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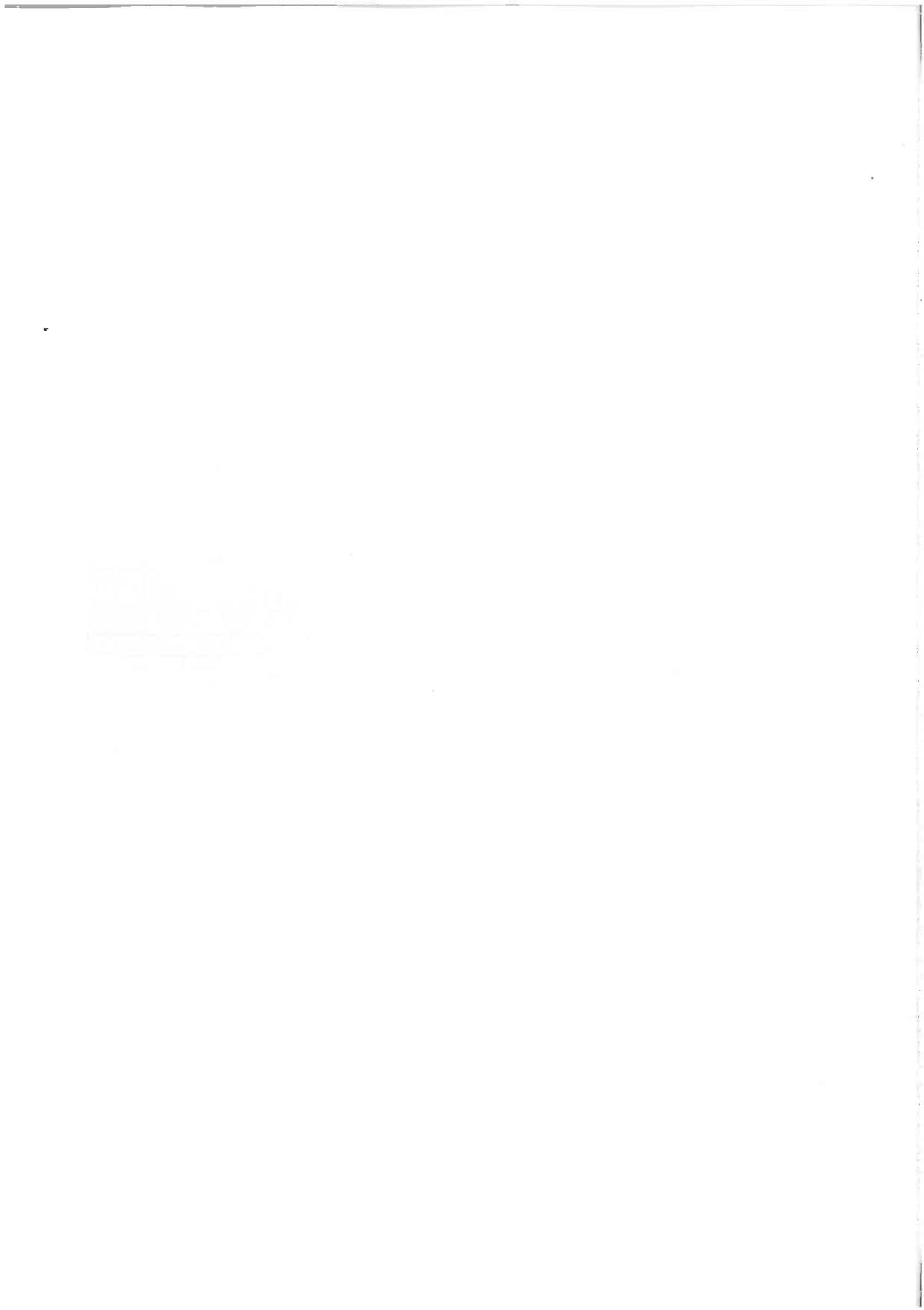


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Figure 01: Location of Minffordd Hospital Complex based on Client Drawing R5013_90_Existing Site Plan.

Figure 02: 1st Edition 25" Ordnance Survey Map (1889) of hospital location detailing the existing boundaries before the construction of the hospital complex in 1895, when the plot formed part of the Penrhyn Estate.

Figure 03: 2nd Edition 25" Ordnance Survey Map (1900) of hospital location detailing the hospital layout shortly after construction in 1895.

Figure 04: 3rd Edition 25" Ordnance Survey Map (1914) of hospital location detailing the hospital layout

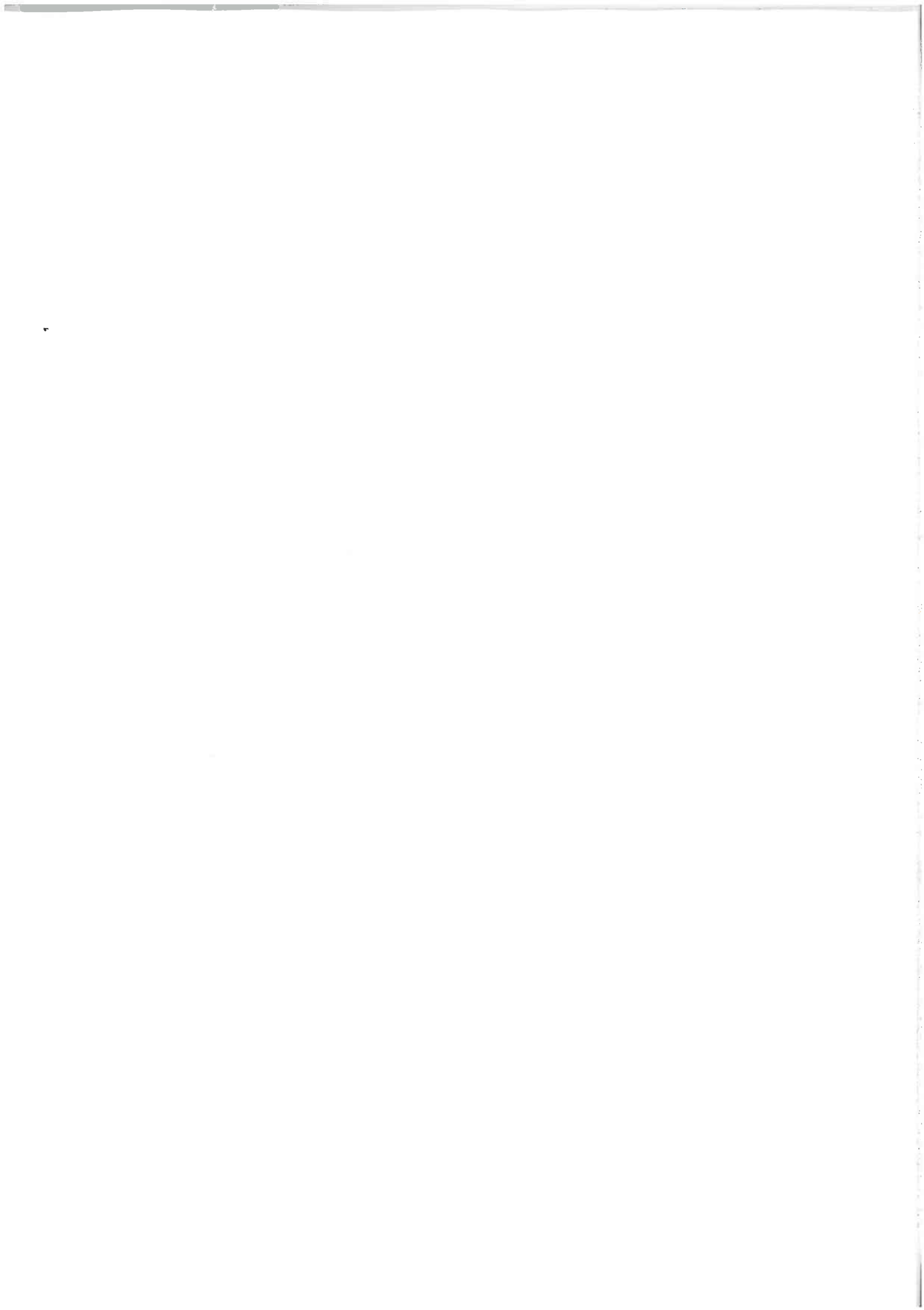
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Plate 01: View west of main entrance and boundary wall along Hendrewen Road. The administration block is visible behind the boundary wall.

