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The original Edenhall Hospital was built in 1915 as a hostel for limbless ex-servicemen in the mansion house of Edenhall in Kelso. There was accommodation for 36 patients and the establishment was entirely run by eight voluntary lady workers. It was soon obvious that the accommodation was insufficient and in 1917 with the help of a £10,000 donation from the Red Cross the committee acquired the house and ground of Pinkieburn near Musselburgh. Originally there were 43 beds but wings were added to the mansion house to increase the accommodation to 100 beds. In 1920 the Ministry of Pensions took over the running of the hospital and it was now opened to convalescent cases as well as the limbless; in the period up to the Second World War it then became the main Ministry of Pensions Hospital in Scotland providing general medical and surgical treatment for war pensioners. During the war the Hospital expanded considerably to provide a total bed strength of 312. By 1953 the number of patients was declining and on the amalgamation of the Ministry of Pensions and the Ministry of National Insurance the opportunity was taken to transfer the responsibility for running the hospital to the National Health Service.

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1 Matron's Office 24 Hour Reports, 1961-1965

These are comprehensive reports on ward activity including staff on duty, admissions and discharges, patients' names and conditions, bed occupancy and ward temperature. Each volume includes a list of patients (of varying length – with no indication as to criteria for inclusion) at the end giving their names, date of admission, address, next of kin, religion, disability and in some cases date of death.

- 1 26 Jul 1960 20 Nov 1960
- 2 20 Nov 1960 19 Mar 1961 Includes loose list of nursing auxiliaries and their hours worked and a list of orderly officers.
- 3 19 Mar 1961 17 Jul 1961
- 4 17 Jul 1961 10 Nov 1961
- 5 10 Nov 1961 6 Mar 1962
- 6 6 Mar 1962 3 Jul 1962
- 7 4 Jul 1962 29 Oct 1962
- 8 29 Oct 1962 26 Feb 1963
- 9 26 Feb 1963 26 Jun 1963
- 10 26 Jun 1963 24 Oct 1963
- 11 24 Oct 1963 21 Feb 1964 Includes loose list of nursing auxiliaries and their hours worked.
- 12 21 Feb 1964 9 Jun 1964
- 13 9 Jun 1964 2 Oct 1964
- 14 2 Oct 1964 23 Jan 1965
- 15 23 Jan 1965 18 May 1965
- 16 18 May 1965 8 Sep 1965
- 17 8 Sep 1965 11 Dec 1965

### 2 Administrative Records, 1961-1965

### 1 <u>Circulars, 1961-1965</u>

These are circulars from Scottish Hospital Service and the Whitley Council, and were addressed to the Matron at Edenhall Hospital from the Astley Ainslie, Edenhall and Associated Hospitals Group.

1 Jun 1961 – Mar 1965

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# **3** Staff Records, 1947-1956

1 <u>Staff Register</u>, 1947-1956

Arranged by month with a list of nursing staff and their days worked with comments on annual leave, days sick and resignations where applicable.

1 May 1947 – Jul 1956 Includes loose sheet of statistics on full and part time staff.

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# 4 Miscellaneous Records, 1915-1960s

1 1915-1960s

Photograph album documenting life in the two Edenhall sites at Kelso and Pinkieburn during the First World War. Includes one image from c1960s.