

**Nottingham No.2 Hospital Management Committee Annual Report
1950 – 1951**

THE CITY HOSPITAL

The committee are pleased to be able to report that progress has been made in connection with a number of items mentioned in the last Annual Report, namely the Maternity Department, the new Twin Operating Theatre and the Kitchen alterations.

The Maternity Unit.

This unit of 120 beds is extremely busy and has been in need of re-organisation and replacing for a long time so that it may be able to deal effectively with the heavy demands made upon it. The process of re-organisation and provision of additional facilities is being undertaken in three phases.

PHASE I, upon which work has already commenced, involves the erection of a dual sanitary annex to serve two lying-in wards, and the conversion of existing accommodation to form two ward and two feed kitchens also to serve these lying-in wards.

PHASE II, deals with the erection of new administrative offices, additional accommodation for premature babies and alterations to form a sluice room.

PHASE III, involves the erection of accommodation for additional sterilizing rooms, infants' bathrooms, ward kitchens, stores and a new entrance to the labour unit.

The New Theatre Unit.

Building operations have commenced, and it is hoped that the unit will be available for operative work by the end of 1952 or early in 1953. The Theatre accommodation at this Hospital has been inadequate for many years and the new theatres will enable a quicker turn-over of patients to be effected and will meet the expanding needs of the area served by the Hospital.

Kitchen Alterations.

During the year under review, the pan-wash and vegetable preparation sections have been extended and modernised. Much remains to be done to completely modernise the remainder of the kitchen and it is hoped to proceed with this work during the next financial year.

Other Departments.

Lack of adequate storage accommodation has been a matter of some consideration at the City Hospital; a pre-fabricated building has been purchased and will be erected by the Group maintenance staff as soon as possible. The stores hut, which 120 feet long and 24 feet wide, will provide ample accommodation for mattresses, furniture and equipment, etc.

A further item of interest is the Department of Occupational Therapy. This department has also suffered from a lack of suitable accommodation, and there again, a prefabricated building has

been purchased and will be erected on the site adjacent to, and with direct access to, the main corridor of the Hospital.

The X-ray and Out Patient departments are now inadequate to deal with the demands made upon them. This is particularly so with regard to the X-ray Department. The re-sitting of the X-ray Department and the re-construction of a new Out-Patients Department must be regarded as inevitable if these two sections are to fulfil requirements. Construction is being given to this problem along with that of modernising ward services, and it is hoped that the services of an Architect specialised in hospital planning will be made available to assist with these problems.

Statistical tables for the period 1st April 1950 to 31st March, 1951

Total number of beds available at 31 st March 1951	755
Average number of beds available during period 1 st April 1950 To 31 st March 1951	741
Average number of patients resident daily throughout the period	595
Number of patients in hospital at 1 st April 1950	616
Number of patient admitted during period	9,218
Number of patients discharged during period	8,553
Total number of deaths during period	733
Average number of days each patient was resident	23
Total number of In-patient days during period	217,208
Total number of operations performed during period	4,493

Maternity Department.

Number of births	1,631
Number of Infant deaths	42
Number of still births	75

CONSULTATIVE OUTPATIENT CLINICS

Month	Number of new Outpatient	Total Outpatient Attendances
April	453	1,795
May	514	2,160
June	490	2,199
July	449	2,000
August	480	2,149
September	473	2,175
October	565	2,216
November	489	1,963
December	426	1,896
January	524	2,309
February	513	2,095
March	542	2,292
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X-ray Department		
Number of investigations		11,005
Physiotherapy Department		
Number of treatments		40,678
Dental Department		
Number of treatments		234
Pathological Laboratory		
Number of Specimens entered in Register		25,870
Blood Transfusion Department		
Number of Blood Donor Sessions held at the City Hospital		30
Number of Donors attended		1,427
Chiropody		
Number of patients attended		1,164
Number of treatments		1,421

CITY HOSPITAL SOUTH

The Accommodation in this hospital is devoted to provision for long-term illness and welfare Service cases. The beds numbering 355 for the long-term illness are the responsibility of the Management Committee and the 260 beds provided for Welfare Service cases are the responsibility of the Local Authority. Mention was made in the last Annual Report of the difficulties being experienced by the existence within the curtilage of the Hospital grounds of accommodation for "wayfarers" or "persons without a settled way of living," the main entrance to the Hospital being at that time used by the "wayfarers." The Committee was pleased to be able to report that this difficulty has been overcome and that a separate entrance has been provided and the accommodation for "wayfarers" made self contained both as regards staff and services, thus segregating it from the hospital.

A further item of interest is the Welfare State cases, who are people in need of care and attention, but not hospital treatment, are shortly to be provided with hostel accommodation, and it is to be hoped that as a result there will, before long, be additional beds available for cases of long-term illness. The provision of additional accommodation for these patients is urgent as they are tending to block beds urgently required in the acute general hospitals.

During the year continued progress has been made in the re-equipment of this Hospital, which was formally a Poor Law Institution. Particular attention has been paid to the replacement of ward furniture and equipment and in addition consideration has been given to the re-planning of the kitchen, the services of a Consultant in kitchen planning and organisation having been engaged by the Committee for this purpose. The arrangements for the transportation and servicing of the food in this hospital have not been satisfactory and for the conveying of the food from the kitchen to the wards.

The wards are gradually, within the available finance, being modernised with regard to the standard of the decorations and lighting.

The City Hospital South has a number of beds devoted to Geriatric treatment, which is proving of great value in the rehabilitation of many patients including those who have been bedridden for years, enabling them to recover many of their faculties and once again enjoy a normal life.

Statistical tables for the period 1st April 1950 to 31st March 1951

Total number of beds available at 31 st March 1951	366
Average number of beds available during period 1 st April 1950 to 31 st March 1951	367
Average number of patient's resident daily throughout the period	358
Number of patients in hospital at 1 st April 1950	355
Number of patients admitted during period	539
Number of patients discharged during period	206
Total number of deaths during period	346
Average number of days each patient was resident	237
Total number of In-Patient days during period	130,686
