

1.0 Introduction

Manchester Royal Infirmary moved to its present Oxford Road site in 1908 from Piccadilly to new buildings designed by architects Edwin T Hall and John Brooke in the Edwardian style. The main building on Oxford Road which is now part of the Trust Headquarters was officially opened by King Edward VIII in 1909.

The Lecture Theatres are situated on the ground and first floors of the Grade II listed building off Nelson Street which houses the Undergraduate Education North facilities including the Lecture Theatres and is commonly referred to as the Old School of Physio.

It was originally the old Outpatients Department for Manchester Royal Infirmary and then the old laundry R&D prior to being reconfigured under the PFI Joint Hospitals Project (see Fig 01 below).

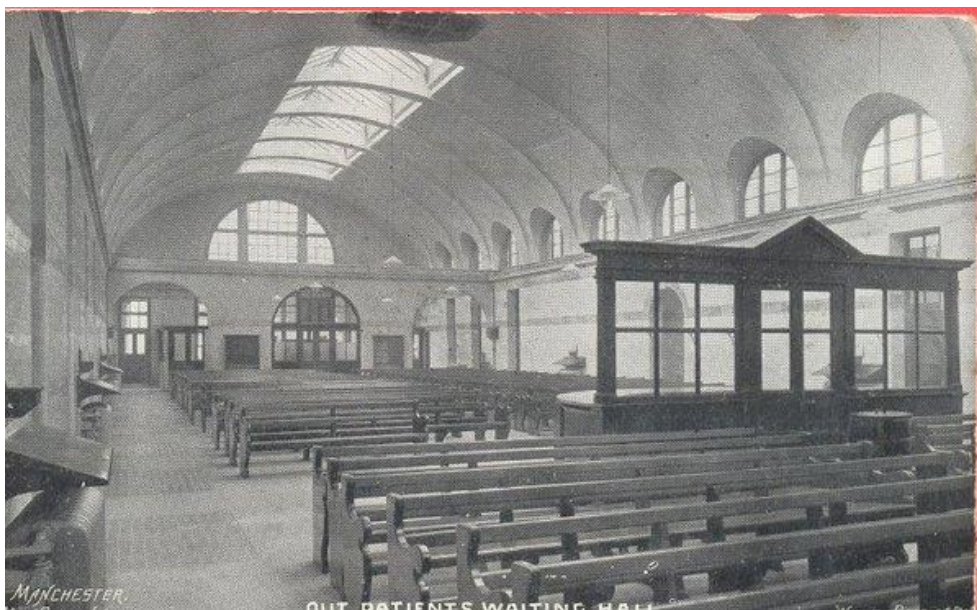


Fig 01 – Outpatients Waiting Area – no rooflight to proposed areas (circa 1920's)

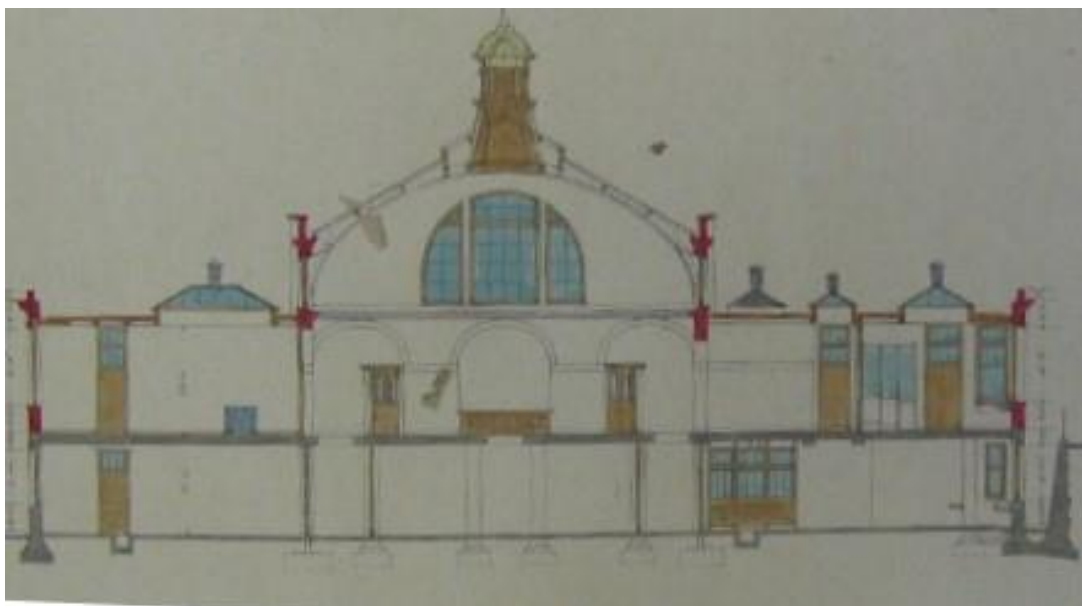


Fig 02 – Original Cross Section Drawing (circa 1920's)

