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Introduction

Dunbar Cottage Hospital has its origins in the Battery Hospital, a small military hospital which functioned during the First World War. At the end of the war local doctors and others decided to utilise the building to found a cottage hospital. Dunbar and District Cottage Hospital opened in July 1919 and continued to operate in the Battery Hospital building until December 1926. Funds were raised to purchase a larger building and in 1927 the Managers acquired Yorke Lodge. The house was altered and opened as a cottage hospital in May 1927.

On transfer to the National Health Service in 1948, the hospital became part of the East Lothian Hospitals Board of Management (see LHB17). At this time its name was changed to Dunbar Cottage Hospital; its bed complement was 13. The hospital closed in March 1973 when hospital services in Dunbar were centralised at Belhaven Hospital. The building has since been used as a holiday home for patients. At the reorganisation of the National Health Service in 1974, the hospital became part of the North Lothian District of Lothian Health Board (see LHB27).

A brief history of the hospital will be found in the 1948 Annual Report (LHB18/2/33). Copies of press cuttings and notes relating to East Lothian Hospitals will be found at GN79.

1 Minutes, 1919-1948

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| 1 | Jun 1919-Jul 1928 | Minute Book No.1 (includes constitution and bye-laws) |
| 2 | Sep 1928-Nov 1935 | Minute Book No.2 |
| 3 | Dec 1935-Jun 1945 | Minute Book No.3 |
| 4 | Jul 1945-Jul 1948 | Minute Book No.4 |

2 Annual Reports of Dunbar and District Cottage Hospital, 1926-1948

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8 1926-1927 Typescript. Signed.

9 1927-1928 Typescript. Signed.

10 1928-1929 Typescript. Signed.

11 1929-1930 Typescript. Signed.

12 1930-1931 Typescript. Signed.

13 1931-1932 Typescript. Signed.

14 1932-1933 Typescript. Signed.

15 1933-1934 Typescript. Signed.

16 1934-1935 Typescript. Signed.

17 1935-1936 Typescript. Signed.

18 1936-1937 Typescript. Signed.

19 1937-1938 Typescript. Signed.

20 1938-1939 Typescript. Signed.

21 1940 Typescript. Signed.

22 1941 Typescript. Signed.

23 1942 Typescript. Signed.

24 1943 Typescript. Signed.
(with minutes of annual meeting of subscribers, Feb 1943)25 1944 Typescript. Signed.
(with draft balance sheet, 19430

26 1945 Typescript. Signed.

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2 Annual Reports of Dunbar and District Cottage Hospital, 1926-1948

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| 27 | 1946 | Typescript. Signed. |
| 28 | 1947 | Typescript. Signed. |
| 29 | Jan-Jul 1948 | Typescript. Signed. |
| 30 | 1943 | Printed. |
| 31 | 1946 | Printed. |
| 32 | 1947 | Printed. |
| 33 | Jan-Jul 1948 | Final Report of the Dunbar and District Cottage Hospital, with historical note. Printed. |

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3 Register f Operations, 1927-1948

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3a Case Books, 1945-1949

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4 Miscellaneous, 1929-1948

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| 1 | 1929-1948 | Visitors' Book |
| 2 | 1947 | National Health Service file, including inventories of furniture and of titles. |
| 3 | 1948 | Finance file. |