

History of Dorset County Hospital

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**DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL
SUBSCRIBERS IN 1851**

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Data sources: Dorset County Hospital, annual report for 1851, published in January 1852 (reference NG/HH/DO(C)/10M/36) and the treasurers' accounts 1848-56 (reference NG/HH/DO(C)/4/1/2), both at the Dorset History Centre. These sources have been supplemented with information from the 1851 census, the National Probate Register, the *Dorset County Chronicle* and the *Sherborne Mercury*.

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	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total individual subscribers	352	78.9	94	21.1	446	100.0
Recurring subscribers	338	96.0	85	90.4	423	94.8
New subscribers	14	4.0	9	9.6	23	5.2
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0
Occupations (males only)						
Army and Navy officers	22	6.3	0	0.0	22	6.3
Bankers	10	2.8	0	0.0	10	2.8
Barristers and solicitors	28	8.0	0	0.0	28	8.0
Clergymen	107	30.4	0	0.0	107	30.4
Members of Parliament	7	2.0	0	0.0	7	2.0
Peers	6	1.7	0	0.0	6	1.7
Physicians and surgeons	8	2.3	0	0.0	8	2.3
Tradesmen and manufacturers	54	15.3	0	0.0	54	15.3
Others	108	30.7	0	0.0	108	30.7
Unknown	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	0.6
Total	352	100.0	0	0.0	352	100.0
Marital status (females only)						
Married	0	0.0	23	24.5	23	24.5
Widowed	0	0.0	37	39.4	37	39.4
Unmarried	0	0.0	30	31.9	30	31.9
Unknown	0	0.0	4	4.3	4	4.3
Total	0	0.0	94	100.0	94	100.0
Age at 1851 census						
20-29	12	3.4	6	6.4	18	4.0
30-39	64	18.2	9	9.6	73	16.4
40-49	105	29.8	18	19.1	123	27.6
50-59	86	24.4	21	22.3	107	24.0
60-69	44	12.5	14	14.9	58	13.0
70+	35	9.9	20	21.3	55	12.3
Unknown	3	0.9	6	6.4	9	2.0
Died before census	3	0.9	0	0.0	3	0.7
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0
Youngest	24	-	22	-	22	-
Oldest	93	-	82	-	93	-
Average age	50	-	55	-	51	-
Year died						
1850 (posthumous payment)	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	0.4
1851	5	1.4	1	1.1	6	1.3
1852-56	47	13.4	20	21.3	67	15.0
1857-61	43	12.2	10	10.6	53	11.9
More than 10 years later	231	65.6	51	54.3	282	63.2
Unknown	24	6.8	12	12.8	36	8.1
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0

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	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Month first part of subscription was paid						
January	236	67.0	65	69.1	301	67.5
February	30	8.5	8	8.5	38	8.5
March	12	3.4	2	2.1	14	3.1
April	25	7.1	7	7.4	32	7.2
May	19	5.4	3	3.2	22	4.9
June	3	0.9	1	1.1	4	0.9
July	3	0.9	1	1.1	4	0.9
August	2	0.6	2	2.1	4	0.9
September	3	0.9	0	0.0	3	0.7
October	7	2.0	2	2.1	9	2.0
November	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
December	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not recorded	12	3.4	3	3.2	15	3.4
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0
Usual residence (census district)						
Beaminster	16	4.5	4	4.3	20	4.5
Blandford	21	6.0	5	5.3	26	5.8
Bridport	12	3.4	3	3.2	15	3.4
Dorchester	165	46.9	40	42.6	205	46.0
Poole	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	0.4
Shaftesbury	4	1.1	1	1.1	5	1.1
Sherborne	16	4.5	3	3.2	19	4.3
Sturminster	14	4.0	3	3.2	17	3.8
Wareham	25	7.1	10	10.6	35	7.8
Weymouth	35	9.9	12	12.8	47	10.5
Wimborne	14	4.0	1	1.1	15	3.4
Dorset parishes in Axminster	3	0.9	3	3.2	6	1.3
Not in Dorset	23	6.5	8	8.5	31	7.0
Unknown	2	0.6	1	1.1	3	0.7
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0
Actual location on census night						
Bedfordshire	1	0.3	1	1.1	2	0.4
Berkshire	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Cumberland	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Devon	6	1.7	0	0.0	6	1.3
Dorset	287	81.5	68	72.3	355	79.6
Gloucestershire	2	0.6	3	3.2	5	1.1
Hampshire	4	1.1	2	2.1	6	1.3
Hertfordshire	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Kent	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	0.4
London/Middlesex	16	4.5	3	3.2	19	4.3
Leicestershire	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Norfolk	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Oxfordshire	1	0.3	1	1.1	2	0.4
Somerset	6	1.7	1	1.1	7	1.6
Surrey	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	0.4
Sussex	3	0.9	1	1.1	4	0.9
Wiltshire	2	0.6	1	1.1	3	0.7
Yorkshire	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2
Died before the census	3	0.9	0	0.0	3	0.7
Whereabouts unknown	11	3.1	13	13.8	24	5.4
Total	352	100.0	94	100.0	446	100.0