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ANNUAL

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1947.

W.W. MILLEN. M.B., Ch.B.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



Public Health Department,
Town Hull. N.11.

lst. July, 1948.

The Chairman and Memoers of the Friern Bornet Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Loies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report upon the health conditions in the district for the year ending December 31st, 1947.

The report is again drawn up in the abbreviated form in accordance with Circular 170/47 issued by the Ministry of Houlth. It is little more that a factual record of statistics, although opportunity has been taken to make such comments as are called for throughout the report.

Study of the vital statistics show that
the health of the people of Friern Barnet has been well
sustained. The death-rate and infantile rate both
show a slight decrease compared with last year. The
birth-rate again shows a small increase, is the highest
for over twenty years, and considerably higher than the
average for the pre-war years. The infectious
sickness rate showed a decrease, but this was almost
entirely due to the fact that the humber of cases of
Measles was considerably less than the previous year.
Unfortunately, one cannot say the same in regard to
the incidence of Tuberculosis, there having been a
sharp increase in the number of new cases. The
policy of Diphtheria immunisation is now being reflected
in the incidence of the disease. No cases of Poliomyelitis

occurred in the district.

I should like to express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my sincere thanks for their consideration and support.

I am, Mr. Clairmon, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.W. MILLEN M.B., CH.B.

McGical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At 31st. December, 1947.

Councillor	A.C. Henry (Chairman) C.A. Sparks, J.P. (Chairman of the Council)
11	A. Richardson (Vice-Chairman of the Council)
19	E. Draper
17	J. Folav
"	W.H. Martin, J.F.
19	R.P. Matthews
11	Mrs. H.E. McCarthy
11	G.E.J. Mead
17	J.E. Pickering, J.P.
11	M.R. Tarlton

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.	W.W. Millen, M.B., Ch.B.
Chief Sanitary Inspector.	W.R. Jackaman.
Sanitary Inspector.	S. Caine.
Assistant.	J. Wilson.
Assistant.	Miss E. Glasscock.
Rodent Operative.	Mrs. I. Shields (Resigned 27.9.47).

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	1341.2
Registrar General's estimate of population	28,940
(District - 26,840). (Friern Hospital- 2,100).	
Number of separate dwellings	7438.
Rateable Value (31.12.47)	£283,880.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,140.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		Male.	Female.	Total.	
LIVE BIRTHS.	(Legitimate)	244	248	492	
	(Illegitimate)	. 7	11	18	
	(Totals)	251	259	510	
BIRTH RATE pe	r 1000 of the estimat	ed popul	ation		19.0
		Male.	Female.	Total.	
STILL BIRTHS.	(Legitimate)	9	9	18	
	(Illegitimate)	-	-	-	
	(Totals)	9	9	18	
STILL BIRTH RA	TE per 1000 Births (Live and	Still)		35.3
			Fomale.		
DEATHS	(From all causes and at all ages).	133	131	264	
DEATH RATE DUE	1000 of the estimate	ed popula	tion		9.9
DEATHS OF WOME	N IN CHILDBIRTH.				
	From Pusrperal Sepsi	is		0	
	From other maternal	causes		1	
DEATH RATE per	1000 Births (Live ar	nd Still)			1.9
DEATHS OF INFAI	NTS under 1 year of a	ige:-			
			Fomale.	Total.	
	Legitimate.	13	4	17	
	Illogitimate	1	1	2	
	Totals	14	5	19	
DEATH RATE OF 1	INFANTS under 1 year	per 1000	Births.		37.
	SLES (all Ages)				0
	OPING COUGH (all Age				1
	RRHOEA (under 2 year				5

BIRTHS.

The total of births during the year was 510, an increase of 19 over the preceding year. Of those 251 were males and 259 females.

The Birth-Rate for the year was 19.0 per 1000 of the population. The corresponding Birth-Rate for England and Wales was 20.5 and for London 22.7.

Births and Birth-Rates for the past five years have been as follows:-

Birth-Ratus.

	No. of Births.	Friern Barnet.	England & Woles.	Lordon.
1943	415	16.5	16.5	15.8
1944	382	17.6	17.6	15.0
1945	366	14.2	16.1	15.7
1946	491	18.9	19.1	21.5
1947	510	19.0	20.5	22.7

DEATHS.

The number of deaths accredited to this district was 264, being 3 more than in the preceding year. Of these 133 were males and 131 females. 160 deaths or 60% were of persons above the age of 65. The chief causes of death at all ages were Heart Discess 83, and Cancer 51.

The Death-Rate was 9.9 per 1000 of the population, compared with a Death-Rate for England & Wales of 12.0 and for London 12.8.

The Deaths and Death-Rotes for the past five years have been: -

Derth-Rates.

No	of Dorths.	Friern Bernet.	England & Walos.	London.
1943	256	11.1	12.1	15.0
1944	274 .	10.5	11.6	15.7
1945	233	9.4	11.4	13.8
1946	261	10.0	11.5	12.7
1947	264	9.9	12.0	12.8

There were 19 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, giving an Infantile Death-Rate of 37 per 1000 births, compared with 20 deaths and a rate of 41 in 1946. The comparative rates for England and Wales and for London were 41 and 37.

