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GENERAL DATA (continued)

Estimated Population (for birth and death rates).....	75,340	X
Total live births registered (for birth rate).....	1,249	
Births registered (for Infant mortality rate).....	1,172	
Still births registered.....	29	
Infant deaths registered.....	32	
Deaths registered.....	1,462	
Corrected death rate (comparability factor 0.98).....	19.0	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Enteric fever.....	6	cases	-	deaths
Cerebrospinal Meningitis.....	21	"	6	"
Scarlet fever.....	38	"	1	"
Whooping cough.....	16	"	-	"
Diphtheria.....	30	"	2	"
Erysipelas.....	24	"	-	"
Smallpox.....	-	"	-	"
Measles.....	76	"	1	"
Pneumonia.....	83	"	65	"
Puerperal fever.....	2	"	1	"
Puerperal pyrexia.....	7	"	-	"

DISINFECTION & DISINFESTATION

Premises disinfected (infectious disease).....	325	Total articles disinfected in Steam Disinfector...	25,154
Premises disinfected (requests).....	38	Books disinfected in formalin chamber.....	47
Premises disinfected (verminous conditions)....	117	Articles destroyed at Owner's request.....	839
		Van loads of verminous furniture destroyed....	7

BATHING CENTRE

Total baths given to School children (other than for Scabies).....	1,502	Total baths given in the Disinfecting station to adult males in connection with verminous conditions.....	148
Scabies baths to School Children.....	824	Scabies baths given to adult males.....	70
Total baths given to adult females and young children (other than for Scabies)..	57		
Scabies baths given to adults and young children.....	405		

MORTUARY & CORONER'S COURT

Bodies received.....	564	Inquests held.....	337
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MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE

Visits paid by Health Visitors :-

To expectant mothers	First visits	917	Total visits	1,553
To children under 1 year..	First visits	1,063	Total visits	7,764
To children 1-5 years.....				Total visits	7,727
Infant Welfare Centres....	Total children who attended.....				1,758
Ante-natal Centres.....	Total women who attended.....				1,059
Post-natal Centres.....	Total women who attended.....				34

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

Persons receiving children for reward.....	16
Number of children involved.....	17
Total visits of Health Visitors.....	52

GYNAECOLOGICAL & POST-NATAL CLINIC

Sessions held.....	31
Total attendances.....	675
Total women who attended.....	239

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases notified for first time.....	(Pulmonary 123 (Non-pulmonary 7)
New cases coming to knowledge otherwise than by formal Notification.....	(Pulmonary 22 (Non-pulmonary 6)

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

Cases on Dispensary Register 31/12/40...382

Consultations between Practitioners and Tuberculosis Officer.....	206	Number of contacts examined..	93
Visits of Tuberculosis Officer to homes.....	138	Total attendances of patients and contacts at Dispensary.	1,453
Visits of Tuberculosis Health Visitors to homes - (To Dispensary cases	2,653	X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary cases.....	299
(To other cases.....	1,256	Total specimens of sputum examined at Dispensary.....	765

CARE COMMITTEE

Recommendations for institutional treatment to Care Committee.....	172		
Visits paid by Secretary.....	1,007		
Interviews.....	914		
Cases dealt with by Care Committee.....	634		
Sums raised by Christmas Seals (1940).....	£55.15.9.	Expenses	£5.7.0.
Grant from National Association, to supplement above.....	£14. 3.0.		

SANITARY INSPECTION

Total primary inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.....	3,383
Total re-inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.....	10,247
Total Intimation Notices served.....	941
Total Statutory Notices served.....	302
Cases in which legal proceedings were instituted to enforce compliance with Notices.....	4

A considerable measure of dislocation of the routine work of Sanitary Inspection occurred during the year, by reason of the assistance required and freely given by my staff in connection with the supervision of First Aid Posts and Stretcher Party Depots.

Later in the year, when the intensive air-raid attacks on the metropolis developed, the Inspectors were also much occupied upon the inspection of bombed sites and the examination and disposal of damaged foodstuffs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

	<u>Milk.</u>	<u>Others.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Samples taken.....	177	303	480
Number adulterated or otherwise infringing the Act, by reason of improper labelling..	13	16	29
Instances in which legal proceedings were instituted.....			2

The foregoing account, necessarily abridged, reflects the large volume of work carried out by the Public Health staff during a period of exceptional difficulties.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

F. Leonard Keith

Medical Officer of Health.