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MS: I'm here with Frances Lockhart and Rita Riddick to be interviewed primarily about their memories of working at Gribton Hospital. So, I'll start with you Frances. Tell me a wee bit, a brief history of yourself.

FL: I was born in Ecclefechan, went to Lockerbie Academy, went to the Tech College in Dumfries and did the pre-nursing course. From there I went to Gribton as a Daffodil Girl, which was just a work experience, and I got a job afterwards, after leaving the Tech College, as an auxiliary at Gribton and then I went to do my Enrolled Nurse training in 1970 to '72. Then I got married and lived in Dumfries up until now.

MS: Tell me, why were you called a Daffodil Girl?

FL: It was because we wore yellow coats, which the hospital gave us, and the sisters there thought we looked like daffodils [*laughter*]. There was four altogether went and we had a great time, we really thoroughly enjoyed it, and that was it.

MS: Ok, thank you. Rita, a little bit about yourself?

RR: I was born at Terregles, in my parent's small holding, and stayed there, we lived there until I got married in 1961. I was, had always wanted to be a nurse but didn't really know very much about it. I thought, well my mother thought I shouldn't do it because she didn't think I would last the pace, as it were. But we had a district nurse, Mary Muir she would be in those days, who attended an old gentleman up the road who I was very fond of so I was often up there anyway and she took me in one day, just to help her finish off making the bed, and let me do anything that wouldn't be a danger to the patient and I just went on from there. So it used to embarrass me latterly when I did work at Gribton, and she used to say that she always remembered me as this wee girl that was swinging on the garden gate watching for her coming along. So, I was possibly a late beginner to nursing, I had taken up other things when I left school and I didn't start nurse training till 1996, I started my pupil nurse training because it was advertised, and advertised for married women to do part time, but I wanted to do the full time and I got in then and from there I decided later on that I would like to do a bit more studying and I was a student nurse from 1969 to 1972.

MS: Did you say 1996 when you did your pupil training?

3m 47s.

RR: Yes, 1966 [*laughter*]

MS: So, we've clarified the dates. Yes, ok. Thank you. How did you find your training, because you both did the enrolled nurse training to start off with?

FL: It was very good. Well, I trained at Charnwood and from Charnwood we used to get transport to the hospital, to Dumfries and Galloway, and you would have a practical time with your tutor and everything, it was very good, Mr Shankland and Mr Little.

RR: That's right.

FL: Really good.

MS: And then you ended up at, you chose to go back to Gribton?

FL: I chose to go back to Gribton because I like care for of the elderly and I had done a lot of ma training at Gribton, because that was where the pupil nurses seemed to go more, the Gribton and the Grove, and I was offered a job, this job came up and I was offered it and applied for it and got it and that was it, quite happy.

MS: Good. And Rita, how did you end up working at Gribton?

RR: I, again like Frances, through pupil nurse training. Most of the pupil nurses did go between Grove and Gribton and then after, as a student nurse, well we didn't go to Gribton but a post came up. I had worked in the orthopaedic outpatients, which I hated, and a post came up for a Sister at Gribton Hospital and ah put in for that and was successful.

MS: So, at Gribton Hospital what was the kind of nursing and the staffing structure? There was a Nursing Officer.

RR: There was, yea, there was, there was one Nursing Officer and...

FL: Two ward Sisters.

RR: ...two Sisters and we didn't have Staff Nurses, it was Enrolled Nurses. And, as I say, the care was just excellent. I would have been very happy if I had been, if a parent of mine had to go in there I would be extremely happy at that. But as we said, it was hard work but there was no slackers, really, there was the odd one or two, but we won't mention them, you know, but we all just worked very well as a team. What I do remember, when it came around for the patients to, that it was going to be closed and we were taking them in to, we tried to sort of break that to them gently as much as we could etc. and on this particular day one of the enrolled nurses came to me, because she used to, we did little jobs like she used to write letters for one of our patients and she came with it to me and she says, and it had said that, the lady had said to whoever she was writing her letter to 'And we're moving from here to the Infirmary, to the old Infirmary and I don't want that at all but what's even worse it's the same nurses that are going with us (*laughter*).

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RR: And the nurse that gave it to me wanted to tear it up and she didn't want to send it. I said 'You have to send it' I said 'that's all there is about it, that's the way she feels'. She was fine when she got there, it was just, you know, to add to it she was wanting to really make it because I'm quite sure she did love us all. 'What's more it's the same nurses that are going there!' She was lovely.