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Plate 19: Short Stay Unit : Southeast facing elevation. Built from brick and not stone as the original buildings. Hip gable roof visible along with casement windows (Rooms G09, G10 & G13) and disabled access into G13. The courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units are visible in the foreground; the Link Corridor is visible to the left of the image (Scales: 2 x 2.0m)

Plate 20: Short Stay Unit : Southeast facing elevation. Built from brick and not stone as the original buildings. Hip gable roof visible along with casement windows (Rooms G06 to G08). The courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units are visible in the foreground; the day room wing (Room G01) is visible to the right of the image (Scales: 2 x 2.0m)

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Plate 32: Short Stay Unit (Internal): View southeast of Room G08 detailing current use as a ward. Storage heater visible below original casement window, with boxed in plumbing. Panelled and moulded entrance door visible in image foreground. Rear of Long Stay Unit through window (Scales: 2 x 2.0m)



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Plate 33: Short Stay Unit (Internal): View southeast of Room G09 detailing former use as a ward. Storage heater visible below original casement window, with boxed in plumbing (Scales: 2 x 2.0m)

Plate 34: Short Stay Unit (Internal): View east of Room G10 detailing current use. Storage heater visible below original casement window, bullnose skirtings extant. (Scales: 2 x 2.0m)

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Plate 37: Link Corridor connecting Long and Short Stay Units: View south. Built 1991. Pebbledashed fronted with a box gutter and awning windows. Provides access to respective units; effectively masks the southwest facing elevations of both.

Plate 38: Link Corridor connecting Long and Short Stay Units: View east. Built 1991. Pebbledashed fronted with a box gutter and awning windows. Provides access to respective units; effectively masks the southwest facing elevations of both. Male ward wing of the Long Stay Unit is visible in the background as a slated pitched roof

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Plate 40: Link Corridor connecting Long and Short Stay Units (Internal): View northwest.

Plate 41: Administration Block: Southeast facing elevation.

Plate 42: Administration Block: Southeast facing elevation.

Plate 43: Administration Block: Northwest facing elevation detailing ground floor Room G04 and first floor Rooms F03 to F05.

Plate 44: Administration Block: Southwest facing elevation detailing a path leading to the grounds of the complex.

Plate 45: Administration Block (Internal): View northwest.

Plate 46: Administration Block (Internal): View southwest of former matron's office detailing redundant fireplace and current decor.

Plate 47: Administration Block (Internal): View northeast of former matron's office (Room G03) detailing redundant archways and modern fire door. Scales: 1 x 2.0m and 1 x 1.0m.

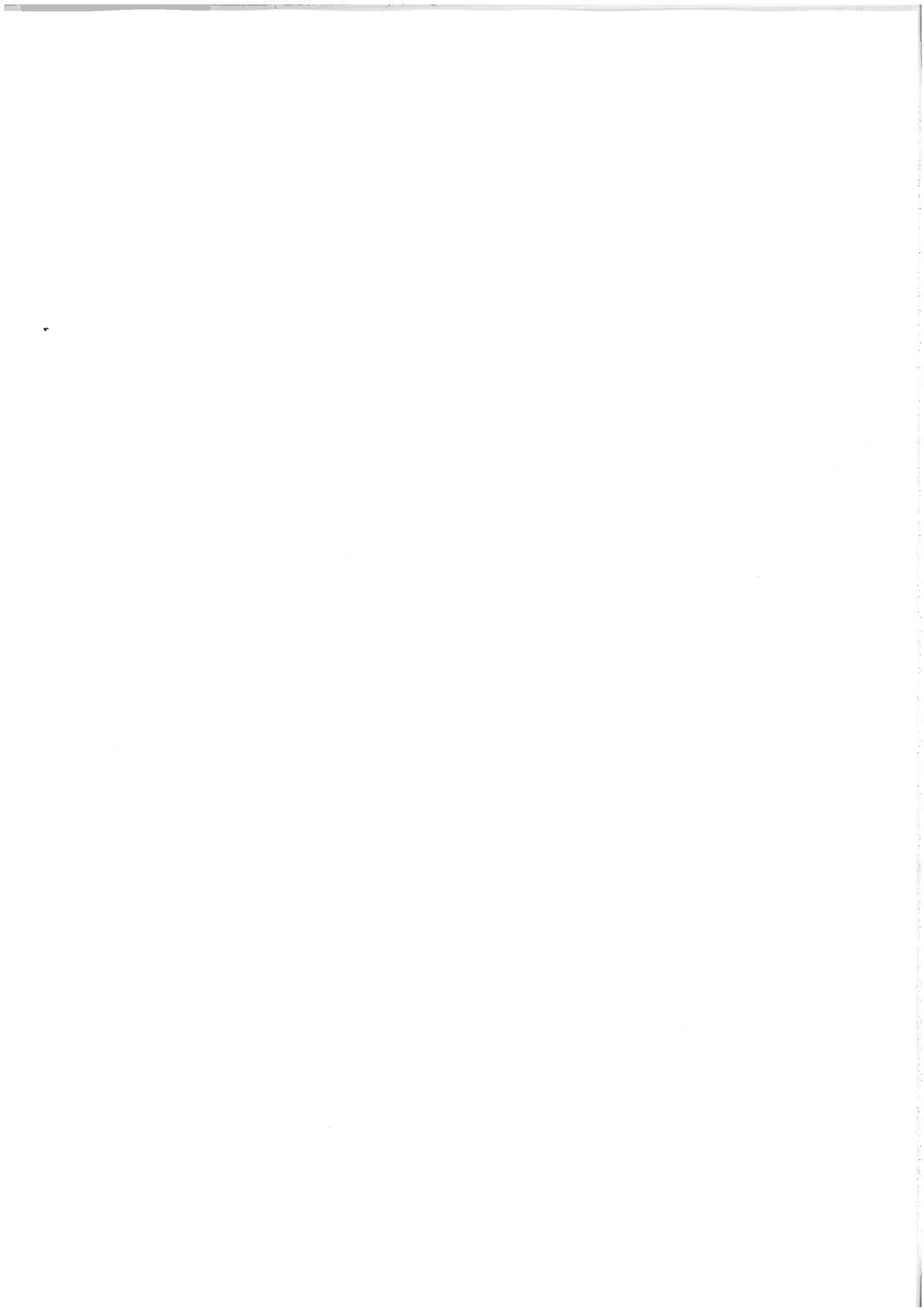
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Plate 49: Administration Block (Internal): View northeast of first floor stairs leading to Rooms F02, F03 and F05.

