

PROJECT BACKGROUND WILLIAM QUARRIERS SCOTTISH EPILEPSY CENTRE

Quarriers is a leading social care charity. We provide practical care and support for children, adults, and families to bring about positive change in their lives. We believe that each of us deserves the opportunity to live, work, socialise and be accepted within our own community and for our voices to be heard on the issues that concern us. We work towards our vision of a just and accepting society, where everyone can participate and enjoy life. Today Quarriers delivers a diverse range of high quality services in Scotland, keeping alive the forward thinking spirit of William Quarrier who founded the organisation over 140 years ago.

We support and care for adults and children with a physical or learning disability, for children and families facing poverty, family breakdown, exclusion and disadvantage, and for young people with social emotional or behavioural difficulties or who are homeless. We also offer support to carers of all ages who need respite, advice, or just a friendly listening ear, and we run the only residential epilepsy assessment unit in Scotland.

We currently operate in excess of 100 services, from Moray and Aberdeenshire in the north to Bath and Swindon in the south. It is through such services, with a turnover of £42 million and almost 2000 staff that the organisation supports thousands of people in Scotland and beyond to reach their true potential.

The William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre provides the only residential assessment and treatment centre in Scotland for adults with epilepsy. We are an Independent Hospital operated by Quarriers Charity providing services to patients and clinicians across Scotland. Our modern 12 bed in-patient facility provides flexible, patient-centred residential assessment for adults aged 16 years and over.

We offer multidisciplinary in-patient assessment to people with complex diagnostic and treatment needs. The William Quarrier Scottish Epilepsy Centre provides clinical review and diagnostic assessment such as EEG, ambulatory EEG and videotelemetry besides the ability to initiate or withdraw medications in a safe monitored environment. The centre also provides outpatient and telemedicine clinics.

It is the only service of this nature in Scotland and provides specialist residential epilepsy assessment. Patients can be admitted to the unit for assessment periods of up to four weeks or longer if necessary. This includes patients with refractory epilepsy and those where diagnosis of epilepsy requires clarification. Subsequently there is a considerable turnover of patients using the service with approximately 120 inpatients admitted annually.



The Scottish Epilepsy Centre is registered with and inspected by Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Referrals are accepted from Health Boards and Local Authorities throughout Scotland and beyond. It provides a unique residential assessment service to people with epilepsy in Scotland, which is normally not available in a hospital setting. With advanced technology all 12 beds are capable of monitoring. We also carry out some ambulatory EEG monitoring for both inpatients and outpatients.

In addition to our Inpatient Service we also provide Outpatient Services. All referrals are seen initially as an Outpatient and Outpatient Clinics are also facilitated for people who have been discharged from the Unit. We work closely with the Neurology Team at the Institute of Neurological Sciences, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow in order to develop both our staff and services.



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