



BELVIDERE HOSPITAL

History

Belvidere Infectious Diseases Hospital was built by Glasgow Town Council in 1871 with a bed capacity of 250. Its original temporary buildings were replaced by permanent ones in 1887.

In 1900–1901 five temporary pavilions were erected to cope with a smallpox epidemic. They were not demolished until 1937.

Belvidere remained primarily an infectious diseases hospital until after the creation of the National Health Service in 1948. In the latter years, Belvidere was mainly a geriatric hospital with it housing a psychiatric unit for the last 2 years.

Belvidere closed in 1999 and the only building remaining for some years was the main building. Now even the first extension buildings have been demolished leaving only the shell of the original block building.



API Log

This was a great opportunity to investigate the old Belvidere hospital building. The expansive site already has homes built near it and its only a matter of time before building starts on the hospital building itself. The plans are to incorporate a new block of apartments into the structure of the listed hospital building.

Due to its nature of care, a very high number of nurses died in Belvidere.



There have been a number of paranormal reports in this hospital building



Main staircase still standing but there are not dividing floors.



Findings

Minor EMF fluctuation.

EVPs were inconclusive.

Conclusion

We knew there would only be so much to investigate on this site due to the state of disrepair but we were curious to do so regardless. At night time it really was such an eerie place and in the middle of a Scottish winter, it just seemed to add to the scene.

The main staircase still stands but with no floors in between meant we could only stay on the ground level.

Cannot confirm whether anything paranormal is present, but there certainly was a strange feeling in that place and not quite sure if I would happily live in one of the converted flats to come.

Again, thank you to our colleagues from the UK who assisted us with this investigation.