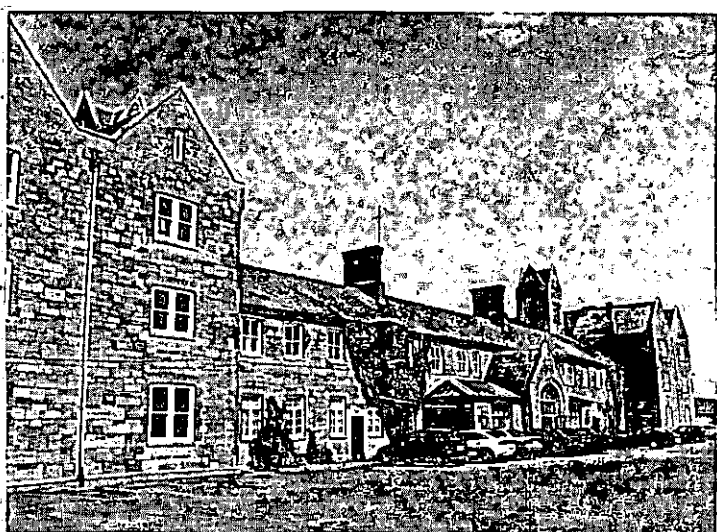


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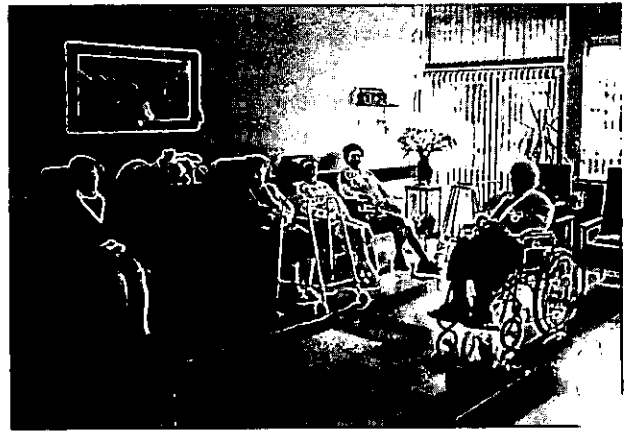
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ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICE

The objective is to accurately identify the needs of elderly persons so that the most appropriate level of rehabilitation, treatment and long term care can be identified and provided.

An Assessment Team meets fortnightly to consider any applications received for admission to the Assessment / Rehabilitation Unit.

The operation of the Assessment Unit and the resultant structured admission policy has allowed the hospital develop other vital services on site, i.e. Respite / Intermittent care, Young Chronic Sick, Terminally Ill etc. which provides access to a complete range of services on one campus.



STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan - June)
Admissions	349	168
Discharges	357	134
- Home	271	93
- Long Stay	56	29
- Welfare	8	4
- Transferred to other Hospitals	3	1
- Transferred to Naas Hospital	5	1
- Nursing Homes	4	1
- Deaths	10	5

RESPIRE AND INTERMITTENT CARE

The objective of respite and intermittent care is to provide a support for carers and to enable elderly persons to be maintained at home with the appropriate level of care for as long as possible.

A total of six beds is available for short - stay respite care to allow relatives a break for social reasons / holidays or to offer regular intermittent care to those who can as a result lead a fuller and more satisfactory life at home. This service has proven to be of benefit to patients and carers alike.



WELFARE ACCOMMODATION

The former Nurses Home has been adapted for use as an eleven bedded group home. The house offers congenial accommodation for individuals with minimum medical and social needs who live an independent existence with the back up of St. Joseph's Assessment Unit. It also provides a step down facility where patients from the Assessment Unit can be eased back into normal activities of living before their ultimate discharge home. At present there are 8 residents in this unit.



PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

Physiotherapy Department - Under Direction of the Department of Physical Medicine, Naas General Hospital.

Physiotherapy services are provided at the hospital and play a very important role in the rehabilitation and progressive recovery and discharge home of patients.

STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan - June)
In-patients	4800	3813
Out-patients	2103	1474
Treatments	13,996	8090

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE

This is a joint appointment between Naas General Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy and Baltinglass District Hospital.

The role of Senior Occupational Therapist is the provision of an assessment service and the development of occupational therapy programmes in the Long Stay centres.

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Radiology sessions are held in the hospital each week catering for in-patients, day patients and out-patients. Consultant cover is provided by the Consultant Radiologists, at Naas General Hospital.

STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan - June)
In-patients Attendances	252	144
Out-patients Attendances	580	308

CHIROPODY

Three chiropody sessions are held in the hospital every month.

STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan - June)
In-patients Treatments	799	534
Out-patients Treatments	256	87

ANTE NATAL CLINICS

Since 1983 Ante Natal Clinics have been held in the hospital. Consultants from Portlaoise General Hospital attend the hospital to service the clinics.

Attendance's at clinics for the 12 months to the 31st December, 1997 were 424 and for the period of January - June, 1998 were 225.



MEALS ON WHEELS

STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan-June)
Total Meals Provided	6,531	3,670

Meals are prepared in the hospital and delivered to elderly persons who for social or medical reasons are unable to provide a meal for themselves. Persons in need of this service are identified to the hospital by the Community Care Service.



DAY CARE UNIT

This service is critical to the overall objective of maintaining the elderly in their home environment for as long as possible. In this regard the hospital works very closely with Community Care Services. The Day Care Unit in the hospital makes available to attenders a full range of services, i.e. medical care, nursing, physiotherapy, chiropody and x-rays as required. In addition services such as bathing, hairdressing, laundry, change of clothing etc. are also provided. The Unit primarily caters for the needs of the elderly, however it also provides a day service for a number of handicapped people. The total number of patients currently on the Day Care register is 50 with an average of 20 attending each day. The catchment area for the unit extends to cover the areas of Moone, Ballytore, Narraghmore, Blackhall, Calverstown, Castledermot, Cloney, Castlemitchell and Ballyadams and frequently the attendance is dependant on the individual needs of patients. Attendance at the Unit is arranged from lists drawn up by the Public Health Nurses in close co-operation with the General Practitioners. Patients being discharged from the hospital who could benefit from attendance at the unit are also catered for.

STATISTICS

	1997	1998 (Jan - June)
Day Care Attendances	6,064	2,733

SHELTERED HOUSING

This facility consists of a modern purpose built development of ten units of Sheltered Housing and a Common Room. The objective of this service is the provision of residential accommodation for elderly ambulant persons, who can live independently and carry out daily activities but who require to reside in a sheltered environment.



VOLUNTARY GROUPS

A social Committee based at the Hospital continues to raise funds which are used for the benefit of patients.

A group "The Friends of St. Vincent's" are also currently fund raising with the aim of providing additional comforts for the patients.

Junior members of St. Vincent de Paul visit the hospital on a regular basis to talk with the patients, also at Christmas time Voluntary Groups visit the hospital to provide much appreciated nights of entertainment for patients.

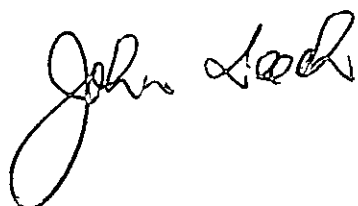
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS

In the past year the following maintenance and improvement works were carried out

- Completion of second phase of installation of substations for heating and hot water systems.
- Painting and decoration in St. Anne's ward.
- Provision of airconditioning in St. Camillus' ward.
- General upkeep of hospital grounds.
- Removal of chimney stacks for safety reasons.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- Upgrading of bathrooms in all wards.



John Leech
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