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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HOLBORN

Abridged Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1941.

POPULATION. Registrar General's estimated population 17,160
Mid-1941.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Total	M.	F.	Birth rate per
Legitimate	163	80	83	1000 Estimated
Illegitimate	28	14	14	Population 11.13

<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	6	3	3	Rate per 1000
				total (live & still) births 30.46

<u>DEATHS</u>	432	Rate per 1000
		of the estimated resident population 25.17

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

There were no deaths from puerperal causes during 1941.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	47.12
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	36.81
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	107.14

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

The total number of notified births, including stillbirths, occurring in the Borough were 19. Of this number 3 were notified by Medical Practitioners, 16 by Midwives.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS.

The causes of deaths (432) were as follows:-

Tuberculosis of respiratory system	20	Intracranial vascular disease	15
Other forms of T.B.	2	Heart disease	69
Syphilitic disease	6	Other diseases of the circulatory system	13
Influenza	3	Bronchitis	22
Cancer in the male of buccal cavity & oesophagus	7	Pneumonia	38
Cancer of the stomach & duodenum	7	Other respiratory diseases	5

Cancer of the breast	8	Ulceration of stomach	
Cancer of the uterus	4	or duodenum	6
Cancer of all other sites	17	Diarrhoea (under 2)	1
Diabetes	2	Appendicitis	2
Nephritis	12	Other digestive diseases	11
Premature birth	2	Congenital malforms.	
Suicide	5	B. injury Infn. dis.	4
Road traffic accidents	4	Other violent causes	112
All other causes	35		

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 9 deaths of Infants under one year of age, three of whom were illegitimate. The causes of deaths were as follows:-

Syphilitic disease 1; Pneumonia 1; Diarrhoea 1; Premature birth 2; Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile disease 3. All other causes 1.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

No changes in the health services provided in the Borough occurred during 1941. Details of the services may be seen on reference to previous annual reports.

HEALTH VISITORS

The total number of visits made by the Health Visitors was 2948. The number of attendances at the clinics was 702.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ADMINISTRATION.

During the year 16,545 inspections (including reinspections) were carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors. Included in this total number were 124 inspections on complaints of nuisance, and 201 with reference to infectious disease.

The number of inspections of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces was 397. Defects were found and remedied in 7 instances.

100 Intimation Notices, 3 statutory notices under the Public Health (London) Act 1936, 294 notices under the byelaws as to Houses-let-in-Lodgings were served during the year.

No legal proceedings were necessary during the year to secure compliance with notices served under the Public Health (London) Act 1936.

DISINFECTION

During the year 217 rooms were disinfected after cases of

Cancer
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Hepatitis
Hypertension
Stroke
Heart Disease
Alzheimer's

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DISINFECTION (CONTD).

infectious or other disease. Of these 10 were rooms which had been occupied by tuberculous persons. In addition 67 rooms of Private Dwellings; 7 Tube Shelters; 20 Public Shelters; 7 First Aid Posts, and 2 Rest Centres were disinfested of vermin. At the disinfecting station 4,793 articles of bedding, clothing etc. were disinfected.

CLEANSING STATION.

The number of verminous persons cleansed during the year was 174 males and 4 females. 100 persons (88 males, 10 females and 2 children) were cleansed for scabies. Under the scheme arranged with the London County Council 506 attendances were made by children from elementary schools at the cleansing station.

HOUSING

The number of house to house inspections and the number of inspections of houses after complaints or the occurrence of infectious disease was 1,293. The number of intimation notices served was 73 and the number of statutory notices 3.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK. The number of milk premises on the register is 147 (19 Dairies, 37 Restaurants, 48 General shops, 5 Wholesale dealers, 1 Confectionery shop and 37 itinerant retailers), and 161 inspections and re-inspections of these premises were made.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER.

5 licences to sell "Pasteurised" milk 1 to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk and 5 supplementary licences, 3 to sell "Pasteurised" milk and 2 to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk, were granted during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS

255 inspections of butchers' shops and market stalls were made during the year.

INSPECTION OF OTHER PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED OR OFFERED FOR SALE.

Under this head are included the following premises; Bakehouses; kitchens of hotels; restaurants and eating houses;

DISINFECTION (CONTD).

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INSPECTION OF OTHER PREMISES ETC. (CONTD)

tripe, offal and other meat shops; fried fish eel and other fish shops; premises where ice cream is made; and other places where food is prepared for sale. 1,482 inspections were made of these premises during the year. 2 notices under the Food Bye-Laws were served requiring remedy of defects.

UN SOUND FOOD.

4,449 tins Tinned Foods; 81 tins Evaporated Milk; 30½ lbs. Fruit; 5 lbs. baked potatoes; 201 lbs. flour; 72 lbs. sugar; 1½ lbs. cheese cuttings; 1 lb. Marmalade; 2 lbs. Jam; 22 lbs. Butter; 3 lbs. Bacon; 15½ lbs. Meat; 12 lbs. Sausages; 21 x 6 lbs. Tins Corned Beef; 254-2½ lb. tins salmon and anchovy roll; 6 stone Fish, and 27 Pigeons.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938.

During the year 595 samples were submitted to the Borough Analyst for analysis; of these 274 were taken as "formal" and 321 "informal". Of this total 7 proved to be adulterated, all having been purchased informally. In each case a further sample was taken and found to be genuine. No legal proceedings were taken.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND OTHER DISEASES.

The total number of notifications received during the year was 194 as follows:-

Diphtheria	14	Enteric Fever	3
Scarlet Fever	16	Whooping Cough	42
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	7	Measles	34
Puer Puerperal Fever	1	Pulmonary	
Puerperal pyrexia	2	Tuberculosis	47
Pneumonia	18	Non-pulmonary	
Erysipelas	3	Tuberculosis	6
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	1		

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION CLINIC

269 new cases attended the Clinic during the year.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

The Council established in October 1939 a Clinic for active immunisation against whooping cough, at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, 10 John Street. The Clinic is held on Wednesday afternoons of each week.

WHOOPIING COUGH IMMUNISATION CLINIC (CONTD)

The outstanding feature of our experience is the absence of reaction in nearly every case. 58 children attended the clinic during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1930.

The total number of cases of tuberculosis in the Borough on 31st December 1941 was 330 (pulmonary - males 176, females 80; non-pulmonary - males 38; females 36).

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

The number of new cases examined was 59; 26 of these were definitely tuberculous (23 pulmonary and 3 non-pulmonary) and 1 doubtful. 56 contacts were also examined, 8 were definitely tuberculous (7 pulmonary and 1 non-pulmonary) and 1 doubtful. The number of attendances was 409 and 721 visits to the homes of patients were made by the Dispensary Visitor. The total number of cases on the register on the 31st December was 269.

Artificial Pneumothorax treatment.

12 patients received treatment. The total cost (£75. 16s. Od.) was borne by the Council.

Extra Nourishment

16 cases received extra nourishment. The total cost (£110. 14s. 9d.) was borne by the Council.

Dental Treatment.

There were no patients recommended for dental treatment during the year.

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