MS: How many patients were there then? You said about the male and the female.

FL: Female, yea there was the two wards and I think there was about, probably, twenty-two female, upstairs, but it was individual rooms. There was four to a room and two to a room, and it was like just wee bedrooms wasn't it?

RR: Mm, yes.

FL: Well, [?] bedrooms and downstairs I think there was maybe twenty-two as well but there was eight males down the stairs.

RR: Eight males, yea, but as Frances said earlier on, when we were just talking before, when we came in at first they were very lucky with the GPs that came out, because they acted really like Senior Housemen you would have at a hospital and they were out, every single day they came out.

FL: Every morning and night.

RR: Every day, well maybe not a Saturday and Sunday but every day. It wasn't a case of 'We'll just go out once or twice a week' or something, no they were there very, very...

FL: And they came about eight o'clock in the morning, Dr [?] used to come wasn't it?

RR: Yea.

FL: Before his surgery started.

9m 04s.

MS: Gosh. And in the hospital itself, I have got this photograph here, and it seems really just a big two storey old house. Was that...?

FL: Yes, it was.

MS: Is that...

RR: Yea.

FL: With lots of wee sort of nooks and crannies.

RR: Yes.

FL: Round the back where we changed everything, and there was like a flat upstairs that the Matron stayed in as well, wasn't there? On the corner.

RR: Yea, there would be. And it was, when you went for your break, there was a sitting-room for the nursing staff but the Sisters were in a special area of her own, a lovely big room for our tea.

MS: So it was all, relationships were very formal were they?

FL: They were and they weren't. I mean it was just what happened. I think the Sisters would go and have tea with the Matron, because she was always there, Miss Murray, wasn't she?

RR: Yea, yea.

FL: And the staff would go to the dining room with the Sister but then they would depart and they went upstairs [*laughter*]. But no, it was good and the food was excellent.

RR: Oh, definitely, it was lovely, lovely food. There was an escapade once, I don't know whether this should be, another one I don't know whether it should be recorded or not but when this young lady here was going to get married...

FL: Oh, that one. I know what you're going to say [*laughs*].

RR: Yes, and it did happen, although a long time, she was taken round to where the, the meals came up on a like a dumb waiter, you know, or whatever, I don't know, about that size, she was very wee. So she was chucked into it, she was put in it, and then the bell was rung, you know, for them, at the bottom [?] to open the door but they didn't just, they opened the door with and then flung bags of flour all over her but apparently it happened to others as well.

11m 16s.

Unfortunately the two Sister, well, the Matron then and Sister down the stairs got wind of this and I was sent for, got torn, you know 'This should never happen', it was dangerous right enough [*laughter*] but then I said 'Well, you know, but that wasn't the first time' I said 'it went on when ah wasn't here, it's been going on since ever, anybody, it's always happened, it's what they did'. Well, of course, Sister Murray was absolutely...I said and to be told that it wasn't the first time. At first it was like that I had instigated it more, but no, it was a ritual. But that was the last, so she was the last lady in the lift, covered in flour [*laughter*]. It was all good fun.

MS: What made it so, the care, you've said it had been excellent care. What made it that?

RR: I don't think, I was going to say, woe betide us if we didn't, with both either Sister Murray or Sister Parker, but we weren't frightened from them, but we did, ah mean ah think we admired them and we wanted to, you know, they wanted the standards and there was no way that you would break that standard, at all. Written standards weren't in, in those days, but you just did as, did as you were told but that's a bit harsh, as you were led. You were led by them and they were good leaders.

MS: Right.

RR: Yea.

FL: Mm.

MS: Right, ok, ok. So what's some of the sort of the kind of little incidents that happened in your time up there?

FL: About Bobby?

RR: Yes, ah've told you about Bobby, of course. Yes, one of my, when I went back as a Sister and I think it was the very first night that ah was evening, on the late shift that ah was on without either the Sister or the Matron being there, because the Matron, then, Miss Murray had retired and the Matron was Mrs Barker so, of course, she didn't live in. So I was the, there my first night sort of thing, evening on, and one of the Enrolled Nurses from down the stairs, who was a absolutely super person, came rushing up the stairs and said 'Oh, come quick, come quick'. She said 'Ah don't know what's wrong with Bobby but he's really not well and he's gone off his legs' she said. Well, old people do go off their legs. She said 'I'm, he's just not, I can't get anything out of him' she says, and I thought 'Oh dear, right, I'll come down. So I went down to the ward, down the stairs, into the ward that the men were in and I looked round the men and they all looked not bad.

