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URBAN DISTRICT OF CRAYFORD

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1964

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Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Chairman and Councillors
of the Urban District of Crayford

MR CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for
1964.

Owing to the coming into operation of the London
Government Act, 1963 and the creation of the London Borough
of Bexley on April 1st, 1965, the usual form of presentation
has had to be modified, the contents being largely statistical
and intended to preserve continuity with previous reports.

My thanks are due to the Members of the Authority
and Staff of the Department for their unfailing help and
encouragement over the years.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LANDON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A. - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

AREA (in acres)	2,698.71
POPULATION (Registrar-General's estimate mid-year 1964)	33,600
Number of separate dwellings	10,648
Rateable value	£1,520,044
Sum represented by a penny rate	£5,600

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	England and Wales	Crayford U.D.C.
	Rates per 1,000 Home Population	
BIRTHS:-		
Live	18.4	21.04
Still	0.31	0.39
	16.4 (a)	18.05 (a)
DEATHS:-		
All Causes	11.3	18.01
Typhoid and Paratyphoid ..	0.00	-
Whooping Cough	0.00	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Tuberculosis..	0.05	-
Influenza	0.02	-
Smallpox	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis)	0.00	-
Pneumonia	0.63	0.42
NOTIFICATIONS (corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	-
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	-
Meningococcal Infection ..	0.01	-
Scarlet Fever	0.42	0.51
Whooping Cough	0.67	0.27
Diphtheria	0.00	-
Erysipelas	0.04	-
Smallpox	-	-
Measles	6.47	4.67
Pneumonia	0.19	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (Including Polioencephalitis)		
Paralytic... ..	0.00	0.00
Non-Paralytic	0.00	-
Food Poisoning	0.11	0.00
Puerperal Pyrexia	6.67 (a)	30.55 (a)
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births	
DEATHS:-		
All causes under one year of age	20.0	16.97
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age	0.01	-

(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

A dash (-) signifies that there were no deaths or notifications

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	England and Wales	Crayford U.D.C.
	Rates per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	
Maternal causes, excluding abortion	0.20	2.78
Due to abortion 	0.06	-
Total maternal mortality ...	0.25	2.78

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1964

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate 	688	359	329
Illegitimate 	19	7	12
	707	366	341
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated home population ...			21.04
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births ...			2.69
General birth rate for England and Wales ...			18.4

STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate 	13	8	4
Illegitimate 	-	-	1
	13	8	5
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...			18.05

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>DEATHS</u>	269	146	123
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population -			8.00
General death rate for England and Wales ...			11.3

The Registrar General has supplied comparability factors for 1964. The standardised Birth Rate which allows for comparison with other parts of the country is 15.78 and the standardised Death Rate is 11.34

MATERNAL DEATHS

There were two maternal deaths in 1964.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	12	8	4	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	12	8	4	
Rate per 1,000 live births (Crayford)	...	...	...	16.97
Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	17.44
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births		...	...	14.14
Early Neo-Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			...	12.73
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births				30.55
General death rate of infants under 1 year of age for England and Wales		...		19.95

DEATHS FROM VARIOUS CAUSES

Malignant Neoplasm (all ages)	...	...	63
Measles (all ages)	...	...	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	-

DEATHS REGISTERED (IN AGE GROUPS) IN 1964

CAUSE OF DEATH	AGE IN YEARS																				Total All Ages				
	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks & under 1 year		1 -		5 -		15 -		25 -		35 -		45 -		55 -		65 -				75 & over		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	3	4				
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	3	1	1	10	4			
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	1	-	2	-	8			
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3				
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	3	4	5	6	3	17	14			
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-				
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1				
16. Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	2	3	7	12	12			
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	17	1	13	7	9	45	20			
18. Coronary disease, angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	2	5			
19. Hypertension with heart disease ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	7	5	4	14	15			
20. Other heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	2	2	5	7			
21. Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	3	6	7	7		
23. Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	2	-	6	3			
24. Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	1		
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1			
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-			
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2			
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2			
31. Congenital malformations	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	1	-	3	2	9	11		
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	-		
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1			
34. All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1		
35. Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	6	4	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	4	2	2	2	15	8	32	22	45	32	39	51	146	123	

