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St Michael's Hospital was built in 1886 originally as the poor law institution for the County of Linlithgow. Around 1900 a fever Hospital for the burgh of Linlithgow was erected on a site adjacent to the institution. Following the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1929 the administration of both hospitals came under the control of the County Council. In 1948 the Matron of the fever Hospital was appointed as Matron of the combined hospitals. The original poor law institution was demolished in the 1960s and from 1971 the Hospital has specialised in geriatric care for patients recovering from cancer and non-cancer related illness.

There is a copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Management of Linlithgow Combination, 1908 at LHB66/1/2 and photographs in LHB69.

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Items LHB68/1/1-7 have been photographed up to 1909 for transcription by West Lothian Family History Society.

1 Registers of Admissions and Discharges, 1894-1945

These volumes were arranged with admissions on the left hand page and discharges on the right. They give the following information: for admissions – date of admission, name, age, number, religion, trade, family status, native of (specific location for item 1 only; otherwise only country), parish to which chargeable (with running totals of men, women and children for each), date of discharge; for discharges – date of discharge, name, age, number, number of days in the house, conduct, parish to which chargeable, cause of death or discharge. Acc 09/11 – AS 12/2010

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| 1 | 13 Aug 1894 – 15 May 1906 | Register of Inmates of Linlithgow Combination Poorhouse from 1894. |
| 2 | 16 May 1906 – 11 Mar 1924 | Register of Inmates of Linlithgow Combination Poorhouse from 1906. Under 'native of' only states Scotland. One entry added at the end for 1943. First two pages in very poor condition. |
| 3 | 14 Feb 1924 – 30 Nov 1931 | Linlithgow Combination Admissions – Discharges and Deaths. Includes statistical breakdown of inmates by district. |
| 4 | 2 Dec 1931 – 29 Oct 1945 | County of West Lothian Register of Admissions – St Michael's Home, Linlithgow – Discharges and Deaths. This volume is unbound with the pages held together with treasury tags. Admissions 1931-1944, discharges 1932-1945. Gives slightly different information in that the parish to which chargeable is not given but the district, presumably of origin, is with the running totals continuing; and conduct and cause of death/discharge is not included. |
| 2 | 30 Mar 1859 – 1952 | Register of Lunatics. Gives number, date of admission, name, sex and class (whether private or pauper), age, marital status, condition of life and previous occupation, previous place of abode, county/parish chargeable, by whose authority sent, dates of medical certificates, bodily condition, name of disorder, supposed cause of insanity, whether epileptic or congenital idiot, duration of existing attacks, number of previous attacks, age on first attack, date of discharge/removal or death. Includes loose notice of transfer for named individual. Note at the end of the register states that the mental ward closed down 30 April 1954. Acc 09/11. |

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- 3 26 Oct 1859 – 30 Apr 1954 Register of Discharges and Removals. Gives number in general register, name, sex and class (whether private or pauper), date of last admission, date of discharge, duration of stay in asylum, authority on which discharged/removed, condition on discharge/removal, place to which sent, person to whose care sent. Acc 09/11.
- 4 16 Nov 1859 – 20 Feb 1949 Register of Deaths. Gives date of death, date of last admission (which in early cases may predate the first date death), duration of disease, name, sex and class (whether private or pauper), cause of death, age at death. Includes loose notices of death for named individuals and report of death, notice of death, notice of cemetery plot and report of medical officer for one named individual. Acc 09/11.
- 5 9 Jan 1892 – 27 Jun 1955 Combination Poorhouse Linlithgow Medical Officers Sick Register No 1. Gives number, name, age, disease, contracted before or after entering house, date of admission (blank for first page), whether cured or died, date of death or removal (no dates of admission are given so dates for the volume taken from this although volume may be earlier), cause of death. Includes loose excerpt from minutes of meeting of General Committee of St Ninian's Parochial Board 31/12/1877 re a patient in the poorhouse. Acc 09/11.
- 6 20 May 1903 – 12 Jan 1955 Linlithgow Combination Poorhouse Register of Deaths and Disposal of Remains. Gives name, age, number, parish chargeable, by whom interred (relatives or House Committee), where interred. Acc 09/11.
- 7 30 Jun 1907 – 30 Jun 1944 Combination Poorhouse Linlithgow – Roll of Sick. Gives name, age, sex, date of admission to sick roll (can predate date of volume), date of removal from sick roll, whether cured/relieved/died. Acc 09/11.

2 Administrative Records, 1972-1994**1 Records of the Friends of St Michael's Hospital, 1972-1994**

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| 1 | 1992 – 1994 | Correspondence, bank statements and bank book of the League of Friends of St Michael's Hospital. Originally in an envelope for the attention of Cherie Findlay from GW Lockhart, the treasurer. Acc 06/04. |
| 2 | 1972 – 1983 | Minutes of meetings of the League of St Michael's Hospital. Includes list of members at the rear and a letter from John Jack, Director of Operations of West Lothian NHS Trust thanking the League of Friends after their winding up, 1994. Acc 06/04. |
| 3 | 1983 – 1994 | Minutes of meetings of the League of St Michael's Hospital. Acc 06/04. |
| 4 | 1972 – 1992 | CLP Correspondence. File of correspondence relating to the League's fundraising activities. Includes details of items gifted to the hospital by the League. Acc 06/04. |
| 5 | 1972 – 1993 | Current Account Cash Book – Sums Received. Acc 06/04. |

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3 Staff Records

Currently there are no staff records held for St Michael's Hospital.