14m 32.

But I said 'Well, where is Bobby? Is he in here or is he into the...' I thought he might have been in the single room, I don't even know if there was one, ah can't remember now. And she said, well, she walked across and she said 'Here he is!' and it was Bobby, the budgie [*laughter*]. That was a funny occasion.

MS: So, did Bobby survive?

RR: No he didn't and we didn't send for the vet [*laughter*]. He just, I don't know if he gave one last tweet and then he had gone. And another, not animal, but we're into birds, as we are, was this day Sister Murray had been walking along the street and met, ah don't know if they'd been any ex-nurses but these, she knew anyway, I think they were nurses, student nurses or something who were in quite a state because they had this mynah bird, was it a mynah bird?

FL: Uhuh.

RR: Which they probably took to their digs or, anyway, they had to get rid of this bird. So Sister Murray decided, she loved animals and things as well, decided well, she would bring it to Gribton, so the mynah bird was, thank goodness, down the stairs. Ah can't remember if we ever had a budgie up the stairs, we maybe did but I certainly didn't want the mynah, it was big, it was almost like a crow, wasn't it, I remember, big sort of thing?

FL: It used to escape.

RR: Mm?

FL: It used to escape didn't it? And you had to go outside and 'Come on, get back in the cage'.

RR: Yes, he did, did he not eventually just go altogether? No?

FL: Ah think maybe he did actually.

RR: But it was quite a, if he got out and any chance there was to get out, of course, in the summer time the doors and windows were open and he was out. One day up in, upstairs, a pigeon got in through a window and one of the old ladies, now I can't remember, ah think she was in, that was a room of her own and then there was a room that had four in it but it was in there and Nurse McFarlane and I were trying to shoo this bird out with all the sort of things that happen when birds get excited so lots of things to do after we got it out.

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And anyway this old lady, she just looked at us and then she said 'Well, do you not have a gun?' [Laughter] that's what farmers 'Ah'll just get it out ma holster now'. So it wasn't all hard slog, we had some good times as well. They used to go to the church at Lincluden and somebody went, you know, somebody always went, accompanied them probably too. Were you ever at the church with them?

FL: No.

RR: I wasn't either but they went there so they really had lots of things going for them.

MS: And was that just all the, just all the staff putting forward ideas or was it patients' relatives contributing to where to go?

FL: I think it was a bit of both, wasn't it?

MS: A bit of both I would think.

FL: Because the town band used to come out at Christmas time and play.

RR: Yes.

FL: The cubs used to come and different organisations used to come, didn't they?

RR: And then ah remember one old lady [laughs] said to me 'If I hear Silent Night again, I'll scream' [laughter]. But on the whole, I mean they just loved it and especially if there was youngsters doing things.

FL: Yes.

RR: And again, nurses who either were grandparents or were just newly parents brought their babies in and they were sat on top of a bed and cuddled by different people all round, which was very nice. There was a patient who, when I first went there, you'll remember this patient, she had Multiple Sclerosis but she was never out of bed and she was quite, she was very alert, but she couldn't walk or anything, she was bed-bathed every day but once a week, again there was a joining door there, an adjoining door there, and she was lifted off her bed, taken through and into the bath by nursing staff, again, and she did love her bath. She liked, Sister Parker used to always, she got the, she came from Wigtownshire originally, so it was the Wigtownshire Free Post or something or another and Mrs Parker always read that, Sister Parker always read it and this day she said, and I said, 'Well, you know, Mrs Parker's busy now, she's got different things to do, could I not do it for you?'

19m 40s

And she had been a retired school teacher and she sort of looked at me and she said 'Well, we'll give it a try'. At the end she said 'You did very well, that's fine, you can do it'. And then she shouted back another night and said 'When you go home tonight, Sister, I have a message for your mother' and ah thought 'She doesnae even know my mother and she said 'Tell her I think she's made a good job of bringing you up' [laughter]. They were the sort of things that they said or, and I mean, and they would just as soon say if they thought that you hadn't, that you didn't.

FL: Oh yes, definitely.

MS: Do you remember any of them?

FL: Yes, I can remember this particular lady that had MS and she was on a water bed and it was just a wee half water bed that she used to sit on and my job one day was to empty the water and we took it and emptied it into the bath and then we filled it again but then we couldn't lift it back up again. But Mrs Parker saved the day, that day, she came and just lifted it. But these were the kind of things we did and we just [?].