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Plate 51: Water Tower - Northwest facing elevation detailing construction form, including crenellated capping and an internal buttress.

Plate 52: Water Tower - Southeast facing elevation detailing construction form, including crenellated capping,



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Plate 53: Garage - Southeast facing elevation; detailing main entrance via large panel and brace doors and two side entrances.

Plate 54: Garage - Southwest facing elevation detailing three fixed windows, hip gable roof and brick built chimney.

Plate 55: Garage (Internal): View south of side entrance room (cf. external view Plate 50) detailing interior finish and usage.

Plate 56: Garage (Internal): View northwest of main room interior detailing decor and usage

Plate 57: Generator Room: Northwest facing elevation detailing main entrance (large door) and louvred entrance. Double hip gable roof.

Plate 58: Generator Room: Southeast facing elevation detailing side entrance (blue door) and blocked entrance next to louvred vent.

Plate 59: Generator Room: Southeast facing elevation detailing hip gable roof.

Plate 60: Generator Room: Northwest facing elevation detailing rear.

Plate 61: Generator Room (Internal) - View northeast of interior room, detailing decor and usage.

Plate 62: Oil Tanks: View southeast of oil tanks located towards rear of property.

Plate 63: Boundary Wall - view south of portion running parallel to Hendrewen Road.

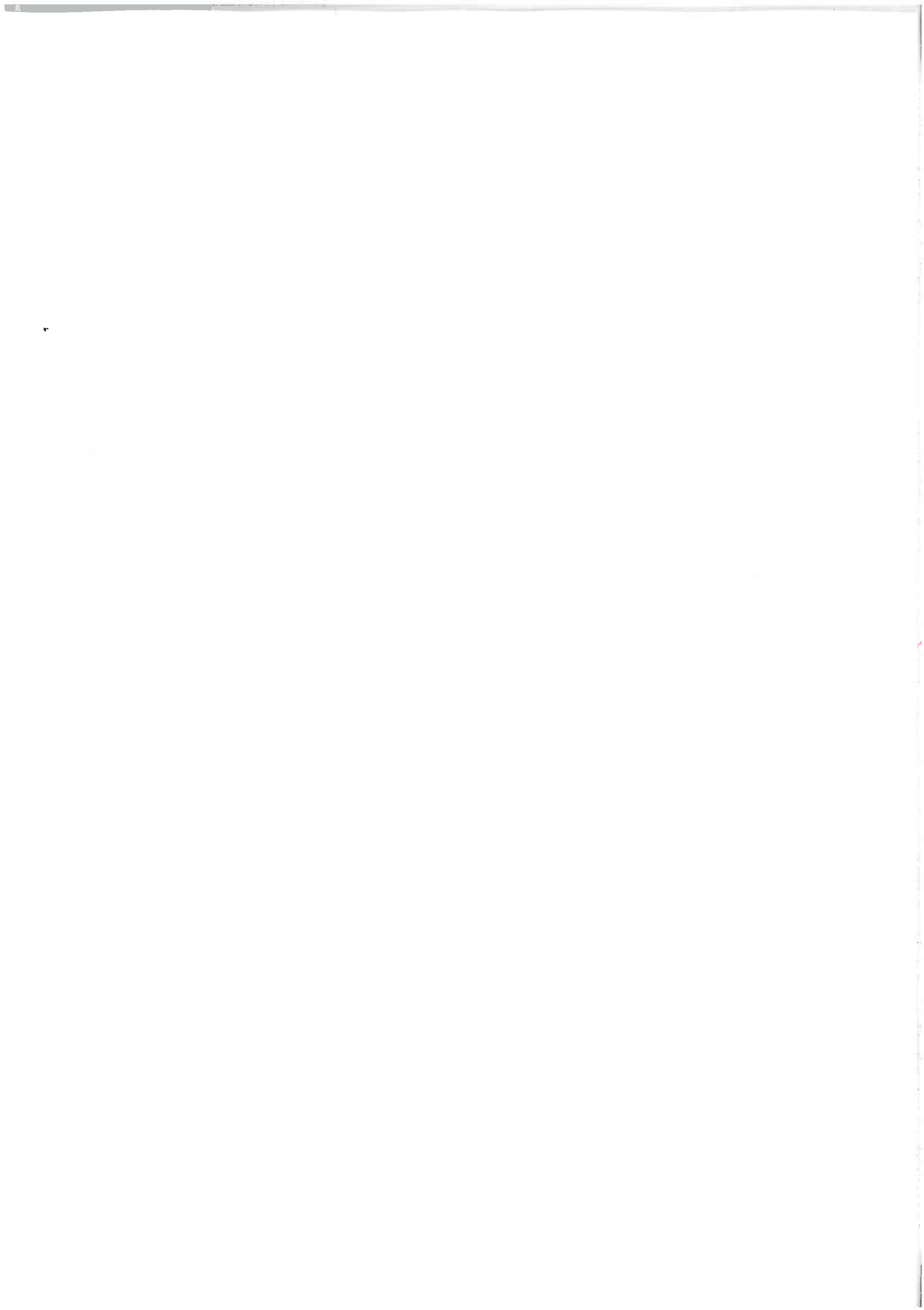
Plate 64: Boundary Wall - View southwest of southern and western boundary walls.

Plate 65: Boundary Wall - View east of rear portion including the former water tower.

Plate 66: Boundary Wall - View west of rear portion.

