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Introduction

In 1874 the Edinburgh Association for Incurables was founded. In 1903 it received a Royal Charter and became known as the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables.

In February 1875 Longmore Hospital was opened and in 1906 a second hospital was opened at Liberton. The two together were known as The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables.

The Hospital was set up to cater for people presumed to be incurable and in need of constant medical supervision. Such patients were unable to receive attention at the Royal Infirmary which did not have the facilities to look after long term cases.

In 1948, with the setting up of the NHS the Hospital became part of the Southern Hospital Group Board of Management.

1 Managers' Minutes, 1947-1950

These Minutes record the Managers' administration of the Hospital. They include reports of the various committees, financial matters concerning each of Longmore and Liberton, management of other properties owned by the hospital, the problem of waiting lists for admission, and recruitment drives for nurses.

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| 1 | 1947-1950 | This volume spans the introduction of the Health Service, but the remit of the Managers remains unchanged. |
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ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES

1A House Committee Minutes, 1948-1951

1 Feb 1948-Jul 1951 Bound volume

2 Annual Reports, 1875-1948

The Annual Reports include reports by the Managers, the Medical Officers and the Auditors. They give details of maintenance costs for patients, amounts of donations and collections received, and results of appeals. Also given are regulations for admission of patients and notes as to cases suitable for admission.

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| 1 | 1875 - 1889 | Annual Reports bound with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulations for admission of patients, n.d. 2. Regulations for admission of patients together with hospital regulations, n.d. 3. List of subscriptions and donations, n.d. 4. Memorial regarding scheme to erect a hospital for incurables, n.d. 5. Draft preliminary constitution of the Scottish National Society for the Relief of Incurables, n.d. 6. Constitution of the Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables, n.d. 7. Appeal for annual contributions, n.d. 8. Appeal for subscriptions, May 1888 9. Appeal for donations, April 1890 (at back of vol.) |
| 2 | 1890 - 1895 | Bound Volume |
| 3 | 1896 - 1901 | Bound Volume |
| 4 | wanting | |
| 5 | 1914 - 1922 | Bound Volume
Included is a reprint of <i>Scotsman</i> article on the effect of the war on the Hospital, 5 th Aug 1915. |
| 6 | 1923 | Bound Volume |
| 7 | 1924 | Bound Volume |
| 8 | wanting | |
| 9 | 1926 | Bound Volume |
| 10 | 1927 | Bound Volume |
| 11 | 1928 | Bound Volume |
| 12 | 1929 | Bound Volume |
| 13 | 1930 | Bound Volume |
| 14 | 1931 | Bound Volume |

2 Annual Reports, 1875-1948

15	1932	Bound Volume
16	1933	Bound Volume
17	1934	Bound Volume
18	1935	Bound Volume
19	1936	Bound Volume
20	1937	Bound Volume
21	1938	Bound Volume
22	1939	Bound Volume
23	1940 - 1947	Bound Volume
24	1948	Unbound copy

3 Administration, 1896-1970**1 Royal Charter of Incorporation, 1903 - 1935**

- 1 Copy of charter printed for Messrs MacKenzie & Black, W.S., Edinburgh, 1903
- 2 Printed copy of charter together with extract from the Minutes of a general meeting held at Longmore Hospital on 29th November 1935.

2 Certificates of Rights of Burial, 1896 – 1970

- 1 Newington Cemetery: receipt for £5 received from the Directors of Longmore Hospital for right of burial in a certain plot, 30th April 1896.
- 2 Newington Cemetery: certificate of right of burial, 10th July 1896.
- 3 Regulations for the Edinburgh Cemeteries at Warriston, Dalry, Newington and North Merchiston, 10th July 1896.
- 4 Liberton Cemetery: Registry Certificate for exclusive right of burial in certain plot made out to Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables, 24th September 1903.
- 5 Liberton Cemetery: Registry Certificate as above, 12th January 1907.
- 6 Liberton Cemetery: Registry Certificate as above, 24th June 1915.
- 7 Regulations for Edinburgh Cemeteries, 1919.
- 8 Regulations for Edinburgh Cemeteries, 1919.
- 9 Extract from Minutes of Directors of the Edinburgh Cemetery Company Ltd as to Hospital's right of burial at Newington, 14th January 1920.
- 10 Similar extract relating to a different Compartment, 14th January 1920.
- 11 Certificate to Hospital of right of burial in Liberton Cemetery, 31st January 1929.
- 12 Recorder of City Burial Grounds, Edinburgh to Miss MacDonald about the number of burials that can be accommodated in certain lairs at Liberton Cemetery, 28th December 1951.
- 13 Registration of sale to Edinburgh Southern Hospital Board of one lair in Kirkliston Cemetery, 22nd October 1970.

3 Administration, 1894-1970

- 3 Liberton Hospital Operation Manual
Manual giving detailed instructions about the day to day running of the hospital, such as use of bed pan system, fire instructions, laboratory services, salaries, etc. Copy typescript in ring folder. n.d.
- 4 “Liberton Cottage Hospital: Views and Appeal”
Printed brochure containing photographs of the hospital’s wards, kitchen, operating theatre, etc., with an appeal for subscriptions to maintain the hospital. n.d.
- 5 Form of Application for Admission to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables. Attached are the regulations governing the admission and stay in hospital of the patient.

4 Cash Books, 1874-1886

Bound volumes giving details of income from subscriptions, donations to building fund and miscellaneous donations. They also give expenditure on building and furniture, articles of maintenance, expenses of management and miscellaneous expenses.

1 Jun 1874 - Dec 1881

2 Jan 1882 - Jan 1886

5 Miscellaneous, 1899-1947

- 1 1899 - 1947 Newspaper cuttings. Bound volume.
Cuttings include notices of the R.E.H.I. annual meetings, its
invitations to tender and also articles about the hospital and
about other hospitals and general medical matters.

6 Patients' Registers: Longmore Hospital, c1918-1962

Bound volumes giving date of admission; name, address and age of each patient; name and address of next of kin; ward; rate of board; diagnosis; date of death or discharge; and reason for discharge.

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| 1 | c1918-1955 | Longmore Hospital – Patients Register. Includes patients admitted before c1918 but still in the Hospital. Entries therefore date from 1884 but is incomplete for the period 1884-c1918. |
| 2 | 1955-1962 | Longmore Hospital – Patients Register – Chronic Patients – 1 st Jan 1955. Includes patients admitted before 1955 and still in the hospital on 1 st January 1955. The earliest admission recorded is June 1916. |

7 Patients' Registers: Liberton Hospital, 1939-1950

Bound volume giving name, age, home address, date of admission, disease, result, and number of days treated each month.

1 1939-1950 List of Patients under Treatment