RR: You just did it, you didn't question what, you just did it.

FL: No, you didn't think about it.

RR: You just did it.

FL: Mm.

RR: I was, I must have been helping when Mrs Parker was in the ward, I get sometimes muddled up where I was and when I was there, but anyway, we were, she came to help. She was in the ward and we were a bit short and we were lifting this patient back into bed and I didn't do it correctly and she said, I don't know if I've said this before, and then she said 'I don't think you've got the hang of lifting yet, Nurse Riddick' so that was fine and went got her into bed and two or three days later we must have been short again and Mrs Parker was there and again, getting this particular lady back into bed, who was a very tall lady, so it was, especially the likes of Frances, she was wee, I wasn't all that wee but then Mrs Parker was quite a tall lady so it was uneven help. So we got the lady back into bed and she said 'I think you've got it now, Nurse Riddick, thank you'.

22m 06s.

MS: Did you have any special training then, in moving and handling and lifting?

RR: Oh, no, there wasn't that then, no, no, there wasn't any Mr Masons around [*laughter*].

FL: No, we just managed. Especially when patients had maybe been to concerts and that, I mean, we did have the chair and it was like four nurses but you didn't often have four nurses so it was sometimes easier just to do a fireman's lift and carry the patients up the stairs like that.

RR: It was.

MS: Gosh. Because you must have had some heavy patients.

RR: Oh, very, very.

FL: Yes, uhuh.

RR: That's how we've all got bad backs now.

FL: But in the summer time, when the patients went outside for the morning or the afternoon, it wasn't just the patient you carried out, it was their chair, their table, their water, their meals, they had umbrellas up.

RR: Mm.

FL: They had screens, and we had a commode [*laughter*] so...

MS: So, it was a huge operation.

RR: Oh, yes, yes.

FL: And they had basins, because they obviously if they had been on the toilet, they washed their hands, you know, we had everything outside which could be outside for what, an hour, an hour and a half, and then everything came back up again.

MS: Gosh.

23m 23s.

RR: And some of them as we said, within two or three minutes were saying 'I want back up' so we kind of quietly said 'Just another we while, just...because we've got other things to do but we will come back, we'll come back for you in half an hour' maybe, a wee bit of chancer that.

MS: Because Gribton was quite out in the country, what about transport? How did visitors and staff get to it?

FL: Visitors had a bus that they used to come out in or sometimes they got lifts, didn't they?

RR: Yes, as I say, they got friendly with others maybe who had a car and they would pick them up. But there was a bus, ah think, maybe twice a week, one at the weekend and maybe a..

FL: A Wednesday.

RR: ...a Wednesday, or something like that. And they came out with that. And of course there were some of them who had outlived and they didn't have any personal visitors but these other people who were visiting a long, and they would come in and if they had a wee thing for their own then they would have a wee thing for somebody else. We had a younger patient, a much younger patient and she was MS as well, wasn't she?

FL: Mm.

RR: Glad, well I can say her name, Gladys, and she was a lot younger and somewhere along the line, I don't know where it came from, there maybe was an inspection or something or another but it was decided by somebody that she should go to Carnsalloch and obviously there was more young people there and that and it was thought to be a good move. But she, I think, as in some of these places, I think then, they were there for just a sort of trial to see if they liked it or if they settled with her and she hadn't settled at all, she didn't like it and she came back. And the whole thing really was because she was young with us, I mean the patients, the older patients made a fuss of her, I remember one saying to me, she had a present or something, sweeties or something, and she'd say 'Give one to the wee lassie' but at Carnsalloch she was just one of a number of the same so she she did come back to us and also moved into Nith Bank with us until, the family was extremely happy as well. They came, they travelled in from New Abbey, which isn't all that far but if you've not got a car etc. and then to go on to a bus and probably Carnsalloch wouldn't have the same sort of provision, I don't know what they would have, but they were really happy to have her back with us.

26m 02s.

It must have been pretty quick because her bed hadnae been filled so she got back to, into the same place. We had another patient who could, we all know patients who are just the best tempered or something or another or a wee bit fed up and not happy and she was in a single room, just after the sitting room downstairs and the single room along, and she liked, we were inclined to think, you know, everybody likes country dancing type music, you know we would dance or etc., but she liked classical music and I said 'Well, if you like classical music, I quite like classical music as well, not too high-brow' but ah said 'Ah'll come in' so I used to go in maybe once a week and she had her tea in there, we set

it out and we'd listen to music, so everybody did something maybe, top up or bottom up for, and the domestic staff as well did all they could for patients it was just really excellent.