Plate 67: Administration Block - archive image from the nineteenth/early twentieth century detailing main entrance.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL BUILDING RECORD: LEVEL 2/3

Summary

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust has completed a Level 2/3 archaeological building record of the Minffordd Hospital complex, Bangor, Gwynedd, as part of a planning notification in advance of demolition.

The hospital was established in 1895 as an isolation hospital to answer a growing need for the local council to tend to the community health needs after Bangor received its charter of Incorporation in 1883. The hospital was finally abandoned in 2009, having functioned as a hospital for the mentally infirm in it's final years. The hospital was built on land that formerly belonged to the Penrhyn Estate and was constructed in a vernacular style.

The Level 2/3 archaeological building record comprised a photographic and written survey of the main structural elements forming the hospital complex, including the original hospital (designated in the text as the Long Stay Unit), administration block, garage and water tower (all built in 1895), as well as the additional hospital wing (built in 1937; designated in the text as the Short Stay Unit) and the link corridor (built in 1991). All relevant structural phasing elements were identified and recorded, including the alteration to existing rooms within the two main hospital wings (designated as the Long and Short Stay Units respectively), the extensions to the Long Stay Unit and the alterations facilitated by the construction of the link corridor that joined the Long and Short Stay Units. The external and internal alterations to the administration block were also noted, including the rebuilding of the rear elevation to accommodate a new entrance and the internal alterations to the existing rooms. Both the Long Stay Unit and the administration block had seen the greatest level of alteration work.

The boundary wall surrounding the complex was also recorded as well as all ancillary structural elements deemed relevant.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT) was commissioned by **DWA Architects** to complete an archaeological building record (Level 2/3) of Minffordd Hospital, Bangor, in advance of demolition.

The site measures just over 1.0ha in size, and is located at NGR SH57927101, on the southwestern outskirts of the Bangor along Hendrewen Road (Plate 02) at the southern reaches of the Bangor borough boundary, within the Country of Gwynedd. The site is recorded on the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) as site number Primary Reference Number (PRN) **17190**.

The site comprises (Figure 01):

- a former long stay unit and former short stay unit linked by a corridor
- an administration block
- a garage/store
- a generator room
- a water tower

The plot is enclosed by a stone-built boundary wall (Plates 01 to 02 and Plates 63 to 66). The main entrance is at the southeastern corner of the structure leading off the main road (Plate 01). A series of internal roads link the hospital structures. The hospital has a southeastern aspect, with views of Snowdonia (Plate 64).

Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service ((GAPS) Ref.: **D1380**) has requested a building record of these structures commensurate with the English Heritage 'Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to good recording practice' (2006) **Level 2/3** that included the following reference elements:

- written account 1-3, 5-9, 22;
- drawings 1, 7-9;
- photographs 1-9.

The building record included a documentary survey to establish the history and development of the site and a chronology of the structural development of the site, in preparation for demolition and redevelopment.

1.1 Acknowledgements

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2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Written Account

The written account utilised a range of available resources to discuss the building's significance, origins, development and use. The Historic Environment Record, the University of Bangor and the local archive, held at Caernarfon County Record Office. Further information was obtained from the Historic Environment Register (HER), Bangor.

2.2 Photographs

Photographs of all features, room spaces and elevations were taken, where relevant, to illustrate the building's appearance and structure and to support an historical analysis (Plates 01 to 64). Figures 07 to 09 detail the direction of plates.

The recording of the building was undertaken between 1st March and the 15th March 2010. The recording was completed using a Nikon D40 DSLR, coupled with sketches and written records.

The archive is held by GAT under the project number **G2125**, with the photographic images stored on the JPEG Interchange Format.

3.0 HISTORIC BACKGROUND

The origins of the hospital at Minffordd, originally called the 'Isolation Hospital', or the 'Borough Hospital', can be traced back to a severe typhoid epidemic which broke out in Bangor in 1882. This emphasised the need for an isolation hospital, and strong demands were made upon the City Council to provide a hospital to serve any future typhoid outbreak and other diseases requiring isolation such as Scarlet fever and Diphtheria. The council adopted the Notification of Diseases Act in October 1889, and in so doing took on the responsibility for housing patients suffering from infectious diseases.

A sub-committee was formed, and the Borough Surveyor, John Gill was asked to find a suitable site. A number of sites were considered, but the landowner, Lord Penrhyn, suggested a location on the southern end of Bangor Mountain (Figure 02). He asked for £100 for the land, but offered to donate £200 towards building costs. The offer was accepted and plans were drawn up and placed before the Local Government Board. The cost was estimated at £2,200, with a further £100 required for fittings.

The proposed plans consisted of the main hospital block and two outbuildings (currently the Long Stay Unit, the garage/store and the water tower; Figure 01). The main hospital was to be divided into two, each half containing two wards, one with three beds and one with two. Between the two halves was to be the nurses duty room. East of the hospital the lodge was to be used for accommodation of nurses. On the ground floor would be a living room, scullery, store room and pantry, whilst upstairs would be bedrooms and a toilet. Above and to

the north of the hospital a small building was to house a laundry and coach house, and another would house the mortuary.

The building contract was awarded to Evan Williams, of Garth, Bangor, and the memorial stone was laid by the Mayor, Mrs Dew, in August 1893, and the formal opening took place on 9 January, 1895. Water supply for the hospital remained a problem, because the hospital lay over 60ft above the main reservoir at Twrgwyn. A small windmill was erected to pump water to a new 9,000 gallon reservoir on Bryniau which fed both the hospital and the adjacent village of Minffordd. The Second Edition 23" Ordnance Survey Map of the area (Figure 03) shows the

In 1937 new wards were built at the hospital to provide room for patients from adjoining local health authority districts (constructed as a brick-built structure, currently designated as the Short Stay Unit; Figure 01). However it was getting increasingly difficult for the City Council to maintain the hospital, and in 1948 ownership was transferred to the Regional Hospital Board. A reorganisation of health services led to Bryn Seiont in Caernarfon becoming the Isolation Hospital, whilst Minffordd became a convalescent unit.

In 1984 a new hospital was built in Bangor which centralised and took over the duties of both the principal hospital, the C&A Infirmary, and many of the lesser hospitals. This included Minffordd, which closed in that year. The hospital was, however, to get another lease of life when, in 1988 it was reopened following refurbishment as a hospital for mentally infirm elderly patients. The hospital finally closed in 2009.

4.0 SURVEY RESULTS

The structures will be described separately, with reference made to the relevant plates and figures. The descriptions will include the external and internal elevations as well as specific structural details including window, door and wall fittings and any other structural elements of interest.

The functions ascribed to the rooms are those recorded on an engineering plan dated 1974 (J. J. Davies Group Engineer), though it is clearly of earlier origin, and is thought to reflect the position following the transfer of the building in 1948. Additional information was derived from a series of plans produced by *WHTSO Architects* between 1986 and 1991 that detailed the alterations to the administration block and the construction of the link corridor.