Of the 19 infant deaths 7 occurred during the first week of life, and 5 of these were due to prematurity.

SANITARY SERVICES.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.
Visits to premises on complaint 728
Visits in connection with infectious disease 46
Visits to shops, and places where food is prepared stored or sold.131
Visits to dairies and milkshops 38
Visits to shops under the Shops Act
Visits to factories under the Factories Act
Visits to petroleum installations under the Petroleum Regulations.21
Visits under the Housing Act, for appointments, and to works in progress 2592
Visits re infestation and disinfestation of verminous premises. 6
Visits for the purpose of rodent control 544
Visits to Mond 4
Visits to Piggeries 64
Attendance at Court
Visits by Rodent Operative in connection with rodent control. 4217
Total 8549
SERVICE OF NOTICES.
Total number of informal notices served 493
Total number of informal notices complied with 404
Total number of statutory notices served 14
Total number of statutory notices complied with. 11
The following is a summary of the danitary improvements and defects remedied during the year as a result of action by the Public Health Department:-
Water.
Store cisterns provided, repaired, cleansed, or covers provided

Drainage.	Drains cleared or repaired	24
W. C's.	W.C. pans and traps fixed W.C. pans and traps repaired. W.C. seats, doors, windows, floors renewed or repaired Walls cleansed and distempered. Coilings cleansed and distempered. Flushing cisterns provided Flushing cisterns repaired or regulated.	25 10 10 7 3 2 23
Floors.	Floors renewed or repaired	51
Roofs.	Stripped and renewed	10 220 112
Cleansing.	Walls repaired, cleansed and redecorated	251 187
Windows.	Sashes and frames renewed or repaired	85 53 21
Brickwork.	Damp-proof courses provided	4 39 16 62
Woodwork.	Doors renewed, repaired or rehung	13
Yards.	Yard paving repaired or renewed	4
Rofuse.	Dustbins provided	61
General.	Now ranges or grates provided	14 51 11 1

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the district is provided by the Barnet District Gas & Water Company and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

All houses in the district are provided with a piped supply, and there have been no complaints of unsatisfactory or insufficient supply.

Bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water are regularly carried out by the supplying Company and reports on such examinations are supplied to the Department. The following is typical of such reports:-

"This is a very satisfactory water. It is clear and bright in appearance and of the highest standard of bacterial purity, indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for the purpose of a public supply".

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

The Council is the authority for the administration of this Act.

In conjunction with action under this enactment a survey of private premises was carried out and control measures adopted wherever evidence of infestation was found. In the course of the survey 5902 premises were visited, and treatment was carried out in 255 instances.

During the year three treatments of the district sewers were carried out with satisfactory results. Of 612 manholes examined at the commencement of the year, 55 shewed evidence of use by rats, As a result of subsequent treatments this number has been reduced to 16.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936/46:-

Pastourisor's	1
Doalor's Pasteurised Tuberculin Tested	3
Supplementary:- Pasteurised Tuberculin Tested	6 5

During the year 41 samples were taken, and on 7 occasions milk obtained from one particular source failed to satisfy the prescribed tests. The circumstances were fully investigated and revealed certain defects at the farm of production. The matter was referred to the appropriate licensing Authority and arrangements made for the milk to be pasteurised. Subsequent samples were satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Frequent visits were paid to butchers', fishmongers', grocers' and bakers' shops, and other food premises.

A large quantity of food was examined of which the following was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Beef	4973	lbs.
Mutton	2	lbs.
Offal	12	lbs.
Bacon	7%	los.
Butter, Margarino or Tard	5	lbs.
Fish	1190	lbs.
Corned Beef	106	Tins.
Tinnod Milk	157	Tins.
Tinned Vegetables	91	Tins.
Tinned Meat	78	Tins.
Tinned Fish	220	Tins.
Tinned Fruit	11	Tins.
Tinned Mincomeat	3	Tins.
Tinned Soup	5	Tins.
Jam	16	Jars.
Fruit	3	Jars,
Herrings	14	Jars.
Tangerines	17	lbs.
Tomatoes	2	Boxes.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Notifications.

301 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, details of which are set out in Table 1. This figure showed a decrease compared with 1946, when 348 notifications were received, and was accounted for by a reduction in the number of cases of Measles - 125 compared with 194 during 1946.

The incidence of Diphtheria again remained exceptionally low - 3 cases, compared with 4 during 1946.

There was a substantial increase in the number of Tuberculosis cases - 37, compared with 23 during 1946. In addition 5 persons have taken up residence in the district, who had previously been notified as suffering from the disease.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

319 children were immunised during 1947. It is estimated that 45% of the children under 15 years of ago have now been immunised against Diphtheria. These figures do not include children privately immunised by their own doctors.

SCABIES.

The arrangements made with the Medical Officer of the Joint Isolation H spital for the treatment of cases as out-patients continued throughout the year, and 25 cases received treatment. In addition 9 cases were treated at home, after receiving advice and the necessary medicament from the Department.

Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health.

