

OBITUARIES

Katherine Sheila Pring Hill

Caroline Hickson

Clinical medical officer community medicine Sheffield (b 1924; q Trinity College, Dublin, 1947; MRCP, FFPH), died from oesophageal cancer on 17 January 2014.

Katherine Sheila Pring Hill was born in Portrush, Northern Ireland, but settled in south Yorkshire in 1949. After house officer and registrar positions in Chesterfield and Sheffield, she became a clinical medical officer with the Sheffield Schools Health Service and subsequently senior clinical medical officer in community medicine for Sheffield Health Authority. She had responsibility for the childhood vaccination programme and promoted preventive health measures.

Her Christian faith underpinned her life and work, and she had great commitment to church life in Sheffield. She was a member of the Council of Christians and Jews, the Church Mission Society, and the Christian Medical Fellowship. She made regular contributions to Radio Sheffield's phone-ins, when she felt she could contribute a Christian or health perspective. She was unmarried and maintained great interest in the extended family. She was active until her final months and bore her illness with courage, acceptance, and dignity.

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