GAT was unable to source suitable research data from the local archives. All research data was produced via secondary sources and site plans supplied by *DWA Architects*.

4.1 Long stay unit (Plates 03 to 18; Figure 01)

This is the original isolation hospital of 1895, though partly encased and expanded by later additions. It consisted of a long single storey central block with cross-wings at either end, and two narrow cross-wings in the middle. The two end cross-wings housed the larger wards whilst the central block housed the smaller wards, kitchens and duty rooms. The building was of roughly coursed local masonry, with slate roofs and overhanging eaves. An addition was added on to the east side before 1914 (it is shown on the OS map of that date; Figure 04) in similar style. Two suites of treatment and bathrooms were added to the north and south elevations of the central block in the mid-20th century, one serving the male and one the female wards. These occupied the east half of the south elevation and the west half of the north elevation. In the 1990's a link corridor was added on the west side connecting the 1937 wards with the original building, and more rooms were added along the south elevation between the link corridor and the mid-20th century suite.

4.1.1 External Elevations

Southeast facing elevation (Plates 03 to 06)

This was the principal front of the original hospital. Though the original stone walls are largely obscured by later extensions, the upper gables of the two end cross-wings are clearly visible, as is a small central cross-gable. The east cross wing is not obscured, and the original three long windows occupy most of the wall. The lintels and sills are of sandstone. The windows are divided into three roughly equal parts by wood transoms, the upper part retaining six small panes, whilst the two lower divisions are a single large pane. The stone built extension of c. 1914 lies to the east, with a later glass-fronted room added on to the front elevation. To the west of the cross wing are a series of single storey rooms added on to the original front. These are of two phases – the earliest to the east has a flat roof, with pebble-dash walls, whilst the later to the west have a corrugated roof, but also with pebble-dash walls.

Northeast facing elevation (Plates 06 to 07)

This elevation incorporates the early (pre-1914) eastern extension, which was added on to the cross-wing. A verandah was later added on to the south side. The gable is of squared and sneaked dark masonry with lighter lintels and sills. The pitched slate roof overhangs beyond the walls, whilst the pitch of the roof flattens out to cover the verandah on the south and a lean-to on the north side. Double glass doors lead into the verandah. Two long narrow windows formerly opened through the main gable, but the north one has been converted into a door. A blocked door formerly led into the north lean-to.

Northwest facing elevation (Plate 08)

This is the rear of the original hospital. The roughly coursed squared dark masonry is more visible here. At the east end is the early pre-1917 extension, lit by three two-pane sash windows. The gable of the eastern cross-wing is lit by three tall narrow windows,

The elevation of the main block has been modified by the addition of a 14.0m wide and 3.50m high flat roofed extension (pebbledashed) that incorporates Rooms G13 to G17 (q.v.). This has obscured the original elevation: five extant windows have been blocked (Rooms G02 and G04), with only the windows for Rooms G05 and G06 still open; these windows are similar to those extant on the female wing measuring 3.00m high with stone lintels and sills, and vary in width between 1.00m and 0.50m. Metal gutters and downpipes are extant. A blocked exit from Room G06 is present at ground level.

The north facing elevation of the western cross-wing (Room G01) is similar to the female wing on the same elevation: three long rectangular windows dominate; each 3.00m high and 1.00m wide with dressed stone lintels and sills. Both the central corridor extension and the link corridor have been keyed into this elevation.

Southwest facing elevation

The southwest facing elevation of the original building has been obscured by the link corridor (q.v.), only the roof line is fully visible.

4.1.2 Internal descriptions: Ground floor

The ground floor comprises 18 rooms (Figure 05). The ground floor is accessed through the northwest facing main entrance. The former male and female wards are on the opposing west and east end of the structure, respectively and are connected via a 25.0m long corridor. A series of smaller rooms run adjacent to the corridor.

For description purposes, each room has its own designated code starting with G01 (see Figure 05 for the distribution of the rooms). The functions ascribed to the rooms are those recorded on an engineering plan dated 1974 (J. J. Davies Group Engineer)

G01 (Plates 09 and 10)

This is the western cross-wing, formerly the male ward within the Long Stay Unit. It is a large rectangular room with six windows on opposing northwest and southeast external elevations.

Access is via two doors: one to the north of G02 and one within G02. The room measures 3.30m in height, 5.40m in width and 11.00m in length. The room comprises two opposing elevations, wallpapered with three sash windows in each (3.00m high and 1.00m wide). The respective skirtings have been disguised by boxing for the central heating pipes that feed radiators on each elevation. The remaining two elevations comprise wallpapered walls with 0.10m bullnose skirting boards. Modern fire doors (two) are extant on the southwest facing internal elevation; a 1.30m high and wide fireplace with moulded detail is extant on the opposing elevation. The floor surface comprises linoleum (partly removed).

G02 (Plate 11)

Former ward kitchen within the Long Stay Unit.

Access via G01 (northwest facing internal elevation), via modern fire door with modern moulded door surround and via main corridor opposite G03. Original entrance has been blocked. The entrance via the main corridor has been adapted from an existing internal window, which has been removed and replaced by a fire door. A 1.70m high and 2.00m wide tiled fireplace is located on the southeast facing internal elevation of the room. The fireplace was not in recent use. An internal window or opening is also present on the same elevation as the fireplace. The window/opening is elevated 1.00m off ground level and measures 0.70m in height and 0.50m in width. The walls are papered; 0.10m high bullnose skirtings are present at ground level. The floor is linoleum covered.

G03

Former utility space within the Long Stay Unit. Located within the post-1984 southeast elevation extension.

A small square room with one entrance door and one window (opposing elevations). Separated from G02 via corridor; entrance from this corridor via modern fire door. Redundant plumbing fixtures present (partly boxed in) along with sink unit and wall mounted cupboard. The room measures 4.80m in width and 5.00m in length. All walls are plastered and painted; floor is linoleum. Extant window is a modern softwood fitting. No visible decorative details.

G04 (Plate 12)

Former female ward within the Long Stay Unit, incorporating a corridor and two adjoining rooms.

The former female ward has been bifurcated by a modern narrow corridor and a bathroom. An internal window (northwest facing internal elevation), has been blocked. Access via internal corridor into bathroom via partition fire door. The bathroom and corridor contained plastered and painted walls with linoleum floors. Fittings included modern electrical and plumbing; no decorative or historic fittings visible.

G05 (Plates 13 and 14)

Former male ward within the Long Stay Unit between G04 and G06.

Rectangular shaped room used as ward. Access via southeastern internal elevation. The room measures 3.30m in height, 5.40m in width and 7.20m in length. Three external windows extant in northwest facing external elevation: extant as wood sash windows. Central window: 3.00m high and 1.20m wide. Windows either side: 3.00m high and 1.00m wide. Aspect looking towards former short stay unit. One internal window present on opposing elevation, with aspect towards internal corridor (dimensions of window: 2.00m high and 1.00m wide; wood sash construction). All internal elevations are painted and plastered. Skirting boards are 0.10m bullnose, with modern central heating fittings present.