MS: So the times that you took patients out, all the hard work of getting them down the stairs and into the transport, was that done in staff time or was that extra?

FL: A lot of us did extra, you did get the time back, well, you tried to get the time back.

RR: Yes.

FL: But we didn't mind.

RR: If it was something to try and [?], they sometimes went up to shows and things at the Crichton. But it was difficult to decide who and what or when they were there. I can remember one definitely wanting back 'I don't like this' you know, quite loudly. I'm saying 'well I'll take you a wee walk round here somewhere or other because' I said you know, 'you can't get back until the bus comes for you', sort of thing. But on the whole they quite liked going out. It was a lot for them as well, because it was tiring for them but it was seeing different faces and then they got, but that wasn't from Gribton, so we'll skip that, they got the holiday home but that was when they got to Nith Bank.

MS: In terms of the staff, how did the staff get back and forward?

FL: The staff had transport from the Infirmary that used to take us to the Grove in the morning shift and pick up the night staff from the Grove and drop off the day staff and then we would go the back way from the Grove to Gribton and pick up the night staff and drop off the day staff and we just had to sit and wait till the handover and blether and that was it.

28m 42s.

MS: And everybody was happy.

FL: Everybody was happy. And then the transport would come back for us and you had to sign in at Gribton when you went in and if you had forgotten or you were maybe in charge and ye had to go and get the handover and you had forgotten to sign the book or Sammy, the transport driver, hadnae noticed that your name was there and you werenae there, and he had to come back and pick you up. It was usually Sammy, it [?].

RR: Yea.

MS: Awa he quite happy to do that though?

FL: Well, he had to because we were stranded [*Laughter*].

RR: Yea, he was a character, yea, there were lots of characters. And Kate, the cook, was a bit of a character as well but ah think, as we said before, meals were absolutely excellent and she would come up, up the stairs, she would come and say 'Is there anything they're specially needing?' and sometimes you would say something '[*mutters*]' but she always did it. But on the whole they didn't have many request because it was a varied menu, it wasn't a case of the same old two and two pence and well, on a Monday we'll always have this or that, she really did, she was a fantastic cook. So we missed, when we moved in, when we moved away, we missed a lot of that and trying to tell, you know, to persuade the patients that this was going to be better for them, it was, it really wasnae true. I think that's what I was going to say earlier on, there was one patient that one of our enrolled nurses, we all took me times of doing things like this, as I said, I read for one, and Frances would have thing that she would do for different patients and this particular patient had written a letter to her, nephew I think, and she handed it to the nurse and said 'Just check that over' but ah think maybe she was in the habit of doing that. Well, the nurse came to me and said 'Oh, Miss X is saying, she's written this to her...', you know, to her son or it wasn't her son, it would be a nephew or something g or another to say

'We're moving into the old Infirmary and I don't really want to do that but what's worse', she said 'the same nurses are going. We're going to have the same nurses'. She says 'I think I'll just tear...' I said 'No, you can't tear it up, just get a stamp on it and post it.' It was quite funny.

31m 21s.

MS: Any other incidents that you want to share?

FL: Ah think we had to have the voting, hadn't we, we had an election?

RR: Oh, yes.

FL: And of course, how it's all private and everything, and ye had tae [?] the Sister's office so the patients could actually go in and make their cross on who they wanted to vote for and everything. And there was one lady, a very kind of proper lady, wasn't she?

RR: Yes.

FL: She always had her handbag and she was going to vote and she wasn't going to tell anybody who she was going to vote for and she would go in, and she made her wee cross but then she promptly went back into the Day Room and told everybody who she had voted for [*laughter*].

RR: 'I'll always vote for Mr Munro and I've done it again' [*laughter*].

FL: But, I mean it was just one of those, that's just what we did, but it was good fun.

RR: And the other, there was another one, I don't think she was, well I think she maybe was Gladys, and she was strong SNP and I don't know what it was we were going round for votes, this was when we were at Nith Bank, and it was a case of, you know, just telling her 'the cross, put the cross', she knew what it was about as we approached her and she said 'SNP, SNP, SNP' and the SNP didn't come into this at all, I don't even know what we were voting for, and I said to the nurse 'Just put a cross here, that's fine' 'SNP, SNP' she was a strong SNP and the other lady was definitely Tory. 'And I'm not telling anybody. Voted for him.' [*Laughter*].

MS: So the decision was made by the Health Board to close Gribton, so how did, that must have been quite hard on the patients and sad?