There is little information as to the date of construction or who designed it however other buildings around the site which were designed in a similar style and have now been demolished were constructed in the 1920's and it is assumed that the Old School of Physio was constructed in a similar timeframe.

The earliest OS map reference shows the building in 1922 (see Fig 03 below).

The main building in keeping with other buildings that were on the site prior to demolition under the PFI project is also in the Edwardian style and consists of a concrete structure with external facing brick and painted timber windows with stone banding and keystones above the existing windows.

The existing windows are original being timber framed with arched heads which have been incorporated into the curved plasterboard ceilings creating an inverse eyebrow effect aperture internally.

The basement was originally the Pharmacy and the building continued in its original function until the new MRI was opened in 1990.

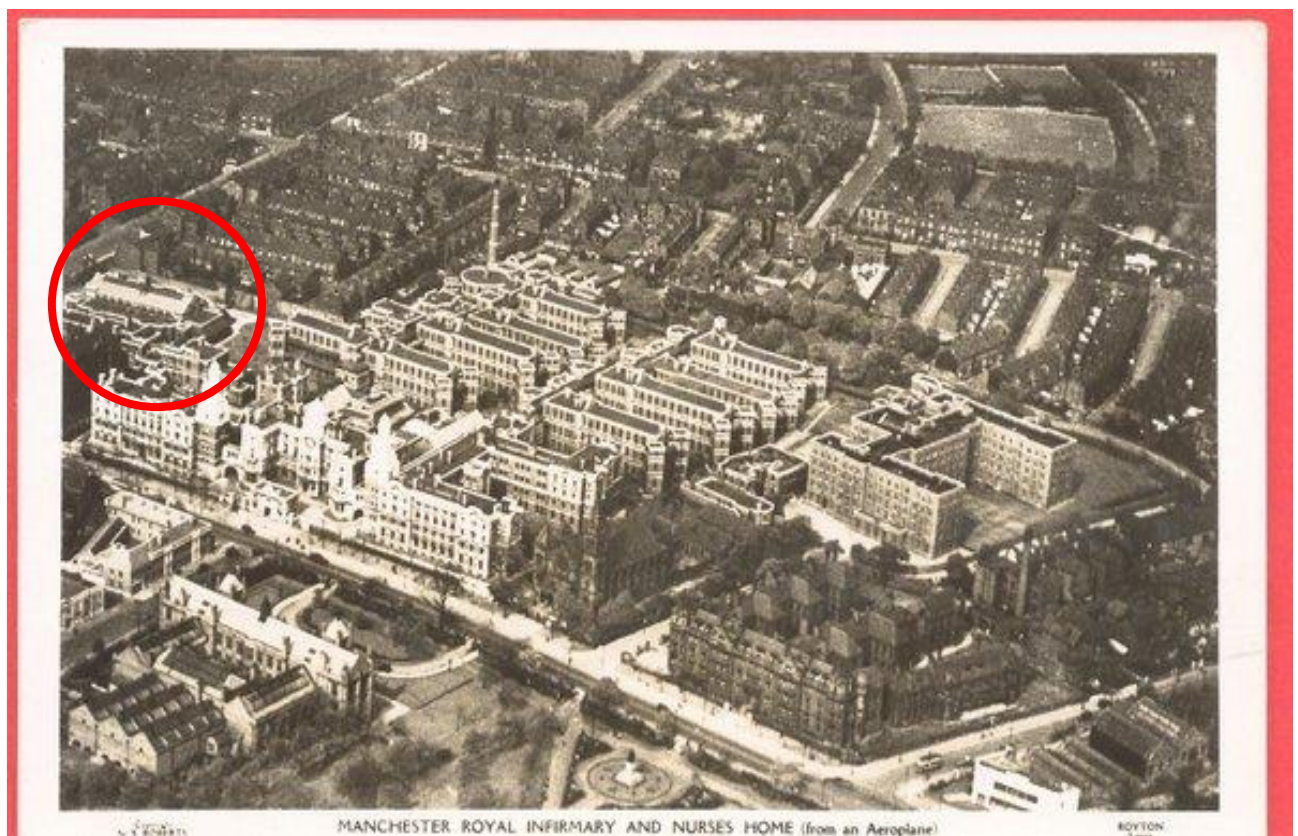


Fig 03 – Aerial View of Original Building (circa 1920's)