			Num		
		Number on Register.	Inspections.	Writton notices.	Occupiors prosecuted.
(1)	Foctories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	22	15	1	-
(8)	Foctories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority.	44	6	-	-
(3)	Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Lucal Authority.	6	-	-	-
	Total	72	21	1	-

Cases in which defects were found.

	No.of cases in which defects were found.						
	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M.		Prosecutions		
Want of cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-		
Senitary conveniences (a) insufficient (b) Unsuitable or	1	1	-	-	-		
defective	2	2	-	1	-		
Other offences.	1	1		-	-		
Total .	6	6	-	1	-		

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111.

Section. 110.	Section. 111.	
No. of cutworkers on lists received.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.
16	Wissonia et	-

TABLE 1.

ANALYSI: OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR ENDING
31st. DECEMBER. 1949

DISEASE.		NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.							CASES IN EACH WARD.						No.
	All.	Un.1	1-5.	5-15.	15-25	25-45.	45-65.	65&0	North.	South.	Cent.	3 st.	West.	Friern Hospital	Removed to Hosp.
Measles. Whooping Cough Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Dysentery Pneumonia Erysipelas Puerperal Pyrexia Gastro-enteritis Pulm.Tuberculosis Other Tuberculosis	125 56 41 3 14 15 7 2 1 36	3 8 1 1 1 1	65 30 4 - 3	57 14 31 1 - 1	- 3 1 - 1 - 15	- 4 5 1 1 2 3 2 - 11 1	- - 6 6 1 - 7	722	32 23 10 1 5 3 - 6	6 7 10 1 - 1 - 1 1 - 1 1 - 1	15 10 6 - 2 1 2 1 2	39 8 9 - 1 1 1 3 - 1	33 8 6 1 1 1 - 6 1	- - 14 6 - -	2 1 22 3 - 5 2 1 -
TOTALS.	301	13	103	106	20	28	20	11	80	36	46	62	57	20	36



TABLE 2.

ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1947 FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

Cause of Death	No. Reg.	In Trans.		AtAges.						Wards.				M.	F.	Nett Deaths.		
Accident Appendicitis Arterio-sclerosis Bronchitis Cancer Corebral Haemorrhage Cirrhosis of Liver Congenital Debility Diarrhoea etc. Heart Disease Nephritis Other defined diseases Other digestive dis. Pneumonia Senility Suicide Syphilitic diseases Tuberculosis (Pulm) Whooping Cough	2 1 5 3 4 1 9 6 7 2 8 4 1 1 2 2 4 1	4 2 17 6 18 5 16 4 9 3 11 6 - 18	11 5		1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 3 1 - 2 1 - 6 - 6 -	3 1 2 17 2 1 1 3 5 2 3 5 2	3 - 1 5 31 22 - 62 1 6 - 8 18 1	3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 5 2 3 1 1 9 1 2 1 1 2 1 1	11 12 5 15 2 4 - 6 3 5	2 15 3 6 1 21 2 1 2 4 3 1	4 5 - 1 7 7 3 2 - 1	3 1 - 4 9 2 - 3 2 15 - 2 - 1 1 1 - 3 -	422259 - 036491751 - 5 -	2 -6 26 16 1 3 2 37 2 4 2 7 13 1	6 2 2 8 51 25 1 15 83 6 13 14 18 2 1 12
TOTALS	159	105	19	1	1	2	6	15	60	160	75	54	62	26	47	133	131	264



TABLE 3.

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING 1967. AND THE MORTALITY FROM THE SAME DISEASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

AGES.		NEW CASES	3.		DE THS.							
	PU	LMONARY	NON-PUI	MONARY.	PULMO	DNARY.	NON-PULMONARY.					
	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.				
0 - 1	1	-	-	-	-		-	_				
1 - 5	-	-	-		-	-	-	-				
5 - 10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
10- 15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15- 20	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	-				
20- 25	2	5	-	-	-	1	-	-				
25- 35	2	3	-	-	2	4	-	-				
35- 45	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-				
45- 55	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-				
55 65	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 & Over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-				
TOTALS	21	15	-	1	5	7	-	-				



TABLE 4.

REGISTER OF TUBERCULOSIS.

	PUL	MONARY.	NON-	TOTALS.	
	MALE.	FEMALE.	MALE.	FEMALE.	
Cases on Register at 1.1.47.	96	64	13	19	192
Cases notified for first time 1947.	21	15	-	1	37
Other cases added to Register 1947.	3	.1	-	1	5
Cases removed from Register 1947.	25	26	3	3	57
Cases remaining on Register 31.12.47.	95	54	10	18	177



TABLE 5.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

VETT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE. 1947.

	Under 1 week.	1 - 2 weeks.	2 - 3 wooks.	3 - 4 Weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total under 1 years.
All Causes :- Cortified. Un-Cortified.	7 -	3 -	1	1	12	4 -	1 -	1 -	1 -	19
Atelectasis Gastro-enteritis. Haemorrhage of the Newborn. Intracranial Haemorrhags. Meringococcal septicaemia. Pneumonia. Prematurity. Ureamia.	1 1 5	1 1 1	- - - - 1	1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 - 1 - 1	1	1	1	1 5 1 1 2 3 6 1