RR: Yes, it was sad really in a way.

FL: I think we felt we had to move with the times, didn't we? There was no lift in Gribton so it was hard work.

RR: I mean if there was a fire or anything, but for the grace of God, aye.

33m 31s.

FL: And probably, as you said, Rita, the upkeep of Gribton, the expense of the transport in and out for staff and just it probably was better to move to the old Infirmary. And it was like the big Nightingale wards at the Infirmary which, looking back now, wasn't as good...

RR: No it wasn't as good.

FL: ...as the wee individual rooms and everything. Not that I would vote for single rooms, mind you, but definitely Gribton was more a home.

MS: So you moved into where in the Infirmary or what's now known as Nith Bank?

FL: It was Ward, the old Ward 5 and 6, but we were known as 21 and 22, weren't we?

RR: That's right.

FL: It was the bottom end, Nith Bank.

RR: And then further up was what was...

FL: The Grove came in.

RR: They went in there, in 7 and then at the very top, what used to be the ITU, was...

FL: The infectious diseases, Park Head moved in.

RR: ...infectious diseases, Park Head, came into there.

MS: So, in effect...

RR: So it was an amalgamation of three hospitals in there. And things maybe weren't just quite so, I mean there was never any fights, I don't, or anything like that but this little family at Gribton, a family being nurses as well, it was strange for them, as it must have been for the others too. And there was more of us. I mean we had...

MS: So, how did people, how did the patients and staff settle into their new...?

FL: It took a long time, ah think, for the patients to settle because they were used to their wee areas, maybe three in a room or whatever. Staff, ah think, found it easier for not having the transport, you could just walk to your work, more or less.

RR: And on the flat, not to carry the patients up and down stairs, that's right.

35m 38s.

FL: Uhuh. The patients did like, because we used to take them in chairs and take them up the town, and some of them hadn't been up the High Street in Dumfries for a long time, you know, that you could take them and have a coffee and then walk them back up again.

RR: And we had a big garden party at Nith Bank at one point, a beautiful day.

FL: That's right, on the front lawn.

RR: On the front lawn and that was great, a big marquee up and everything. We didn't do that, I'm sure we could have done that at Gribton, but we were trying to carry on at Nith Bank as we had done at Gribton, ah mean hopefully that we, you know, took the ethos of whatever we did to, took it with us but it was hard, it was harder. It wasn't the work,, physical work wasn't harder, that was easier, but it was all the sort of, not exactly mental, but all the little things that patients missed, you know, it wasn't one to one, because somebody would want up something at the top of the ward and somebody would want something somewhere else and you were in view, not all of them but as you went, but when we went at the beginning it was, it was just as it was, the surgery with so many beds there and so many beds there and there wasn't...

FL: There wasn't the homeliness, I would say.

RR: That's the word, Frances, exactly. They couldn't get their wee knick-knacks that were all over the place at Gribton but there was nothing we could do, we had to move on. For the better we were told but whether it was I'm not so sure. Anything else you'd like to know?

MS: I think you have shared a lot of memories and I notice you've got some, a couple of photographs, so we'll have a look at them when we've finished but anything that you would like to add as we come to an end. Frances?

FL: Well, I enjoyed my Enrolled Nurse training and enjoyed my time at Gribton and ah just felt that now that they don't have the Enrolled Nurse, ah just feel that in nursing there's just something lacking a wee bit. After ah worked at the Infirmary there for twenty years, and ah'd worked so long as an Enrolled Nurse and then, of course, you were told you were all the same grade, you were the Staff Nurse, kind of thing, but ah just felt that patient care was so different. Now it's all computers and you just don't have the same time that you had, as an Enrolled Nurse, to deal with wee things that patients wanted.

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MS: Ok, thank you.

RR: And that's what the Enrolled Nurse was trained for, wasn't it?

FL: Yes.

RR: I mean she was a trained nurse, and they were excellent, absolutely excellent, and it wasn't the case of, well there wasn't any Staff Nurses at Gribton, anyway, but it wasn't a case [?] and at one of the other hospitals I think it was, better not say, I'll not say which hospital, I think the nursing auxiliaries ruled the roost there but not, no we all respected one another and got on well. I mean we has social nights out together and, you know, without the patients this time.

MS: So anything else, Rita?

RR: [*Checks list*] No, I'm sure if there's anything else, I'm sure we've put quite a lot on, have we?

MS: Well, thank ever so much. We'll draw that to a close.