

[Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Crayford].

Contributors

Crayford (London, England). Urban District Council.

Publication/Creation

[1943?]

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/ahbcrhhv>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

CRA 7
LIBRARY



Urban District of Crayford

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1942

BY

C. M. OCKWELL

M.D. (Lond), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.P.H. (Camb.)

The Sparta Press, Crayford

Crayford Urban District Council

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council and Health Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my twenty-second
Annual Report.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	2,698.71
Population (Census 1931)	...	...	...	15,896
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	7,075
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£152,823
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£592
				Total M. F.
Live Births —Legitimate	...	...	432	217 215
Illegitimate	...	...	9	4 5
				— — —
				441 221 220

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
19.3.

General birth rate for England and Wales 15.8.

				Total M. F.
Stillbirths —Legitimate	...	...	9	5 4
Illegitimate	...	...	—	— —

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 20.

				Total M. F.
Deaths	...	...	...	193 106 87

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
8.5.

General death rate for England and Wales 11.6.

Deaths from puerperal causes.

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	—
Other puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	—
Other Maternal Causes	...	...	...	...	2

Death rate of infants under one year of age :—	
All infants per 1,000 live births	46.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	46.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
General death rate of infants under 1 year of age for England and Wales	49
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	39
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health (part time)

C. M. Ockwell, M.D.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), D.P.H., (Camb.).

Sanitary Inspectors (whole time)

R. Milligan, Cert.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

F. C. Weston, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert.S.I.B.

Health Visitors (whole time)

Miss E. B. Kiddell.

Miss I. E. Smith, S.R.N., S.C.M. Health Visitors' Cert.

Laboratory Facilities.

The following specimens were sent to the County Laboratory from this District :—

Swabs	...	...	...	...	148
Sputa	...	...	...	...	45
Others	...	...	...	...	9
Bacteriological examination of School Milk	...	...	...	...	25
Bacteriological examination of Water :—					
Swimming Bath	...	...	...	...	12
Emergency Supplies	...	...	...	...	15
Others	...	...	...	...	4

Child Welfare Clinics.

The attendances at the Clinics have increased.

The average attendances are as follows :—

			No. of Clinics.	Atten- dances.	Average
Toddlers Clinics					
Crayford	...	...	23	1027	44.6
Slade Green	...	...	24	632	26.3
Barnehurst	...	...	24	1429	59.5
Infants Clinics.					
Crayford	...	...	48	3660	76.2
Slade Green	...	...	24	853	35.5
Barnehurst	...	...	49	3705	75.6
Totals at both Clinics			192	11306	58.8

Milk.

50 pounds (dry milk) of milk were granted to Clinic mothers and children during the year either free or at less than cost price.

Wartime Nurseries.

The first nursery was opened in temporary quarters at Crayford House, on the 8th June, 1942, and transferred on the 27th July, 1942, to Shenstone.

The second nursery to serve the Slade Green Area was not opened until the 11th January, 1943.

The attendances at the Crayford nursery were 5,892. At the end of the year there were 63 children on the register.

Government Evacuation Scheme.

Number of expectant mothers evacuated	...	1
Number of children under 5 evacuated	...	3
Total number of children evacuated	...	8

Home Helps.

Home helps have carried out their duties satisfactorily to 12 families during the year.

Maternal Mortality.

138 women attended the Clinic. The total number of attendances during the year was 586.

Clothing Coupons.

During the year 28,260 clothing coupons have been issued to 503 expectant mothers.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

Of the 441 live births 280 occurred at Institutions and 127 of these at the Crayford Russell-Stoneham Memorial Hospital.

Health Visiting.

During the year the Health Visitors paid 13,880 visits.

Infant Life Protection.

At the end of the year there were 15 persons receiving children for reward under the Children Act, 1908, and Children and Young Persons Act, 1932.

91 visits were paid to foster children during the year. At the end of the year there were 17 children remaining on the register.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Closet Accommodation.

Approximate number of premises containing each type of sanitary convenience in the district :—

W.C's. into drainage system	7892
W.C's. into Cesspools	11
Earth Closets or privy middens	4
Pail Closets	9
Number of premises not connected to public water supplies	Nil

Public Cleansing.

The salvage aspect of refuse collection has been very much to the fore, and increased quantities of useful war materials have been reclaimed.

