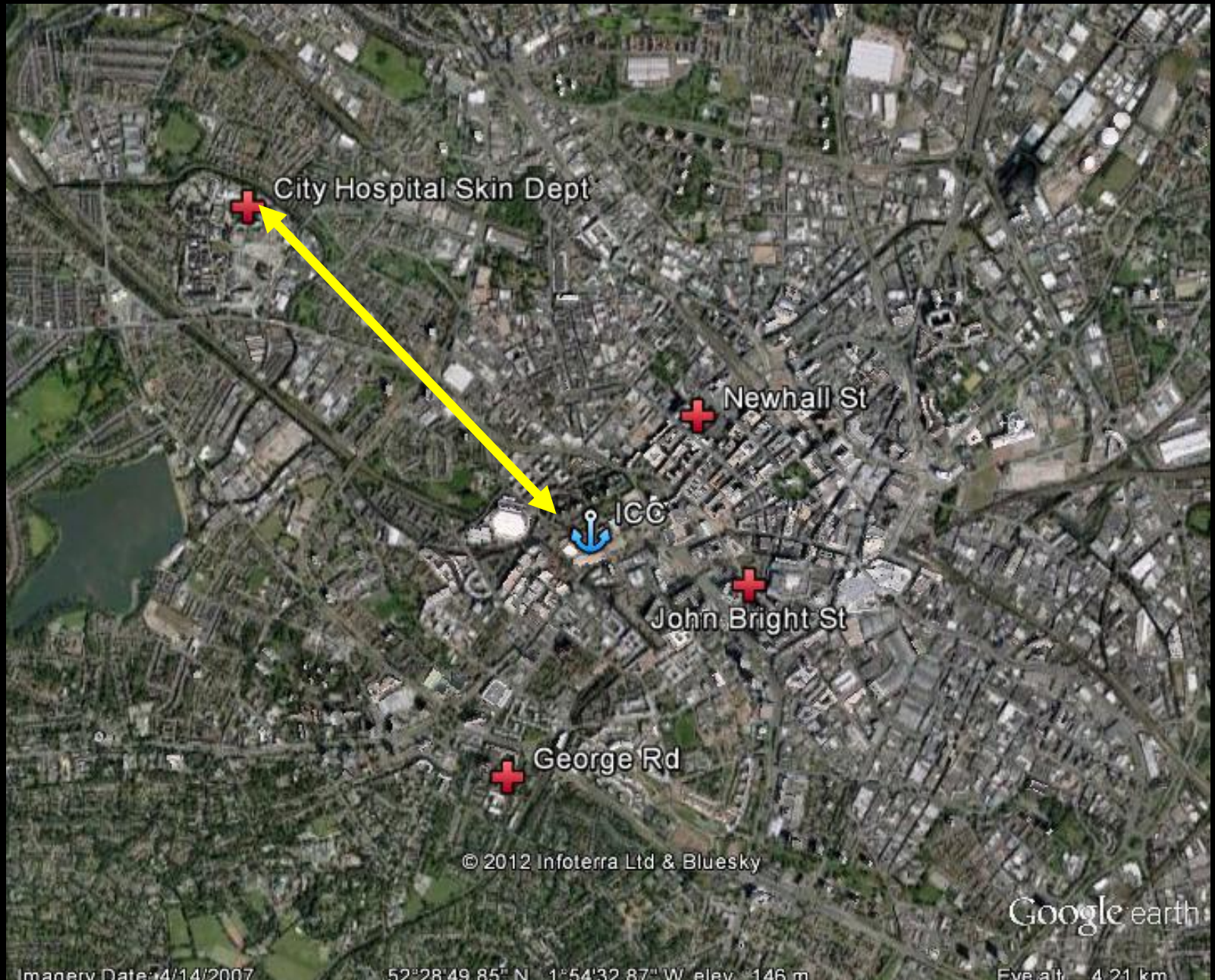


# Skin Care in Birmingham

## ....A Tale of Rags to Rashes

Andrew C Sherley-Dale  
Sid Orpin

# Orientation



# Invitation to imagine

Options for Healthcare in the late 1800s

Birmingham Workhouse

Dispensaries

Self diagnosis...Adverts, Quacks

# Lock Hospitals

London Lock 1746.....Bristol 1870 (8<sup>th</sup>)

Nearest in Manchester...

