration of the Infirmary was carried out by the Managers. They were responsible to the Court of Contributors, which consisted of subscribers contributing £5 or more to the Infirmary. Among the Managers were representatives from the town council, the physicians and surgeons and the legal profession.

In 1948 the Infirmary became part of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Associated Hospitals group and was run by its own Board of Management. Further administrative changes occurred in 1974, 1994 and 1999, over which time the hospital was successively part of the South Lothian District and then a Unit of Lothian Health Board, a Trust in its own right, and it is currently part of Lothian University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Concern over the Lauriston site was first expressed in 1946, when it was felt that the current Royal Infirmary buildings were insufficient to meet the needs of the new National Health Service. Various plans were put forward, including demolition and rebuilding of the existing site, and construction of a brand new Royal Infirmary on a greenfield site, along with another new southern general hospital. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s a number of options were discussed, but the decision was eventually made to rebuild at Lauriston in a series of phases which aimed to minimise disruption to patients and staff. Work was repeatedly delayed however, due in part to financial issues and also to the fact that the Secretary of State for Scotland declared that the listed buildings could not be demolished, and it was not until 1981 that the first phase of rebuilding was completed. Again however this plan did not come to fruition, and in the late 1990s work was begun on a new Royal Infirmary at Little France which would also replace the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, the Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital and the City Hospital. The first patients moved in in January 2002 as the PMR closed, and the full move was completed in 2003.

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