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Introduction

St John's Hospital is the main general hospital in Livingston, West Lothian. Located in the Howden area of the town, it serves Livingston, west Edinburgh, and the wider West Lothian region. St John's is one of three hospitals run by NHS Lothian which have accident and emergency services and it also has special status as a teaching hospital for the University of Edinburgh Medical School.

Livingston had previously been served by Bangour General Hospital, near Dechmont to the north of Livingston, from 1939. The Livingston Development Corporation (LDC), which oversaw the development of the new town of Livingston from 1962, had planned to move the general hospital to Livingston from around 1974. The new hospital was opened in 1989, and Bangour General Hospital was closed in the early 1990s.

The current facilities at St John's include a recently renovated accident and emergency ward, and a large maternity unit, where around 2,500 babies are born annually. It also contains many specialist services for south east Scotland, including oral and maxillofacial, burns and plastic surgery units. The hospital is being promoted as the main regional centre for elective surgery, and as a centre for minimally invasive surgery. This centre, supported by University of Edinburgh professors, will provide Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgery, orthopaedic surgery, and urology.

Howden Health Centre, is located within the hospital grounds, but predates the hospital by several years. It is a community health centre, and provides a range of health services for the local population. As well as accommodating a large NHS medical practice, there is a Family Planning clinic, Genitourinary Medicine clinic, Community Pharmacy, District Nursing team, and Health Visitor team based in the building.

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1 Patient Records

Currently there are no patient records held for St John's Hospital.

2 Administrative Records, 1971-2002**1 Reports, 2001**

- 1 2001 Report on the conservation and restoration of a painting at St John's, *Operation in Progress* by Eric Rodwell, 1946. Includes description and press cutting on the painting.

2 Plans, c1989

- 1 c1989 Plan of Lower Ground Floor and Ground Floor, mounted on card.

3 Correspondence, 1971-2002

- 1 14 May 1971 – 30 Dec 2002 Letter from P.M. Stell to J.C. Milne at Bangour General Hospital gifting a copy of *A Short Textbook Ear Nose and Throat* and letter from Dr Ritchie to Ms Sally Tucker at St John's Hospital transferring *A Short Textbook Ear Nose and Throat*. Includes copy of the book by P.M. Stell, R. Pracy and J. Siegler (signed by P.M. Stell).

4 Newspaper Cuttings, 1987-c1995

- 1 1989 – 1990s Newspaper and copy newspaper clippings: banner and articles from *The Scotsman*, 30/10/1989 – complimentary edition on the opening of St John's; *Lothian Health Board News*, March 1990 on opening; *Evening News*, 13/7/1990 - on the Royal visit; *Courier*, 20/7/1990 on Royal visit; article on the opening of the art gallery at St John's, 1990s. 7 folders.
- 2 1987 – 1990 Newspapers: *Lothian Health Board News*, Jan 1987 on approval for Phase 2 of the Hospital development; *The Scotsman*, 30th October 1989 – complimentary copy on the opening (second copy from Acc 06/04); *Lothian Health Board News*, November 1989 with article on opening of Willowgrove House; *Lothian Health Board News*, December 1989 – St John's Special; *Lothian Courier*, 20/7/1990 – Royal visit; *Lothian Health Board News*, July 1990 – Royal Visit. 6 folders.

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| 1 | c1989 | West Lothian NHS Trust – St John's Hospital at Howden – Information for Patients and Visitors. Acc 06/04. |
| 2 | c1989 | Information for Patient and Visitors and Information for Out-Patients. Japanese versions. |

3 Staff Records

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

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4 Videos, c1995

1 c1995 St John's Hospital at Howden – The Birth of a
Hospital.

PH Photographs, c1980-2000

Photographs for St John's Hospital have been catalogued into the Photograph Image Catalogue. The references are therefore different from other items in the collection as they do not have the LHB64 reference. There are also photographs of the Hospital at LHB69. From Acc 06/14 except where indicated.

16/49	1989	LHB News December 1989 - Board member Heather Birrell serves up the first meal in St John's Hospital
16/102	c1990	Twenty photographs of the Haematology Laboratory and consulting rooms at St John's Hospital. Shows staff taking and testing samples.
17/1	c1981 – 1988	Photographs of architectural models for St John's Hospital, with West Lothian NHS staff. 10 images.
17/2	c1981 – 1989	Photographs of construction of St John's Hospital. 55 images.
17/3	c1986 – 1990	Photographs of the newly opened St John's Hospital. Includes: the official opening, presentation of keys on completion of various phases of building, first board of West Lothian NHS Trust, site visit by Robin Cook MP, interior photographs of completed building before occupation.
17/4	c1989 – 1998	Photographs of hospital in use. Includes: official staff portraits, staff in the conduct of their duties, the treatment of patients, staff outings, visit by Robin Cook MP, patient activities and presentations to staff. 153 images.
17/5	1990	Photographs of the Royal visit to St John's Hospital. Includes the Queen and Prince Philip signing their official photographs. 30 images.
17/6	c1998	PR and Fundraising Photographs. Montages of images for publicity purposes. 7 images.
17/7	c1980 – 2000	Negatives and contact prints of St John's Hospital: chaplain; Paediatric Ward; operating theatre; LHB [Lothian Health Board] News – December 1989 – LHB No.2; Waryam Singh's Voice Clinic; key handover ceremony; accident and emergency and chapel; artist's impression of the Hospital; Royal visit 12/7/1990; Lord Glenarthur (Health Minister); Mr Weatherstone (LHB chair) and Sir James Douglas Hamilton as announcement of Phase 2; images of patients in wards and clinics; dispensary; aerial views of the Hospital; construction.

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19/1	c1990 – c1995	Slides of St John's Hospital including artwork in the grounds and the Royal visit 15/7/1990. Includes two images of Bangour General Hospital.
16/104	1992	Official opening of the laser suite of St John's Hospital by Doreen Trust MBE – Ellen Glass, Nursing Officer and Awf Qaba, consultant plastic surgeon in attendance. Two photographs, one of the opening and one of the plaque. Acc 06/04.