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Introduction

Mr David Ainslie of Costerton, Midlothian died in 1900 leaving instruction to his Trustees that the residue of his estate, after a lapse of 15 years, was to be applied 'to the purpose of erecting, endowing and maintaining a hospital or institution to be called the Astley Ainslie Institution, for the relief and behoof of the convalescents of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

A site was acquired on the south side of the city, consisting of four mansion houses and their grounds: Millbank, Southbank, Canaan House and Canaan Park. (Morelands and St Roque's House and their grounds were added later.)

In 1923 an experimental unit of 34 beds was opened. By 1930, 120 beds were available. It was agreed that the Infirmary's Convalescent House at Corstorphine would be used mainly for patients requiring a short convalescent period before returning to normal life. The Astley Ainslie would provide for those requiring longer care and supervision to fit them for a normal life; it might also occasionally take in Infirmary patients who needed to be built up for surgery; it would not be used for patients with a chronic disability or debility due to old age, where a return to normal health would not be expected.

The Astley Ainslie grew from being a convalescent hospital to become a leading rehabilitation centre, and a leading training school for Occupational Therapists.

In 1948 it came under the South Eastern Regional Hospital Board and in 1954 it was linked under a single Board of Management with Edenhall Hospital, Musselburgh.

In 1974 it became part of the South Lothian District of Lothian Health Board. By 1979 it had reached a capacity of 200 beds.

In 1986 it became part of the United Hospitals Unit.

1 Minute Books, 1928-1974

Bound volumes, numbered in chronological order. Typed minutes of Governors' meetings, Committee meetings, reports of Resident Medical Officer and Medical Superintendent, financial estimates, architects' reports, etc. Contents listed in each volume. Volumes are indexed except where indicated otherwise. Volumes 13-23 contain lists of Governors; volume 26 onwards contain lists of Board of Management members.

From January 1933 until March 1967 two copies are kept for each year. These are labelled "Office Copy" and "Secretary's Copy" respectively from June 1948 onwards. After March 1967 there is a third copy.

1	wanting	
2	wanting	
3	wanting	
4	Nov 1928-Feb 1930	Astley Ainslie Institution. No index
5	Nov 1929-Dec 1930	No Index
6	Jan.1931-Dec 1931	No index
7	Jan 1932-Dec 1932	No index
8	Jan 1933-Dec 1933	
9	Jan 1934-Dec 1935	
10	Jan 1935-Dec 1935	
11	Jan 1936-Dec 1936	
12	Jan 1937-Dec 1937	
13	Jan 1938-Dec 1938	
14	Jan 1940-Dec 1940	
15	Jan 1940-Dec 1940	
16	Jan 1941-Dec 1941	
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1 Minute Books, 1928-1974

17	Jan 1942-Dec 1942	Astley Ainslie Institution
18	Jan 1943-Dec 1943	
19	Jan 1944-Dec 1944	
20	Jan 1945-Dec 1945	
21	Jan 1946-Dec 1946	Astley Ainslie Hospital
22	Jan 1947-Dec 1947	
23	Jan 1948-Jun 1948	
24	Jun 1948-Mar 1949	Edinburgh Convalescent Hospital Group
25	Apr 1949-Mar 1950	
26	Apr 1950-Mar 1951	
27	Apr 1951-Mar 1952	
28	Apr 1952-Mar 1953	
29	Apr 1953-Oct 1953	
30	Nov 1953-Mar 1954	Astley Ainslie, Edenhall and Associated Hospitals
31	Apr 1954-Mar 1955	
32	Apr 1955-Mar 1956	
33	Apr 1956-Mar 1957	
34	Apr 1957-Mar 1958	
35	Apr 1958-Mar 1959	
36	Apr 1959-Mar 1960	Second copy labelled 'Deputy Secretary's Copy'.
37	Apr 1960-Mar 1961	Astley Ainslie, Edenhall and Associated Hospitals
38	Apr 1961-Mar 1962	

1 Minute Books, 1928-1974

- 39 Apr 1962-Mar 1963
- 40 Apr 1963-Mar 1964
- 41 Apr 1964-Mar 1965
- 42 Apr 1965-Mar 1966
- 43 Apr 1966-Mar 1967
- 44 Apr 1967-Mar 1968
- 45 Apr 1968-Mar 1969
- 46 Apr 1969-Mar 1970
- 47 Apr 1970-Mar 1970
- 48 Apr 1971-Mar 1972
- 49 Apr 1972-Mar 1973
- 50 Apr 1973-Mar 1974

2 Annual Reports, 1948

1-24 wanting

25 1 Jan 1948 – 4 Jul 1948 25th Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent.