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diptheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1963 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth.	Diptheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1964	337	-	235
1963	266	13	261
1962	19	271	21
1961	10	79	10
1960	1	40	1
1955-1959	7	193	5
1950-1954	-	1	-
TOTAL	640	597	533

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following are the poliomyelitis vaccination figures for 1964 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral).	3 Orals (Complete course)
1964	1	92
1963	8	373
1962	-	36
1961	-	18
1949-1960	410	10
1933-1948	1	10
Others	-	4

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1964 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Primary Vaccination 1 Year	Re-Vaccination. School age but under 8 years.
308	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respirator		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following table gives the particulars concerning the cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified in the area during the year

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1964

	Total Cases Noti- fied	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 and over
Scarlet Fever	17	1	1	-	-	2	12	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	7
Acute Polio-Paralytic	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	157	3	16	28	25	20	62	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	9	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-
TOTALS	207	7	18	30	26	24	75	4	16	7

FOOD INSPECTION

The following is a summary of unsound food surrendered and destroyed:

Corned Beef	...	...	lbs	120 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cooked Ham	...	...	"	21
Beef	...	...	"	33
Pork	...	...	"	152 $\frac{1}{2}$
Veal	...	...	"	12
Offal	...	...	"	82 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fish	...	...	"	84
Preserves	...	...	"	5
Fruit and Fruit juices...	...	...	"	33 $\frac{1}{4}$
Vegetables	...	...	"	11
Flour	...	...	"	3
Sugar	...	...	"	4
Cereals	...	...		10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Meat	...	...	Tins	96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ham	...	...	"	16 $\frac{1}{4}$
Vegetables	...	...	"	481 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fruit	...	...	"	1008
Fish	...	...	"	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
Frozen Foods	...	Pckts		1364
Miscellaneous	...	Items		28

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers
within the CRAYFORD URBAN DISTRICT during the year ended
31st December, 1964.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Antacid Powder	1	B/fd.	39
Assorted Drop Sweets	1	Jam	2
Bacon	1	Jelly	1
Beef Dripping	1	Kilko	1
Boned Chicken in Jelly	1	Lemon Pie Filling	1
Boric Lint B.P.C.	1	Liquid Paraffin B.P.	1
Bread	2	Lystone Salts	1
Butter	2	Marmalade	3
Buttermints	1	Milk	24
Celery Soup	1	Milk Top	1
Cheese Spread	2	Mincemeat	1
Cherryade	1	Oranges	1
Choc-bar	1	Orange Drink	1
Choc-Fruitie Biscuits	1	Orange Squash	1
Chocolate Diabetic	1	Peach Slices in Syrup	1
Chop Sauce	1	Persomnia	1
Cider	1	Pork Sausages	5
Cream (double)	2	Raspberries in Syrup	1
Custard Powder	1	Rum	1
Drinking Chocolate	2	Salad Cream	1
Epomol	1	Sausage Rolls	2
Farlene Baby Food	1	Self Raising Flour	1
Fish Paste	2	Short Cake	1
Flour (bakers')	1	Soft Ice Cream	1
Gin	3	Stewed Steak	1
Ginger Beer Shandy	1	Syrup of Figs	1
Glycerine Lemon and Ipecac	1	Tomatoes (canned)	1
Greek Sultanas	1	Toothache Tincture	1
Ground Almonds	1	Unsweetened Evaporated Milk	1
Hermesetas	1	White Petroleum Jelly	1
Instant Coffee	1	Zinc and Castor Oil Cream	1
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c/fd.	39	Total	100
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Summary

Milks	24
Drugs	12
Spirits	4
Other Samples	60
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	100
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The second Smoke Control Area came into force on 1st October, 1964.