G06

Former ward kitchen within the Long Stay Unit between G05 and G07. Most recent use as washroom.

Squared shaped room: 4.10m long and 4.80m wide. Entrance via modern fire door (southwest internal elevation); small softwood awning window on the opposing elevation. Walls are painted and plastered with 0.10m bullnose skirting boards and linoleum floor. Modern plumbing fittings extant.

G07

Rectangular shaped room within post-1974 extension attached to southeast facing elevation of the Long Stay Unit. Located between G03 and G08. The room measures 4.30m long and 3.50m wide. A 2.00m wide and 1.00m high casement window is extant on the external elevation. Walls are painted and plastered with 0.10m bullnose skirting boards and linoleum floor. Modern plumbing fittings extant.

G08

A narrow rectangular room located between G07 and G09. Unlike G07, room G08 was part of the original structure and not the post-1974 extension. Formerly used as a "sluice" room. The room measures 4.00m in length and 3.00m in width. Entered via fire door hung on original door mouldings, with a small awning window on the opposing elevation. The walls are plastered and painted with a linoleum floor. Modern office fittings and plumbing are extant.

G09

Located next to G09. Was part of the original Long Stay Unit structure and not the post-1974 extension. Formerly used as a treatment room. The room measures 3.80m in length and 3.00m in width. Entered via fire door hung on original door mouldings, with a large softwood casement and neighbouring narrow static window on the opposing elevation. The walls are plastered and painted with a linoleum floor. Modern office fittings and plumbing are extant. No skirtings present.

G10

Small toilet area next to G09, 3.30m in height, 3.10m in length and 2.28m in width. Contains modern toilet fittings. Accessed via corridor and modern fire door; single casement window (1.50m high and 0.50m wide) with a southeast aspect on opposing elevation.

G11 (Plates 15 to 16)

Former female ward within the Long Stay Unit.

Large rectangular shaped room 11.00m long and 5.30m wide. Located next to G06 and G10 and accessed via the main corridor, through double fire doors. Similar in design and orientation to G01 (q.v.). Two opposing elevations have three sash windows in each (3.00m high and 1.00m wide). The respective skirtings have been disguised by boxing for the central heating pipes that feed radiators on each elevation. The remaining two elevations comprise painted walls with 0.10m bullnose skirting boards. The floor surface comprises linoleum. Modern suspended ceiling present disguising original ceiling.

G12 (Plates 17 to 18)

A large rectangular room comprising the former sewing, treatment and linen rooms of the Long Stay Unit, conjoined into a single ward space (7.40m long and 7.00m wide). This ward space has been constructed as an extension to G11 (female wing). Access from G11 via a large double door (fire door), attached to a modern glass screen. This entrance/screen (4.00m in width and 2.00m in height) appears to have been constructed from the former sewing room entrance and part of the former treatment room wall (southwest facing internal elevation). All traces of original features have been removed/disguised by the transformation

of the former sewing, treatment, and linen rooms into one space. The only visible original features are the two sash windows on the northwest facing internal elevation (each 1.50m high and 1.00m wide), with a southeast facing aspect towards the front of the property via the former verandah room and three sash windows on the opposing elevation (same dimensions as opposing sash windows). All walls are plastered/painted; a suspended ceiling disguises the original; 0.10m high bullnose skirtings throughout; linoleum floor. Modern fittings (furniture and electrical) are present.

Original doorway in northwest facing internal elevation is blocked, with an alternative modern fire exit located along the same elevation egressing the outside.

G13

Narrow rectangular toilet within the Long Stay Unit.

Measures 3.0m long and 1.80m wide. Access via a short corridor that also links rooms G01, G02, G04 and G13 to G17. Entrance to room via fire door. Two awning windows of equal size (1.00m high and 0.50m wide) on opposing elevation with aspect to courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units. Plastered and painted walls with linoleum floor.

G14

Former male bathroom within Long Stay Unit.

Located between G13 and main entrance and accessed via link corridor described in G13. Entrance via modern fire door, with large casement window on opposing elevation (1.50m in height, 1.00m in width), with aspect to courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units. Painted and plastered walls; 0.10m bullnose skirtings. Modern plumbing fittings present.

G15

Former office space within Long Stay Unit.

Located between G16 and main entrance and accessed via link corridor described in G13. Measures 3.00m long and 3.00m wide. Entrance via modern fire door, with single casement window on opposing elevation (1.50m in height, 1.50m in width), with aspect to courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units. Painted and plastered walls. Modern plumbing fittings and furniture fittings present.

G16

Former sluice room within Long Stay Unit.

Narrow rectangular-shaped room: 3.00 long and 1.00m wide. Current use as toilet. Accessed via internal corridor discussed in G13; entrance via modern fire door, with a narrow sash window on the opposing elevation (1.50m high and 0.50m wide). Walls are painted and plastered; floor is linoleum. All fixtures and fittings are modern (late 20th century).

G17

Former treatment room within Long Stay Unit. Currently in use as a nursing office.

Rectangular in shape: 2.50m long and 1.50m wide. Access via fire door from corridor discussed in G13. No windows extant. Walls are plastered/painted. Modern plumbing and electrical fittings extant.

G18

Former bathroom within Long Stay Unit. Currently in use as a storage room.

Rectangular in shape: 4.00m long and 3.00m wide. Access via fire door from corridor discussed in G13. Large casement window on northwest internal elevation, with aspect similar to G13 to G16. Walls are plastered/painted. Modern electrical fittings extant.

4.2 Short Stay Unit (Plates 19 to 36; Figure 01)

4.2.1 Short Stay Unit – Exterior elevations

Rectangular shaped structure not part of the original building complex but constructed as an annexe. Connected the Long Stay Unit via a link corridor on the southwest facing elevation. A brick-built structure with a hip gabled slate roof forming the main portion of the structure, with a wing extension at the eastern end of the building. Contains twelve rooms (Rooms G01 to G12) that includes five wards and sundry administration rooms. Described in the 1974 J. J. Davies Group Engineer site plan as a "Children's Ward"; most recent function as a Short Stay Unit. Built onto a north-south oriented slope.

Southeast facing elevation (Plates 19 to 21)

Brick-built (Stretcher bond) elevation 3.70m high and 25.50m long, incorporating Rooms G01 and G06 to 10, G12.

Link corridor keyed into western end, obscuring original return. A 2.00m high and 1.00m wide fire exit door leading onto a ramp is extant close to the western end, followed by a series of six 1.50m high and 1.00m wide casement windows that run the length of the elevation as far as the wing extension, providing light for Rooms G06 to 10 & G12. A concrete path runs the length of the elevation, with stone steps at the wing return, leading onto the courtyard separating the Long and Short Stay Units.

