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Guidelines for the Nomination for Commemorative Plaques

- That the nominated person is worthy of commemoration, that they are of national or international standing or of such outstanding local importance as to deserve a plaque. They should be regarded either within their profession as eminent or be recognisable to the well-informed passer by.
- That the nomination is vetted by the History Curatorial team and subject to final approval by the appropriate council committee.
- That the person or group who have made the nomination make available finance necessary to see the plaque created, shipped and installed (approximately £350). A letter of financial commitment will be required. Finance must be raised independently: unfortunately Aberdeen City Council officers will not be able to become involved in the fund raising process.
- That the person in question is dead and where appropriate any living relative has granted their consent to the erection of the plaque.
- That an appropriate location for the plaque has been found. Appropriate means that either the person lived within the building upon which the plaque will be fixed or they worked there for a significant period and that the location of the plaque is such that members of the public will normally be able to view it from a public road or street without needing to enter upon private property. It will be necessary to have permission from those either resident within that building or those who work there. Consent will also be required from those who own the building.
- That the plaque will conform to the normal dimensions of other commemorative plaques within Aberdeen City. That is to say that they are cast aluminium, round, 20 inches in diameter and with white raised lettering on a fawn background.
- That no notice of sponsorship will occur on the plaque. However notice of sponsorship will occur on the plaques information on the City Council's Corporate Website and in any forthcoming versions of the plaque leaflet. Aberdeen City Council will retain ownership of the plaque.
- That the wording on the plaque should be in normal English, with exceptions where a piece of fiction or such like is being indicated.

The form below should be completed in full and applications should be sent to

Plaques@aberdeencity.gov.uk

1.2 Nominee Details	
Full Name:	Sir Alexander Ogston
Date of Birth:	19 th April 1844
Date of Death : <i>(all nominees must be deceased)</i>	1 st February 1929
Occupation:	Professor of Surgery, University of Aberdeen
Brief Biography of the nominee:	<p>Professor of Surgery, highly regarded operator and teacher, distinguished military surgeon and, most famously, discoverer of the staphylococcus organism following researches in his laboratory located in the garden of his house at 252 Union Street.</p> <p><i>[See Appendix 2 for accompanying short biography for further details.]</i></p>
<p>Reasons for nomination <i>The following requirements should be met:</i></p> <p>i) <i>That the nominated person is worthy of commemoration</i> ii) <i>That they are of national or international standing or of such outstanding local importance as to deserve a plaque.</i> iii) <i>They should be regarded either within their profession as eminent or be recognisable to the well-informed passer by.</i></p>	<p>Worthy of recognition at local (clinical service to local public and medical teacher), national (served in 3 war campaigns and instrumental in establishment of Royal Army Medical Corps) and international (discoverer of the staphylococcus organism – an almost universal cause of postoperative infection at the time – and the ONLY British researcher recognised for the discovery of a major pathogenic organism at the dawning of understanding of medical microbiology. He received testimonials from 200 medical students, 250 medical graduates and eminent and distinguished surgeons from all over Europe in support of his appointment as Professor of Surgery in Aberdeen in 1882.</p>
Please provide any additional reference materials regarding this nominee:	<p>A chapter on the life and works of Sir Alexander Ogston by Dr I A Porter is included in ‘Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society: A Bicentennial History (1789-1989)’ Ed. G P Milne; Aberdeen University Press, 1989. (Access to this publication can be arranged via the Society office: medchi.admin@abdn.ac.uk)</p>
Proposed location of the plaque:	At entrance to Amicable House, 252 Union Street, Aberdeen.
Reasons for this location:	Ogston lived in a house on this site (and had a research facility to the rear of the property at the time of his

important discoveries). The property was demolished in the 1930s and replaced by the current building.

Your Details	
Title:	
Name:	
Address:	c/o Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society Polwarth Buidling Foresterhill Aberdeen AB25 2ZD
Telephone Number:	
E-Mail Address:	medchi.admin@abdn.ac.uk
Organisation (if representing one):	Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society
Position in that organisation:	
Has consent been sought from any living relatives of the nominee? (please tick):	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes please provide evidence attached to your application, if no please seek approval prior to submitting this form.</i>	
What is your interest in the nominee?	Our organisation, established over 200 years ago, promotes Education, Fellowship and Heritage amongst medical practitioners in North-East Scotland and so has a long-standing interest in the preservation and promotion of local medical history.
Funding for plaques must come from an individual or group/ organisation. Has funding been secured for this proposed plaque?	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If yes please provide evidence attached to your application, if no please secure funding prior to submitting this form.