The pilot survey and initial enquiries having been already carried out, Smoke Control Area No. 3 was submitted for approval to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The proposed date of operation was recommended to be 1st July 1968. This area, which contains 6,332 properties including 1,252 Council owned premises and 4,755 privately owned premises, will bring the whole of the Urban District under Smoke Control.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(1) Inspection of Dwellinghouses

(1)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	766
	Number of inspections made for that purpose	1,565
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	-
	Number of inspections made for that purpose	-
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	222

(2) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice

	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers	56
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(3) Action under statutory powers during the year

	Statutory notices under Housing or Public Health Acts ..	-
	Number of houses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notices -	
	(a) by owners	-
	(b) by local authority in default of owners	-
	Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 -	
	(a) Demolition orders made under Section 17	4
	(b) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1)	16
	(c) Unfit houses closed under Sections 16(4) and 35(1)	1 (two flats)

(4) Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding

Whilst it is known from the particulars supplied by housing applicants that overcrowding does exist, it is impossible to state the extent of such overcrowding

	Total number of houses owned by local authority	3,361
	Number of houses built during the year -	
	(a) by the local authority	-
	(b) by other bodies or persons	87

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

The Metropolitan Water Board is the supplying authority.

The water supply to the Crayford Urban District is derived from the Crayford, Darenth and Wansunt wells. The water has been satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year.

The wells supplies are examined bacteriologically at least five times a week before and after treatment which consists of chlorination and dechlorination.

The waters are not liable to have plumbo solvent action and there has been no evidence of contamination of Crayford or other wells during the year.

Water Sampling

The following samples were sent to the County Laboratory by the Council's Public Health Inspector -

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Wells (drinking water), Bacteriological | - | 9 |
| (b) Swimming Pool, Bacteriological | - | 8 |
| (c) Domestic Supplies, Bacteriological | - | 8 |

All samples forwarded have been reported satisfactory.

Water Supply

Normal mains extension to serve new development was carried out.

REPORT OF KENT RIVER BOARD

River Cray

The usual programme of brushing has been carried out. Approximately 50 tons of rubbish has been removed from the Cray in the Crayford area. Silt has been removed from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the river by mechanical excavator between Hallplace Gardens and David Evans factory.

River Stanham, Middle River and Wansunt

The normal brushing and weed clearance has been carried out on all these rivers. The River Stanham was badly polluted by oil earlier in the year and additional brushing and burning of vegetation was necessary to remove this contamination.

Crayford Marshes

The usual clearance of weeds and rubbish has been carried out on the Main Marsh dykes and Commissioners Dykes. In addition the remains of one car was removed from the ditch alongside Wallhouse Road.

Sea Walls

A small area of damage to the ragstone revetment has been made good. Approximately 3,000 brushwood faggots were laid along the Crayford side of the Creek wall as protection against scour. The backslopes of the walls were sprayed and mowed, as usual. Vandals caused damage to fences and gates on several occasions during the year.

Control of Rodents and other Pests

160 complaints in respect of rat and mice infestations were received and fully investigated.

During the months of April and October the foul water sewers were treated with Warfarin for the destruction of rats and where a manhole was found to be infested, treatment was continued until their extinction. I enjoyed the co-operation and assistance of the Engineer and Surveyor who, once again, placed additional labour, lifting mechanisms plus motor transport readily available. Sewer infestations were again remarkably low, despite development of land and the consequent increase in new lengths of sewers.

Shops Act

A total number of 123 visits were made during the year. This figure includes Sunday and evening visits

No serious breach of the Act was noted.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	72	5	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	18	18	1	-
Total	109	102	6	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

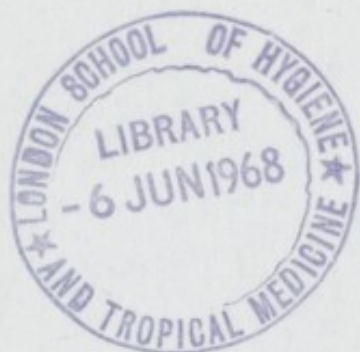
Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which pro-secutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Total	6	5	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Part VIII. of the Act.

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel making, etc.	8	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	1	-	-	-	-	-





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