The wing extension (Room G01), includes a basement level boiler house, situated under the day room (G01). The boiler house is accessed via a 2.00m high and 1.70m wide louvred double door entrance, with a stone clad lean to extension to the immediate east (2.50m high and 1.50m wide). A blocked window (1.00m high and 0.70m wide) is located to the immediate west of the double doors. This basement level is stone-faced with sub-rectangular stones. Two return walls, both 10.0m long, extend from either end of the basement level elevation, creating an entranceway for accessing the boiler house. The walls both reduce in height from 2.50m where they key into the elevation, to 1.50m where they reach their full length. The entranceway has a tarmac surface with a stone flagged drainage channel. The stone faced portion of the wing is replaced by brickwork at ground level for the remainder of the elevation. A 2.00m high and wide casement window is extant in the centre of the elevation.

Northeast facing elevation (Plate 22)

Elevation incorporating Rooms G01 and G02. Brick-built: Stretcher bond; measures 11.00m in width and 4.50m in height (maximum) at the gable end. A narrow fixed window is extant towards the southern end of the elevation (0.50m high and 0.30m wide) with a brick voussoir and sill (window provides light into cubby in Room G01). A 2.00m high and 1.00m wide door is located off-centre, providing access, via concrete ramp, to the interior (leading onto the main building corridor).

Northwest facing elevation (Plates 23 and 24)

Elevation at the rear of the property, incorporating Rooms G02 to G05 & G11. Brick built: Stretcher Bond. Total length: 27.00m; height: 3.70m. Includes main entrance, approached via tarmac path, with a ramp leading to the entrance. Entrance includes panelled double doors surrounded by fixed windows. Remainder of elevation represented by wing extension (Rooms G02 to G04), with a 1.20m high and 1.00m wide casement windows in Rooms G02 and G04 and a double casement window, 1.20m high and 2.00m wide, in Room G03 (centred between Rooms G02 to G04). A flat roofed extension is located next to this wing, incorporating Room G05, with a 1.50m high and 1.00m wide window extant. Located at the other end of the elevation, separated by the main entrance, is a second flat roofed extension,

incorporating Room G11, with two narrow casement windows, both 1.50m high and 0.50m wide.

Southwest facing elevation

The southwest facing elevation of has been obscured by the link corridor (q.v.), only the roof line is fully visible. The original casement window for Room G12 (1.50m high and wide) now looks onto the link corridor.

4.2.2 Short Stay Unit – Interior descriptions

For description purposes, each room has a designated code starting with G01 (see figure 05). The functions ascribed to the rooms are those recorded on an engineering plan dated 1974 (J. J. Davies Group Engineer).

G01 (Plates 25 and 26)

Former Day Room within Short Stay Unit. Most recent use as mess room.

Square shaped room (5.30m in width and length) accessed from central corridor within Short Stay Unit; entrance via six panel moulded wooden door (top panel frosted glaze), attached to moulded frame. Large casement window on northwest facing internal elevation (aspect onto courtyard separating Long and Short Stay Unit); windows frame measures 2.00m in width and height. Walls are papered; 0.10m bullnose skirtings at ground level; floor is carpeted. Storage heater below window. Two corner boxed in niches are present on the northwest facing internal elevation, either side of window, that appear to have functioned as storage spaces. Both examples have 0.50m high and 0.30m wide awning windows and are painted rather than wallpapered.

G02

Former Sister's Office within Short Stay Unit. Most recent use unknown.

Rectangular shaped room 2.60m long and 1.36m wide. Access via main corridor, entrance via moulded wooden door. Single casement window on opposing elevation to entrance: 1.20m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 1.10m off the ground. Walls are plastered/painted, floor is close set quarry tiles; 0.10m bullnose skirtings present. Plumbing fitting visible above skirtings.

G03 (Plate 27)

Former Ward Kitchen within Short Stay Unit. Most recent use unknown.

Rectangular shaped room 2.64m long and 2.49m wide. Access via main corridor, entrance via moulded wooden door (six panels). Double casement window on opposing elevation to entrance: 1.20m high and 2.00m wide, elevated 1.10m off the ground. Walls are plastered/painted, floor is carpeted; 0.10m bullnose skirtings present. Plumbing fittings visible above skirtings, including radiators.

G04 (Plate 28)

Former Staff WC within Short Stay Unit. Most recent use unknown.

Rectangular shaped room 2.63m long and 1.34m wide. Access via main corridor, entrance via moulded wooden door (six panels). Double casement window on opposing elevation to entrance: 1.20m high and 2.00m wide, elevated 1.10m off the ground. Walls are plastered/painted, floor is carpeted; 0.10m bullnose skirtings present. Plumbing fittings visible above skirtings, including radiators.

G05 (Plate 29)

Former bathroom and sluice room within Short Stay Unit, converted into a single larger bathroom.

Rectangular shaped room next to G04 (size: 2.10m long and 4.10m wide), accessed via main corridor, entrance via large sliding door. Two narrow casement windows on opposing elevation: 1.50m high and 0.50m wide each, elevated 1.20m off the ground. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern plumbing fixtures/fittings present.

G06 (Plate 30)

Former ward within Short Stay Unit, opposite G05.

Square shaped room, 3.60m long and 3.00m wide, accessed via main corridor. Large casement window on wall opposing entrance: window 1.50m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 0.75m off the floor. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern electrical fittings present; plumbing boxed in at skirting level.

G07 (Plate 31)

Former ward within Short Stay Unit, next to G06.

Square shaped room, 3.60m long and 3.00m wide, accessed via main corridor. Large casement window on wall opposing entrance: window 1.50m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 0.75m off the floor. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern electrical fittings present; plumbing boxed in at skirting level.

G08 (Plate 32)

Former ward within Short Stay Unit, next to G07.

Square shaped room, 3.60m long and 3.00m wide, accessed via main corridor, entrance via five paneled moulded door with room name *Padarn* attached. Large casement window on wall opposing entrance: window 1.50m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 0.75m off the floor. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern electrical and furniture fittings present; plumbing boxed in at skirting level.

G09 (Plate 33)

Former ward within Short Stay Unit, next to G08.

Square shaped room, 3.60m long and 3.00m wide, accessed via main corridor, entrance via five paneled moulded door. Large casement window on wall opposing entrance: window 1.50m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 0.75m off the floor. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern electrical and furniture fittings present; plumbing boxed in at skirting level.

G10 (Plate 34)

Former ward within Short Stay Unit, next to G09.

Square shaped room, 3.60m long and 3.00m wide, accessed via main corridor, entrance via five paneled moulded door. Large casement window on wall opposing entrance: window 1.50m high and 1.00m wide, elevated 0.75m off the floor. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern electrical and furniture fittings present; plumbing boxed in at skirting level.