3 Legal and Administrative Papers, 1876-1983

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| 1 | 26 Oct 1876 – 31 May 1900 | Extract Registered Trust-Disposition and Deed of Settlement and Codicils by David Ainslie, Esq. of Costerton, dated 26 Oct. 1876; and with relative Codicils recorded in the Books of Council and Session, 31 May 1900; bound copy. |
| 2 | 1921 | Report by James A. Fleming, Esq., K.C., in the Petition of Charles Cook and Andrew Thomas Steele Scott (Trustees of the late David Ainslie) for approval of Deed of Constitution and Trust, and Deed of Constitution and Trust. 3 bound copies. |
| 3. | 20 Dec 1929 | Astley Ainslie Institution, Order Confirmation Act. 2 bound copies. |

4 Occupational Therapy Papers, 1937-1960

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| 1 | 1937 | Document relating to the establishment of Occupational Therapy training. |
| 2 | 1960 | Document relating to Occupational Therapy Teachers' Course. |
| 5 | 1937 | Document relating to road widening at Canaan Lane and Grange Loan. |
| 6 | 1943 | Note on Further meeting of Lord Carmont's Sub-Committee on Wages. |
| 7 | 6 Jun 1946 | Astley Ainslie Hospital, Order Confirmation Act. 2 bound copies. |
| 8 | 1948 | Note on meeting of Sub-Committee appointed to adjust Establishment and grading of staff. |
| 9 | n.d. | Bound volume containing papers relating to Endowment Fund, future developments on Hospital site, etc. |
| 10 | n.d. | 2 documents relating to staff pension scheme. |
| 11 | n.d. | Plans of Hospital site: 6 plans. |

3 Legal and Administrative Papers, 1876-1983

- 12 1974 – 1983 Daily Bed State. Gives breakdown by month of the number of occupied beds in medical, surgical and neurological wards with a further breakdown by transfers from Western General Hospital, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Royal Infirmary, Leith Hospital and Princess Margaret Rose Hospital. Acc 04/26.

4 Patient Records, 1931-1975**1 General Register of Patients, 1931-1975**

Bound volumes in numbered sequence, giving patient's name, address, registration numbers, date of admission, age, occupation, diagnosis, date of discharge, etc. From April 1951 transfers to the Rehabilitation Unit are recorded.

1	wanting	
2	Mar 1931-Feb 1934	Astley Ainslie Institution
3	wanting	
4	Apr 1936-Feb 1938	
5	Mar 1938-Dec 1939	
6	Dec 1939-Aug 1947	Gap between January 1940 and October 1945.
7	Aug 1947-Oct 1949	
8	Oct 1949-Apr 1951	
9	Apr 1951-Jul 1952	Astley Ainslie Hospital
10	Jul 1952-Sep 1953	
11	Sep 1953-Oct.1954	
12	Oct 1954-Sep 1955	
13	Sep 1955-Jul 1956	
14	Jul 1956-May 1957	
15	May 1957-Mar 1958	
16	Mar 1958-Dec 1958	
17	Dec 1958-Nov 1959	
18	Nov 1959-Sep 1960	
19	Sep 1960-Jul 1961	
20	Jul 1961-May 1962	Astley Ainslie Hospital
21	May 1962-Mar 1963	

4 Patient Records, 1931-1975**1 General Register of Patients, 1931-1975**

- 22 Mar 1963-Dec 1963
- 23 Dec 1963-May 1964
- 24 May 1964-Oct 1964
- 25 Oct 1964-Mar 1965
- 26 Mar 1965-Jul 1965
- 27 Jul 1965-Nov 1965
- 28 Nov 1965-Apr 1966
- 29 Apr 1966-Aug 1966
- 30 Aug 1966-Dec 1966
- 31 Dec 1966-Mar 1967
- 32 Mar 1967-Aug 1967
- 33 Aug 1967-Dec 1967
- 34 Dec 1967-Apr 1968
- 35 Apr 1968-Aug 1968
- 36 Aug 1968-Jan 1969
- 37 Jan 1969-May 1969
- 38 May 1969-Oct 1969
- 39 Oct 1969-Mar 1970
- 40 Mar 1970-Aug 1970
- 41 Aug 1970-Feb 1971
- 42 Feb 1971-Jul 1971
- 43 Jul 1971-Jan 1972

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4 Patient Records, 1931-1975**1 General Register of Patients, 1931-1975**

- 44 Jan 1972-Jun 1972
- 45 Jun 1972-Nov 1972
- 46 Nov 1972-May 1973
- 47 May 1973-Jan 1974
- 48 Jan 1974-Jul 1974
- 49 Jul 1974-Dec 1974
- 50 Dec 1974-Aug 1975

2 Children's Unit Admission Registers, 1965-1974

These volumes record registration number, parent hospital, ward, date of admission, patient's name, age, religion, address, diagnosis, referred by whom, date of discharge and where discharged to (either back to parent hospital or home). Acc 04/26 – AS 1/2011.

- 1 Apr 1965 – Oct 1967
- 2 Oct 1967 – Oct 1970
- 3 Oct 1970 – Mar 1974

3 Tyne Lodge General Register of Patients, 1955-1973

Bound volume recording individual patients' attendances at Rehabilitation Unit.

- 1 Aug 1955 - May 1973 Loosely inserted in volume - typed list of patients and pencilled statistical list.

4 Register of Traffic Accident Patients, 1956-1973

Bound volume giving details of insurance claims.

- 1 Apr 1956 – Sep 1973