

Register of the Admission of 'Mental Defectives', New Town Infirmary

1926 – 1965

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Details

The Register of the Admission of 'Mental Defectives' lists people living at the New Town Infirmary, and the institutions that superseded it, who were registered as 'mental defects' under the *Mental Deficiency Act* 1920. The age ranges were from 10 to 54.

Access Conditions

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Records

The Register gives the person's name, age, date of admission, date of discharge or death, religion, if able to read or write, date of certification under the *Mental Deficiency Act*, trade or calling, pensions, and the names and addresses of relatives or friends. A column entitled 'from what district' often names a former institution, for example HM Gaol, Ashley Home, Lachlan Park Hospital, Clarendon Children's Home, Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Barrington Home for Boys, and Magdalen Home. The Register is organised alphabetically with men on the left hand page and women on the right.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Campbell Street Gaol \(1821 - 1960\)](#)

The Campbell Street Gaol transferred inmates to the Mental Defectives Home.

- [Magdalen Home \(1893 - 1974\)](#)
The Magdalen Home transferred children to the Mental Defectives' Home.
 - [New Town Infirmary \(1912 - 1934\)](#)
 - [Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys \(1921 - 1973\)](#)
The Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys transferred children to the Mental Defectives' Home.
 - [Clarendon Children's Home \(1922 - 2004\)](#)
Clarendon Children's Home transferred children to the Mental Defectives' Home.
 - [Ashley Home for Boys \(1926 - 1999\)](#)
Ashley Home for Boys transferred children to the Mental Defectives' Home.
 - [New Town Rest Home \(1934 - 1936\)](#)
 - [St John's Park \(1936 - 1994\)](#)
 - [Barrington Boys' Home \(1946 - 1981\)](#)
Barrington Boys' Home transferred children to the Mental Defectives' Home.
 - [Risdon Prison \(1960 - current\)](#)
Risdon Prison may have transferred inmates to the Mental Defectives' Home.
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