G11 (Plate 35)

Former Milk Room/Baby Bath within Short Stay Unit, opposite G12; converted into a single larger kitchen room.

Rectangular shaped room, 4.30m long and 2.20m wide, accessed via main corridor. Two narrow casement windows on elevation opposing entrance: 1.50m high and 0.50m wide each, elevated 1.20m off the ground. Walls are plastered/painted, floors linoleum. Modern plumbing fixtures/fittings present.

G12 (Plate 36)

Former Treatments Room within Short Stay Unit, opposite G11.

Irregular shaped room created by the conversion of the former Treatments Room into a smaller room. Southwestern end of room has a curved floor plan. Access via main corridor, entrance via modern particleboard door. Narrow casement window on opposing elevation 1.50m high and 0.50m wide, elevated 1.20m off the ground. Larger casement window, 1.50m high and wide on southwest internal elevation, with aspect onto link corridor (constructed after Short Stay Unit). Walls are painted/plastered with a linoleum floor. Modern plumbing fixtures/fittings present.

4.3 Link Corridor (Plates 37 to 40)

4.3.1 Exterior (Plates 37 to 38)

A modern link corridor built from pebbledashed units linking the Long and Short Stay Units. Total length: 38.50m, width 3.75m, with a flat roof. The corridor masks the respective southwest facing elevation of the Long and Short Stay Units and follows the north to south slope of the area, with the corridor following the slope in a stepped fashion. Six equidistant windows are present on the southwest facing elevation, each 1.50m wide (awning lights), with a similar window on the southwest facing elevation; box gutters used. Fire exits are present egressing the Short and Long Stay Units at the respective ends of the corridor. The link corridor is attached to the extensions on the southwest facing elevation of the Long Stay Unit.

4.3.2 Interior (Plates 39 to 40)

The link corridor is painted and plastered with a linoleum floor. Where the corridor adjoins the southwest facing elevation of the Long Stay Unit, the former exterior wall of the Long Stay Unit has not been altered and the original stonework is intact.

4.4 Administration block (Plates 41 to 50; Figure 01)

The administration block is the only two storey structure on the property. Part of the original complex layout, including the Long Stay Unit and the water tower. Built from irregular sized sub-rectangular stone, with gable end projections on all elevations.

The store room and prep room at the northwestern end of the ground floor were removed in 1991, reducing the footprint of the building. The former kitchen at this end was reduced in size to function as a photocopy room. The first floor was not altered externally but the internal layout has been altered from the original design.

4.4.1 Exterior elevations

Southeast facing elevation (Plates 41 to 42)

Two storey elevation incorporating ground floor rooms G02, G03 and G05 and first floor rooms F01, F02 and F04; measures 11.10m in width and 8.0m in height (maximum). Original main entrance elevation (replaced by the northeast elevation). The original ground floor entrance porch has been removed and replaced by a panelled door fire exit (2.00m high and 1.00m wide), egressing the main ground floor hall. A second floor fire exit (egressing first floor room F04) is also present (3.20m high zig-zagging metal stairwell leading to a 0.60m wide and 2.00m high). Two ground floor windows present: Room G03 window (1.70m wide and 1.90m high double sash window with stone voussoirs and sill) and Room G02 window (1.70m wide and 1.90m high double sash window with stone voussoirs and sill), separated by the fire

exit and a metal drain pipe. Two first floor windows are present: Room F02 window (1.00m wide and 1.60m high sash window with stone voussoirs and sill) and Room F04 window (1.00m wide and 1.60m high sash window with stone voussoirs and sill); an original window next to the Room F04 window has been converted into the first floor fire escape. Timber flashing on gable ends and metal guttering/downpipes used.

The projecting gable at the southwestern end of the administration block can be seen from this elevation, detailing the two storey elevation with a blocked single ground floor casement window (Room G05: 0.60m wide and 1.10m in height) and two blocked first floor windows (Room F01: both 0.60m wide and 1.10m in height).

Northeast facing elevation

Two storey elevation 10.50m wide and 8.0m high (maximum), with ground floor extension incorporating rooms G01 and G02 in the original build and the photocopy room/main entrance in the extension (ground floor extension is 3.70m high). First floor contains room F04. Irregular sized, sub-rectangular stone used throughout with quoin edging. One ground floor window present: Room G01 (0.70m wide and 1.70m high single sash window with stone voussoir and sill); one first floor window present: Room F04 (0.70m wide and 1.70m high single sash window with stone voussoir and sill). Timber flashing and metal downpipe. The photocopy room/main entrance extension is pebbledashed.

Northwest facing elevation (Plate 43)

Two storey elevation 13.20m wide and 6.80m high (maximum) incorporating the photocopy room/main entrance extension, ground floor room G04 and first floor rooms F03 to F05. This elevation was altered post-1986 with the removal of two ground floor rooms and the alteration of the kitchen into the photocopy room/main entrance extension. The altered portion of the elevation has been pebbledashed, the unaltered portion is still irregular sized, sub-rectangular stone with quoin edging. The photocopy room/main entrance extension/rebuild is a single storey gable ended structure.

The main entrance door is located on the western end of the photocopy room/main entrance extension and is a panelled door 2.00m high and 0.90m wide, approached from the site entrance via a tarmacadam driveway. Timber flashing is used beneath the gable roof line. Above the photocopy room/main entrance extension, on the first floor, is a dormer light, with a small timber flashed gable and a 0.80m wide and 1.00m high sash window with stone voussoir and sill. This dormer light is an original feature and is part of Room F03. The photocopy room/main entrance extension has been keyed into a two storey gable end that includes Rooms G04 and F05. Redundant cement flashing is extant where the photocopy room/main entrance extension is keyed in, representing part of pre-alteration structural layout. The G04/F05 gable end includes one ground floor casement window (1.60m wide and 1.80m in height with stone voussoir and sill) and one first floor casement window (1.00m wide and 1.60m in height with stone voussoir). The projecting gable at the southwestern end of the administration block can be seen from this elevation, detailing the two storey elevation with a single ground floor casement window (Room G05: 0.60m wide and 1.10m in height) and two first floor windows (Room F01: both 0.60m wide and 1.10m in height).

Southwest facing elevation (Plate 44)

Two storey elevation, 10.30m wide and 5.30m high. Includes the side elevations of Rooms G03 and G04 and the projecting gable of Rooms G05 and F01. No windows present for the side elevations of G03 and G04. A single casement window is present on the ground floor for Room G05 (0.60m wide and 1.70m high; stone voussoir and sill). Irregular sized, sub-rectangular stone used throughout with quoin edging.

4.4.2 Interior descriptions

The administration block comprises five ground floor rooms and four first floor rooms. The property is entered via the southeast facing elevation, through a 2.10m high and 1.00m wide