

## **The Royal London Hospital Museum**

### **Access Statement - 2015**

#### **Introduction**

The Royal London Hospital Museum displays exhibitions which chart the history of the Hospital from 1740 to the present day. Highlights include Joseph Merrick (the 'Elephant Man') and former London Hospital nurses Edith Cavell and Eva Luckes. A showcase on forensic medicine features original material on the Whitechapel ('Jack the Ripper') murders and the London Hospital surgeon and curator, Thomas Horrocks Openshaw. We also have a permanent exhibition of artefacts and archives relating to the hospital and the history of healthcare in the East End. Works of art, surgical instruments, medical and nursing equipment, uniforms, medals, and written archives and printed books are included.

We strive to make our museum as accessible to visitors as possible and we welcome any feedback on how we can improve our service.

#### **Access to the Museum**

The Museum is located in the crypt of St Philip's Church, the entrance to which is on Newark Street, E1 2AA.

We are open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4.30pm; closed weekends and public holidays.

There is one disability accessible toilet which is on the same level as the Museum. Please ask a member of staff for access. Other visitors may use the facilities in the main hospital building.

There is a fairly steep ramp leading down to the entrance door, this door is spring loaded so may be difficult to pull open. There is a bell which can be used to alert a member of staff. Please note there is a very small step through the entrance door.



Museum entrance from ramp

For visitors who prefer not to use the main entrance, there is a disability lift at the entrance to the Library (on the corner of Turner Street and Newark Street). Visitors wishing to use the lift must telephone the museum in advance.



Disability lift into Library

Please ask a member of staff if you require assistance in locating and accessing the museum.

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