That title! *Loques (Fr)* leprosy, VD.

## Attitudes to Lock Diseases

“shamefull diseases”, penalty for “sexual immorality”,  
balanced by pity for the innocents

# Skin Hospitals

11 in London, 30 in Britain up to 1899

1<sup>st</sup> London and Westminster Infirmary 1819

St John's Hospital 1863

# A call to arms in 1880

T P Heslop

Significant physical/ moral distress/ ... “notorious quacks”

Recognised sub-specialism in medicine

Close association of skin/ lock diseases.

To be “...entirely free and unfettered”

## BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SKIN AND LOCK HOSPITAL.

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On November 18th a Meeting convened by circular was held in the Midland Institute, attended thirty-nine persons, at which Dr. HESLOP presided, when it was

Moved by Dr. A. H. CARTER, seconded by Mr. JOEL CADBURY, and carried unanimously—

“That it is desirable to establish in Birmingham a Special Hospital for the treatment of Skin Diseases and Lock Cases.”

Moved by the Rev. W. H. POULTON, seconded by Mr. J. E. HARTLEY, and supported by the Rev. B. WILKINSON, Rev. MICAH HILL, and Dr. HESLOP—

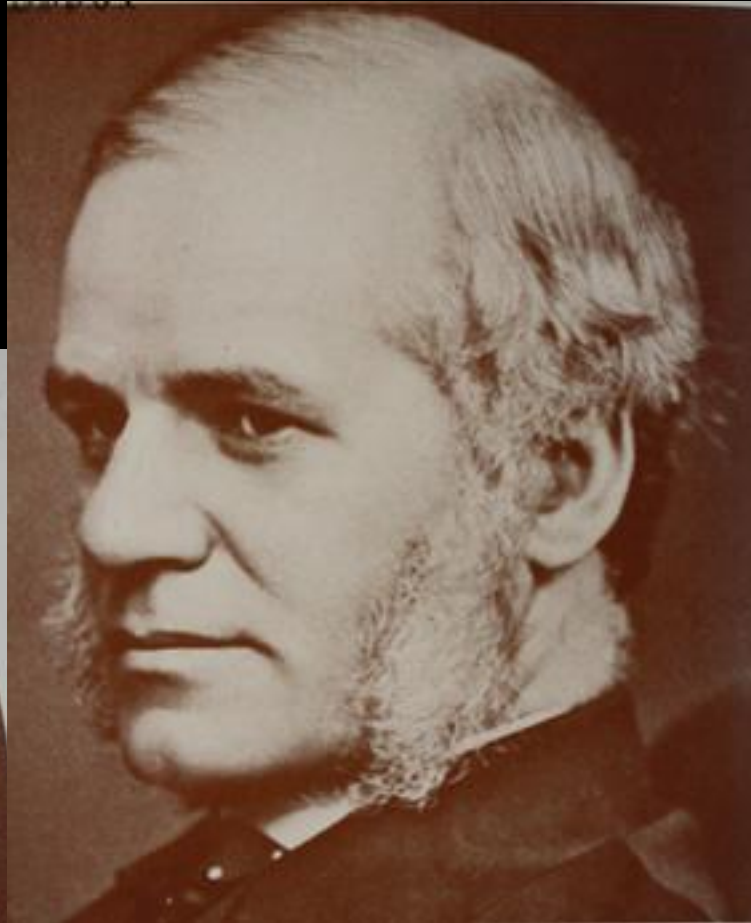
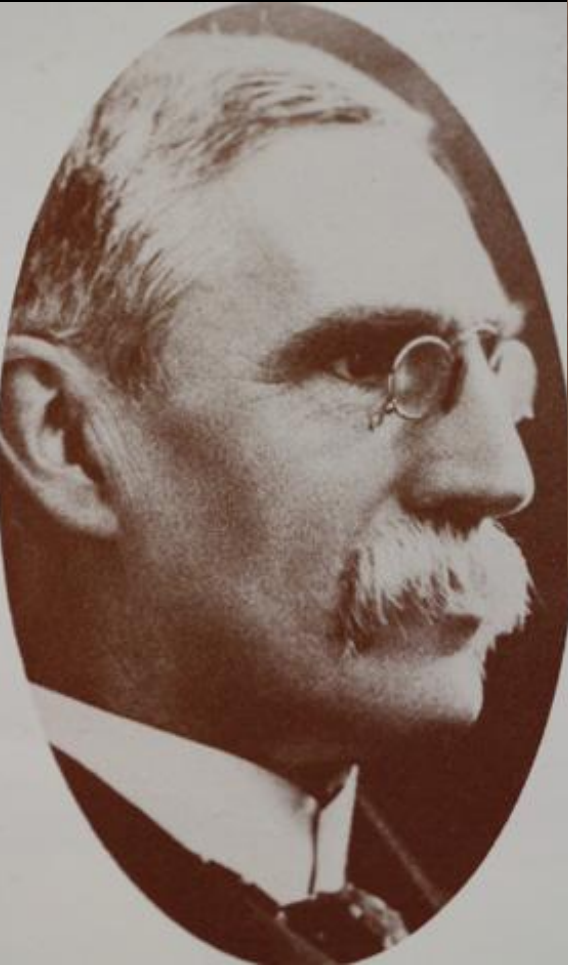
“That the following ladies and gentlemen (*here follow fourteen names*), with power to add to their number, be appointed a Committee to carry out the above resolution and to draw up Laws for the management of such Hospital, and submit the same to an Adjourned Meeting.”

