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THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HOLBORNAbridged Report of the Medical Officer of Health
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<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate		222	117	105
Illegitimate		30	16	14

<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>		4	2	2
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<u>DEATHS</u>		305	185	120
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DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

There was one death from puerperal causes during 1943.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births	51.58
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	40.54
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	133.32

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

The total number of notified births, including stillbirths, occurring in the Borough was 44, of this number 4 were notified by Medical Practitioners, 39 by Midwives, and 1 by Registrar.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS.

The causes of deaths (305) were as follows:-

Diphtheria	1	Heart disease	69
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	20	Other diseases of the circulatory system	5
Other forms of T.B.	1	Bronchitis	20
Syphilitic disease	5	Pneumonia	35
Influenza	1	Other respiratory diseases	2
Measles	1	Ulceration of stomach & duodenum	6
Cancer of buccal cavity & oesophagus	6	Diarrhoea (under 2)	1

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LIVE BIRTHS.	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	M.	F.
STILLBIRTHS	4	30	34	17	17
DEATHS	185	305	490	2	120

DEATHS FROM PNEUMONIAL CAUSES.

There was one death from pneumonia during 1943.

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Cancer of stomach & duodenum	4	Appendicitis	1
Cancer of breast	3	Other digestive diseases	11
Cancer of all other sites	34	Nephritis	9
Diabetes	2	Puerperal & post abortive sepsis	1
Intra-cranial vascular disease	22	Premature birth	3
		Congenital malforms.	
		B.injury Infn.dise.	4
Suicide	3		
Road traffic accidents	2		
Other violent causes	6		
All other causes	21		

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 13 deaths of infants under one year of age, four of whom were illegitimate. The causes of deaths were as follows:-

Pneumonia 4; Gastro-Enteritis 1; Dentition 1;
Toxaemia Perinephric Abscess 1; premature birth 3;
Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile disease 3.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

No changes in the health services provided in the Borough occurred during 1943. 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 3024. The number of attendances at the clinics was 476.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ADMINISTRATION.

During the year 21,545 inspections (including re-inspections) were carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors. Included in this total number were 89 inspections on complaints of nuisance, and 559 with reference to infectious disease.

The number of inspections of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces was 799. Defects were found and remedied in 38 instances.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ADMINISTRATION.

134 Intimation Notices, 16 Statutory Notices under the Public Health (London) Act 1936, and 151 notices under the bylaws 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 107 rooms were disinfected after cases of infectious or other disease. Of these 15 were rooms which had been occupied by tuberculous persons. In addition, 240 rooms of private dwellings were disinfested of vermin. At the disinfecting station 10,376 articles of bedding, clothing etc., 329 books and 61 toys were disinfected.

CLEANSING STATION.

The number of verminous persons cleansed during the year was 380 males and 3 females.

HOUSING

The number of house to house inspections and the number of inspections of houses after complaints or the occurrence of infectious disease was 2145. The number of intimation notices served was 93, and the number of statutory notices 16. In one case an undertaking to close basement rooms was accepted by the Council from the owners until they have been rendered fit for human habitation under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK. The number of milk premises on the register is 146 (19 dairies; 36 restaurants; 48 general shops; 4 wholesale dealers; 1 confectionery shop and 38 itinerant retailers), and these premises were all inspected at least once during the year.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER

4 licences to sell "Pasteurised" milk, and 6 supplementary licences, 3 to sell "Pasteurised" milk and 3 to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk, were granted during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS

434 inspections of butcher's shops and market stalls were made during the year.

SAFETY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ADMINISTRATION.

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CLEANING STATION.

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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; butchers' shops; tripe, offal and other meat shops; fried fish, eel and other fish shops.

1942 inspections were made of these premises during the year. 64 notices under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, were served requiring defects to be remedied.

UN SOUND FOOD.

5 tons 1 cwt. 15 lbs. of tinned meat, fish and other foods were surrendered and destroyed, or disposed of otherwise.

FOODS AND DRUGS SAMPLING.

During the year 600 formal samples were submitted to the Borough Analyst for analysis; of these 2 were adulterated, viz:-

Vinegar, 14.5 per cent deficient in acetic acid, and Mustard containing 10.0. per cent foreign starch and farinaceous matter.

No legal proceedings were taken in these instances. A further sample of vinegar was taken and reported to be genuine. A letter of warning was sent to the manufacturers of the mustard.

DAY NURSERIES.

There are two day nurseries in the Borough, one of which was taken over by the Council as a Wartime Nursery on 1st June 1943. This latter provides places for 45 children. The other one is still continuing as a voluntary nursery for 50 children.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The total number of notifications received during the year was 456 as follows:-

Diphtheria	17	Erysipelas	3
Scarlet Fever	30	Ophthalmic Neonatorum	4
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	Enteric fever	6
Puerperal fever	2	Whooping Cough	38
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	Measles	219

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219	Measles	3	Scarlet fever	17
38	Whooping Cough	2	Cerebro-spinal fever	20
7	Enteric fever	1	Paratyphoid fever	1
2	Erysipelas	1	Paratyphoid fever	1
1	Ophthalmic Neonatorum	1	Paratyphoid fever	1

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES (CONTD).

Pneumonia	22	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	51
Dysentery	2	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
Malaria	1	Scabies	54

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION CLINIC

134 new cases attended the Clinic during the year. It is estimated that, at the end of the year, of the child population of the Borough, 64% of children under 5 years of age and 59% of children between the ages of 5 and 15 were immunised.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

The Council established in October 1939 a Clinic for active immunisation against whooping cough, at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, No.10 John Street. The Clinic is held on Wednesday afternoons of each week.

The outstanding feature of our experience is the absence of reaction in nearly every case. 113 children attended the Clinic during the year.

SEABIES

During the year 131 cases were notified, 54 by medical practitioners and 77 from other sources. Arrangements were made with the Middlesex Hospital for the treatment of scabies for six months, commencing 1st December 1942, during which period 131 cases were treated. 34 cases were treated at the L.C.C. Clinics. Disinfection of patients' clothing was carried out during treatment. Homes were visited by the Health Visitors who arranged for disinfection of bedding etc.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1930.

The total number of cases of tuberculosis in the Borough on 31st December 1943, was 322 (pulmonary - males 171, females 82; non-pulmonary - males 35, females 34.)

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

The number of new cases examined was 92; 37 of these were definitely tuberculous (35 pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary) examined, it was definitely suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, 52 non-tuberculous and 3 doubtful. 12 contacts were also examined, 39 were non-tuberculous and 2 doubtful.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES (CONT'D).

Pneumonia	22	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	51
Dysentery	2	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
Malaria	1	Scabies	54

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION CLINIC

124 new cases attended the Clinic during the year. It is estimated that, at the end of the year, of the child population of the Borough, 64% of children under 5 years of age and 52% of children between the ages of 5 and 15 were immunised.

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TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

The number of new cases examined was 92; 37 of these were definitely tuberculous (35 pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary) and 55 were definitely not tuberculous. The following table also shows the number of cases of tuberculosis who were also suffering from other diseases.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY (CONTD).

The number of attendances was 585; and 806 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 292.

Since the new tuberculosis allowance scheme started in July, 44 applications for assistance were received, 30 of which were granted and of these 13 have now resumed work or removed.

Artificial Pneumothorax treatment.

10 patients received treatment. The total cost (£40. 19s. Od. was borne by the Council).

Extra Nourishment

17 cases received extra nourishment. The total cost (£86. 18s. Od.) was borne by the Council.

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