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Brookfield Orthopaedic Hospital, Hale End, Walthamstow

Formerly Hale End Red Cross Hospital, otherwise Brookfield Red Cross Hospital.

This hospital began as a service organised by the Hale End District Association, which was founded as a ratepayers association c. 1909. The Red Cross Hospital was opened in 1915 in the grounds of Brookfield House, Oak Hill. It was built at the expense of Thomas Sutcliffe Armstrong, who lived at Brookfield, for the treatment of servicemen wounded in the First World War. The hospital was equipped and maintained by the Association and was run by a management committee according to the rules of the British Red Cross Society. It closed in 1919 and was subsequently used by Walthamstow Urban District Council for the reception of cases awaiting admission to the district sanatorium at Chingford. The hospital was bought by the council in 1922 and opened in the following year as a centre for the treatment of crippled children. Under the management of a committee representing local authorities in the area, Brookfield Orthopaedic Hospital did pioneer work with physically handicapped children. It was extended in 1931, but difficulty in filling the hospital led to its transfer to Essex County Council in 1936, when a hospital for 200 chronic cases was planned. The hospital closed in 1939 and was subsequently used by Essex County Council as a Hostel for the elderly. In 1964 the Brookfield House School for Physically Handicapped Children was opened, pupils being transferred from Wingfield House School, the former Hale End Open Air School, where children from Brookfield had been transferred in 1936. The new Brookfield school was built on the site of the old hospital.

For records of Hale End Open Air School see W58.02 AD.

For minutes of meetings of Hale End District Association see W34..1 HE

Hale End Red Cross Hospital (also known as Brookfield Red Cross Hospital)

RCH/1	Minutes of meetings of finance committee (begins as management committee)	1 vol.	Dec. 1915 - Dec. 1920 & April 1921
RCH/2	Balance sheets and summary accounts	12 papers	1916 - 1925
RCH/3	Bills for furniture, equipment and building work	1 file, 6 papers	1916 - 1919
RCH/4	List of subscribers to equipment	1 file	1916
RCH/5	Inventories of furniture, fittings and equipment	1 booklet, 1 file 1 paper	1919 & 1923
RCH/6	Correspondence and papers concerning the War Charities Act, 1916, and investment of £1020 of the Hale End District Association Hospital Charity for the benefit of Brookfield Orthopaedic Hospital, including Charity Commission order	36 papers	1923 - 1925
RCH/7	Correspondence concerning hospital accounts, thanks for war work, gifts of equipment to various local hospitals and homes, transfer of Brookfield Hospital trust to Walthamstow Parochial Charities.	56 papers	1917 - 1924

Hale End Red Cross Hospital (Continued)

RCH/8	Copy declaration of Thomas Sutcliffe Armstrong and others concerning investment of £1020 for Walthamstow Parochial Charities in trust for Brookfield Orthopaedic Hospital. 2 copies.	2 files	1925 3 Jan.
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Brookfield Orthopaedic Hospital

BOH/1	Executive committee minutes (indexed)	1 vol.	June 1923 - Nov. 1925
BOH/2	Executive committee minutes (indexed)	1 vol.	1926 - 1931
BOH/3	Executive committee minutes (indexed)	1 vol.	1932 - April 1937
BOH/4	House committee minutes	1 vol.	Oct. 1924 - Dec, 1926
BOH/5	House committee minutes	1 vol.	Jan. 1927 - July 1932
BOH/6	Fragment of wrapper for records <u>re</u> Brookfield Hospital and Hale End District Association requesting they be forwarded to AH McNeil on the death of W Warrington, chairman of hospital committee.	1 paper	1933 Dec. 3