The Meeting was then adjourned.

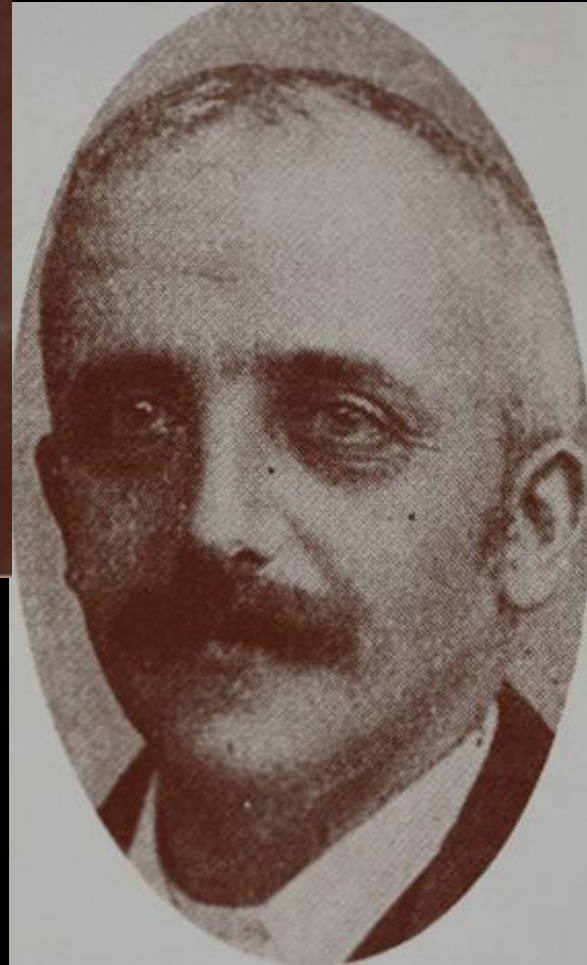
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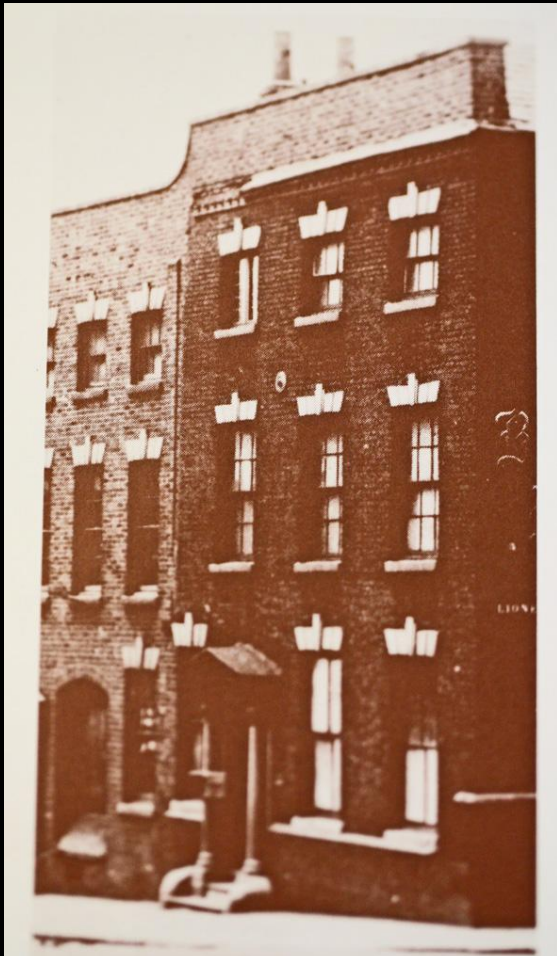
Gilbert Smith FRCSE