Fig 04 – External Façade (present day)

The central hospital site has seen considerable investment with a new hospital built under the Private Finance Initiative in 2009 and the School of Physio building was extended as part of the PFI project and modified with a single storey extension using facing brick with polyester powder coated aluminium windows externally with internal modifications to the ground floor to create what is now Education North accommodating teaching facilities and lecture theatres. There is also evidence of previous window replacement work to the main building with UPVC windows especially to the 1st floor gable elevation.

The main area being refurbished under this proposal are entirely internal with no works affecting the exterior façade or original external fabric.

2.0 Proposals

The current lecture theatres are to be lifecycled and this is covered under LBC Application Number 120237/LO/2018 and approved on 6 June 2018.

As part of these works there is a need to bring the building up to the standards required under the Equality Act 2010.

This requires some minor modifications to allow for wheelchair accessibility to the lecture theatres as follows:

- Create a new passing place in the main corridor due to existing corridor width being less than 1.8m
- Existing double door sets require modifying to door and a half leaf as not wide enough to facilitate wheelchair users
- Existing lobby area which is being used as a breakout space does not comply with Approved Document Part B due to insufficient segregation of escape routes and requires a new fire rated partition and doors to separate the means of escape routes.

2.1 Impact

There is no impact to the external aesthetics of the building under this project.

Internally there will be the part removal of existing fabric in the corridor to create the new passing place.

The existing walls are concrete block and a 1.8m long section of this wall will be removed and replaced with a recessed area constructed of metal stud plasterboard lined partition (see Fig 1).

Corridor doors will be replaced with door and half leaf, painted including vision panels all to match existing (see Fig 2).

The new partition to segregate the lobby/breakout area will also be metal stud plasterboard lined with painted doors to match existing (see Fig 3).

2.2 Access

Access to the building will remain as through the existing main entrance off the boulevard entrance.

The proposed works are required to improve accessibility to all.

2.3 Materials/Aesthetic Impact

Internally the walls will be redecorated and new floor coverings to give the facility a new lease of life.

Existing internal painted doors will repainted.

The finishes proposals are attached as agreed with the end users.

EXISTING		PROPOSED
Walls		
Painted plaster		Repainted
Ceilings		
Suspended ceiling tiles		Existing to remain and modified
Internal Doors		
Timber paint grade doors		New doors to match existing finish

2.4 Summary

The works do not affect any of the original fabric of the listed building except where stated as part of the new corridor passing place.

3.0 Existing Materials Affected under Proposals

Fig 1: Corridor – Passing Place (Area to be removed shown shaded)



Fig 2: Corridor – Doors (Convert to Door and Half Leaf)

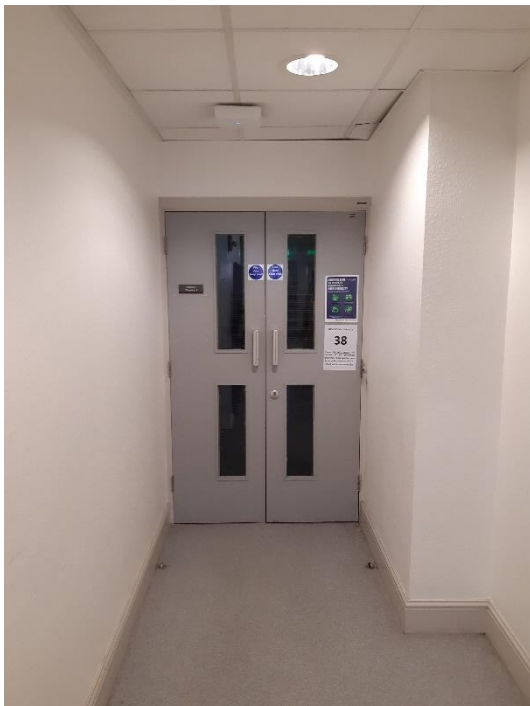


Fig 3: Lobby/Break Out Area (new partition and door positions shown shaded)