The controlled tip at Slade Green Road has continued in use, no difficulties having been experienced in keeping crickets and rats to a minimum. No complaints in these matters have been received.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	No. in district	No. of visits in 1942	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Bakehouses	3	12	1	1
Dairies	14	42	2	2
Other food - preparing places, which are, as such, subject to inspection	78	277	8	8
Houses let in lodgings...	1	2	1	1

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year (other than those enumerated in the previous tabulation).

Overcrowding	...	4	Roofs and Rain Water	
Sanitary Accommodation :			Pipes	... 214
Defective	...	538	Floors	... 33
Drainage :			Walls & Ceilings	... 670
(i) Repaired	...	35	Windows & Ventilation	119
(ii) Cleansed	...	265	Baths, Lavatory Basins	
Refuse Receptacles	...	48	and sinks	... 94
Dampness	...	36	Water Supplies	... 138

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by
Inspectors during the year ... 6,151

Approximate number of separate premises in
area 7,571

Notices served :—

Statutory	...	...	...	...	3
Informal	...	...	...	...	525

Number of houses, etc., disinfected ... 37

Batches of clothing... .. 8

Shops Acts.

Visits made during the year 109.

Swimming Bath.

The standard of purity of the Martens Grove Swimming Pool showed continued improvement and a high quality of water is now maintained.

Eradication of the Bed Bug.

Particulars of the action taken in 1942 for the eradication of the Bed Bug are as follows :—

Number of		Infested		Disinfested	
Council Houses	13	...	13
Other Houses	4	...	4

HOUSING STATISTICS.

(1). Inspection of Dwelling-Houses.

(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	532
	Number of inspections made for that purpose	...	...	...	1551
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932...	...	...	...	Nil
	Number of inspections made for that purpose	...	...	...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	Nil
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	525

(2). Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	525
---	-----	-----

(3). Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Statutory Notices under Housing or Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	3
Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	989

Number of houses built during 1942 :—

(a)	By the Local Authority	...	...	Nil
(b)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	2

(4). Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	11
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein				11
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein				90
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	2
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	4
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	25
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	...	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

26 samples of milk taken from school supplies for bacteriological examination were found to be satisfactory.

One mixed sample of milk was procured from a producer's herd and two samples from individual cows for pathological examination ; the result showed no evidence of tuberculosis.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Local slaughterhouses are closed owing to the Centralised Slaughtering Scheme of the Ministry of Food.

During the year a total of 5 tons, 13 cwts., 2 qrs., 9 lbs. of food was found to be unfit for human consumption. Classification is shown below :—

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Meat		3	3	2
Fish			2	15
Vegetables	5	6	1	11
Miscellaneous		3	1	24
	5	13	2	9

CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Total number of children who completed the full course of immunisation during the year :—

Under 5 years of age	575
Over 5 years and under 15 years	314
	<hr/> 889 <hr/>

Alum Precipitated Toxoid in two doses (0.2 cc. and 0.5 cc.) is now used as routine.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths
Small Pox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	34	11	—
Diphtheria	8	8	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	8	3	—
Pneumonia	16	—	—
Erysipelas	7	2	—
Cerebrospinal Meningitis	2	2	1
Measles	408	—	—
Whooping Cough	22	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—
Totals	507	27	2

Age Groups.

Disease	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 up- wards	Total
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	-	-	2	-	3	5	18	6	-	-	-	-	34
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	-	8
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	8
Pneumonia ...	-	2	-	-	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	16
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7
Cerebrospinal Meningitis ...	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Measles ...	6	28	30	52	55	71	152	10	2	2	-	-	408
Whooping Cough ...	3	2	4	3	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	22
Ophthalmia Neo.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
***Totals	10	32	38	55	67	81	176	20	4	12	4	8	507

Tuberculosis.

Age periods			New Cases				Deaths			
			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...	...	...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 ...	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ...	...	...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 ...	...	...	-	2	1	3	-	-	1	-
25 ...	...	...	-	12	1	-	1	5	-	1
35 ...	...	...	7	3	1	-	2	1	-	-
45 ...	...	...	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
55 ...	...	...	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
65 and upwards			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals			14	19	4	3	8	6	2	1

Scabies Orders, 1941, No. 1724.

Treatment for Scabies is now carried out at the First Aid Post, Crayford. At the end of the year, 285 cases had been treated and 110 batches of clothing disinfested.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. OCKWELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

Exhibit Order: 19-1 No. 1121

The Court has ordered that the following items be produced to the Court for its review and consideration. The items are:

Your obedient servant,

C. M. CRAWFORD

Medical Officer of Health