J W Taylor FRCS



Initial costs for first  
building/ set-up £300

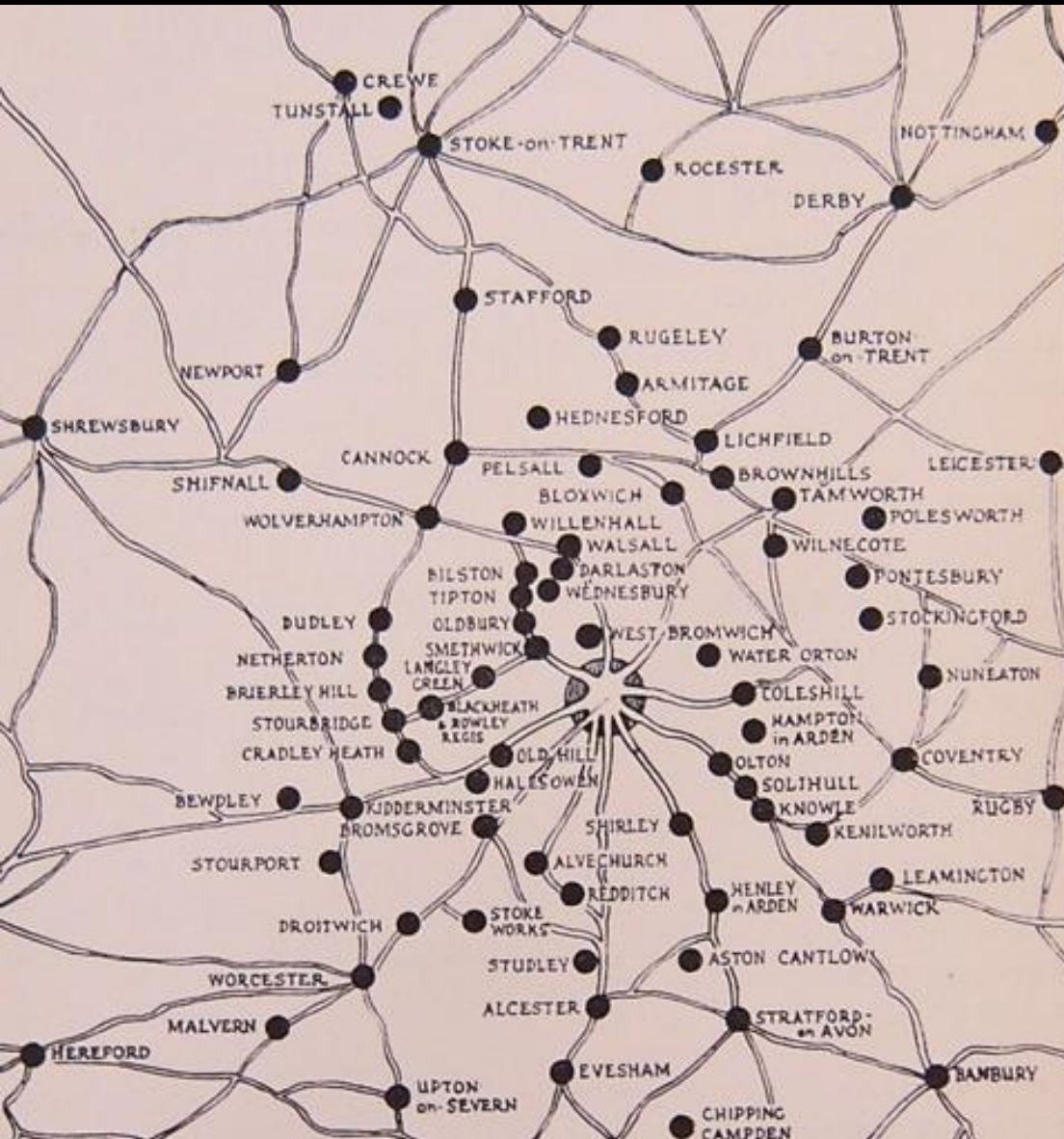


# Funding

- Medical Staff Honorary
- Subscriptions (life 10 guinea, annual ½ guinea)
- Collection boxes
  - “The skin hospital is full, the box below isn’t”
- Music concerts, dances.
- Appeals to friends, hotels, schools...
- Donations, legacies.
- Very well orchestrated, at times “pushy”!
- Hospital Saturday and Sunday Funds

# Instant Success

- Opened four days: Mon-Thursday 2pm
- Soon saw need for in patients/ baths
- New Building Fund...target £5000



Providing skin services for a 75 mile radius. Crewe and Stoke to Nottingham to Shrewsbury to Hereford and Banbury.





PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL.

# Enhanced services at John Bright Street 1888

- Separate entrances ♂ and ♀
- Extended opening: 13.30 and evenings
- Waiting rooms for 180 ♂ 150 ♀
- In-patient and Bath facilities from 1891
- Teaching Hospital status 1896

# Continued growth and success

- First 10 years...New x 4, Attendances x5
- Even by end of Nineteenth Century beginning to discuss lack of space.
- Year on year increase to a peak
  - 1954 New 15208 (x16) 15208
  - 1954 Attendances (x17) 81166

# Treatment of "Objects"

- Spooning for Lupus
- Dr Koch's Lymph from Berlin.
- Operations...excisions, urethrotomy...
- Patients known as "Objects" (of charity)

# First Name Change 1896

- Ratio of skin to lock cases increasing: opening ~50:50 by 1894 71% skin.
- Lessen prejudice “spared the possibility of any reflection being cast upon them”.
- ? Due to falling funds

“Birmingham & Midland Hospital for Skin and Urinary Diseases”

# New Services

- 1901 **Finsen Lamp** ...TB, Rickets, Smallpox, Lupus, naevi. **XR** for diagnosis and superficial Rx (ringworm 1905)
- 1904 **Radium** (1904) for “stubborn skin disease”
- 1910 **Salvarsan** (arsenical) for syphilis.
- 1921 **Erlangen apparatus** for deep cancers.

XR and Finsen Light Room  
1907



Operating Room  
1907



Men's In Patient Ward



XR Therapy 1920





1930



2012



# Further Name Change

- 1916 Royal Commission on Venereal Disease.
- Falling numbers of venereal/ urinary cases.
- 1930

“The Birmingham and Midland Skin Hospital”



# In Patient Pressure

- After considering several sites the building committee bought an old nursing home, itself built on the site of a family villa built in 1827. Wards were added.
- Cost of alterations £32129.
- Patients “loved it”



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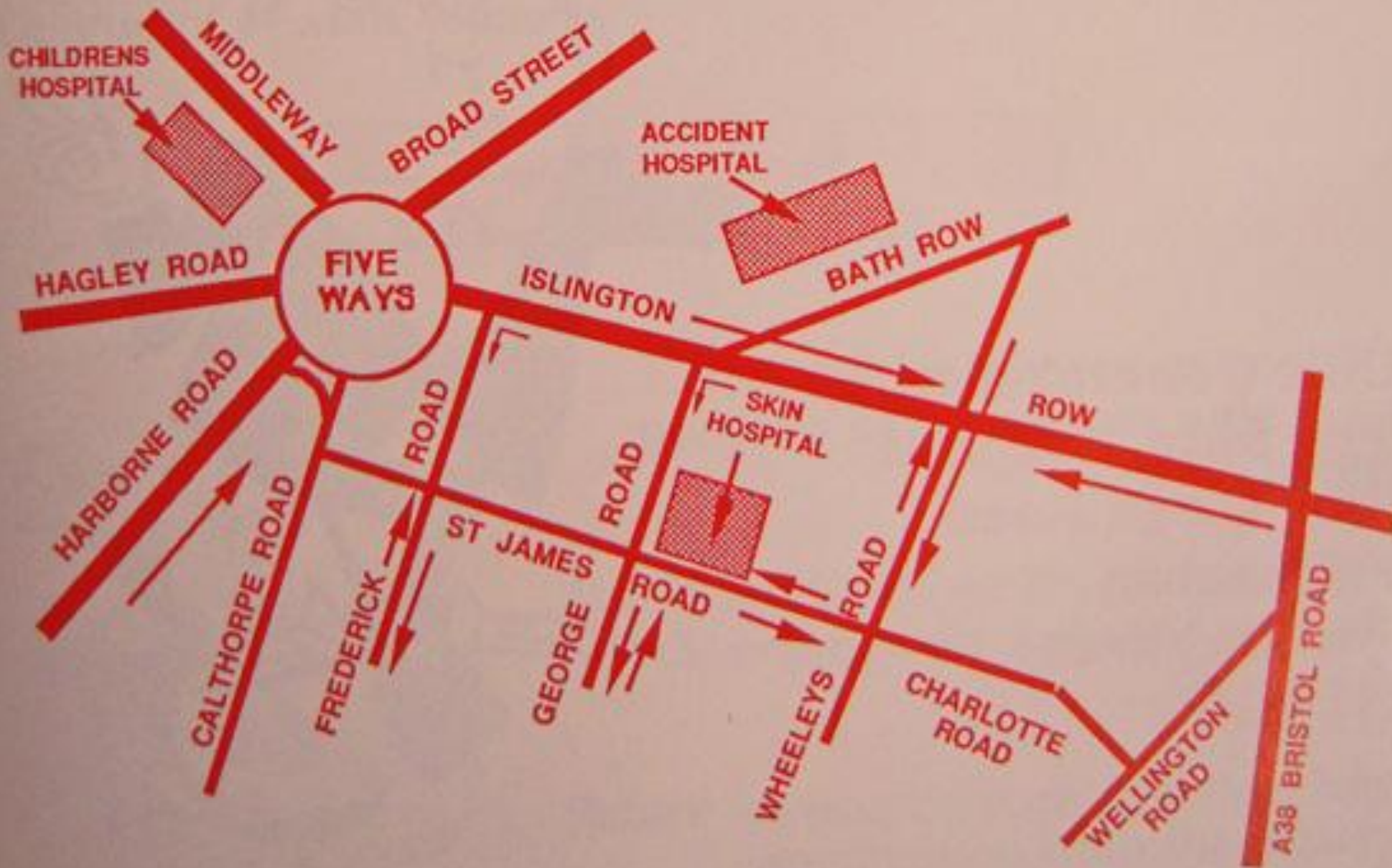
SKIN HOSPITAL

W. H. HANNA  
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GEORGE RD 15

1921

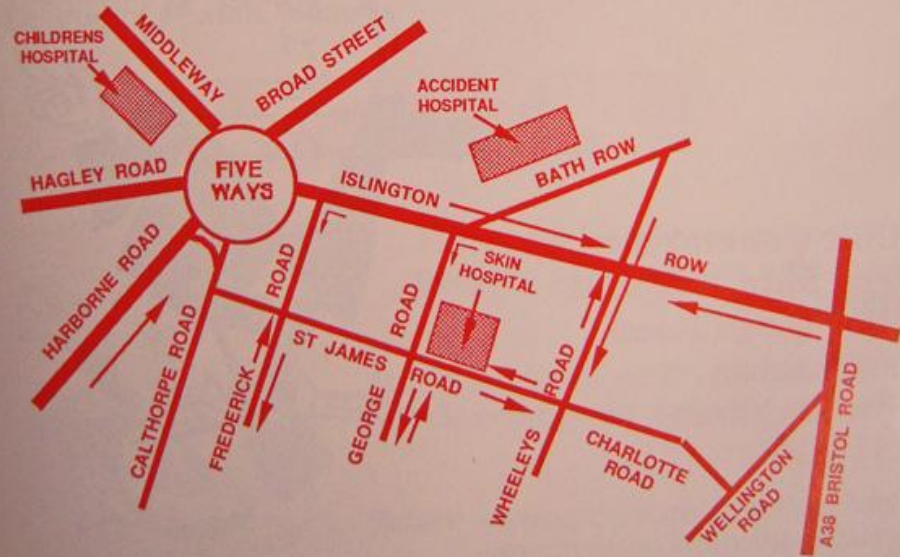












1948 No. 1490

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals etc.) Regulations, 1948

Made - - - -	30th June, 1948
Laid before Parliament	1st July, 1948
Coming into Operation	5th July, 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under sections 4 and 5 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 5th day of July, 1948:—

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

“ The Act ” means the National Health Service Act, 1946;

“ The average daily cost per in-patient ” means the average daily cost per in-patient of the maintenance of the hospital and the staff thereof and the maintenance and treatment of the in-patients therein;

“ Specialist ” means a medical practitioner appointed to a hospital for the purpose of practising a special branch of medicine with full responsibility for the treatment of patients or the carrying out of clinical, pathological or ancillary methods of investigation;

“ The Minister ” means the Minister of Health.

(2) Where any charge authorised to be made by the Minister under these regulations for accommodation or services includes a fraction of a shilling that fraction shall be disregarded if it represents less than sixpence, but otherwise it shall be reckoned as one shilling.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Charges for accommodation in single rooms or small wards*

3. The charge to be made by the Minister under section 4 of the Act for accommodation in a single room or small ward in a hospital shall be:—

(a) for accommodation in a single room, six shillings a day or any part of a day,

(b) for accommodation in a small ward with two or more beds, three shillings a day or any part of a day:

Provided that, if in the latest financial year for which information is available the average daily cost per in-patient in the hospital as calculated by the Hospital Management Committee or Board of Governors was less than twenty-four shillings the said charges shall be reduced proportionately.

# NHS approaching

- War Time: was hit in raids at least twice.
- Post 2<sup>nd</sup> WW plans for Regionalised Health SVC
- Health surveyor “recognised the good work” but wanted to see dermatology services in other main hospitals (General, QEH, Accident).
- Debts rising....passed to MoH

# Final Years

- Planning committee of Regional Health Board argued for patient convenience in place of “isolationism”.
- Further pressure when lease rose from £192 p.a to £5000 per quarter.
- 1994/5 closed ⇒ **Dudley Road Hospital**
- Later known as current **City Hospital**



- ← Sheldon Block
- ← Department of geriatric medicine
- ← Wards D46 & D47/MRU
- ← Day hospital
- ← Day hospital x-ray department
- ← B'ham Skin Centre



# CONSULTANT STAFF OF THE SKIN HOSPITAL - BIRMINGHAM

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DR. D. E. HOOKIN ROBERTSON	1948 - 1962	DR. WOHSHI ALI	2000 - 2001		



VIEW FROM CITY HOSPITAL

And so we are  
reminded of the  
beginning of it.....

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE

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Held at the Hospital, Newhall Street,

12th MAY, 1881.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, ESQ., MAYOR,

IN THE CHAIR.

# With Gratitude

- Dr Jonathan Reinarz (Director History of Medicine Unit)
- Mr Paul Hands (Colliers International)
- Ms Jenny Selwyn-Smith (Dermatology Nursing Team)
- Dr Chin Tan (Dermatologist)
- Dr Tony Abdullah (Dermatologist)
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