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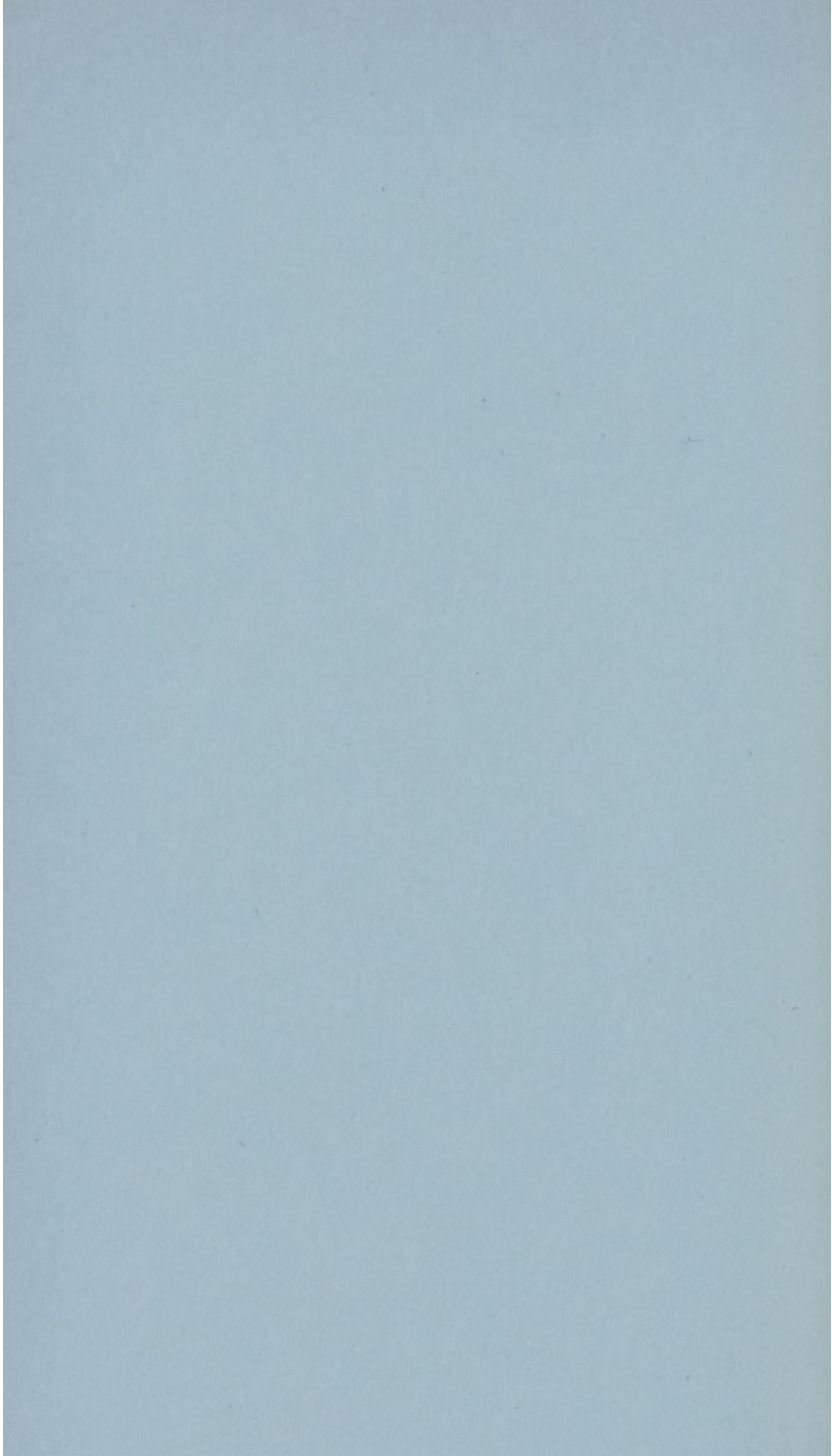
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TO THE Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
of Mitcham and Goddington.

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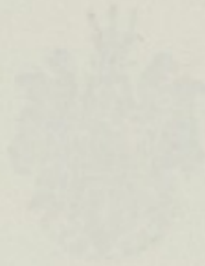
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HEALTH REPORT FOR 1948

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report for the year 1948.

On July 5 the Maternity and Child Welfare and Ambulance Services were transferred to the Surrey County Council, and the Woodlands Maternity Home and the Wandle Valley Joint Isolation Hospital were transferred to the Regional Hospital Board. This is, therefore, the last report of your Medical Officer of Health to deal with these services.

In order that comparisons may be made with previous and subsequent years the figures for the whole of the year have been placed in parentheses. The infant mortality figure for the year was only lower in 1946, and the health of the Borough has remained good.

The transfer of the services and staff to the County Council was accomplished smoothly, and there has been little or no change as yet in the general clinical work. Much of the credit for the success of this big administrative change is due to Dr. K. A. Soutar, the County Medical Officer, who, by his tact, tolerance and patience overcame all difficulties.

The chief problem of the Borough is still housing, in spite of the large number of new dwellings erected. The Sanitary Inspectors have gradually increased the scope of their work now that the inspection of war damage repairs has largely ceased.

I wish to thank the Chairmen of the Committees for their great help and assistance and all the staff for their continued loyalty and support, which has made it a pleasure to work in Mitcham.

A. ASHWORTH,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Mitcham Court,
Mitcham.

BOROUGH OF MITCHAM

MATERNITY, CHILD WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN - - COUNCILLOR MRS. J. C. ERICSON

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Pearce)

Aldermen—

Mrs. E. Watson
E. J. D. Field J. R. Beaumont

Councillors—

Mrs. Crump Mrs. W. R. Martin Mrs. H. E. Niven
J. H. S. Bradley D. Gifford T. J. Higgs

Co-opted Members—

Dr. E. Evans Mrs. E. Gifford Mrs. A. Foscoe
Mrs. E. F. Ward Mrs. N. Lemin

REPRESENTATIVES ON WANDLE VALLEY JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD

His Worship the Mayor (*ex officio*).

Aldermen—

G. W. Cole Mrs. E. Watson

Councillor—

Mrs. J. C. Ericson

REPRESENTATIVES ON WANDLE VALLEY JOINT SEWERAGE BOARD

His Worship the Mayor (*ex officio*)

Aldermen—

E. J. D. Field W. Jeffery

Councillor—

R. F. Nicholson

STAFF**Medical Officer of Health**

A. Ashworth, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M

Assistant Medical Officer

(a) Florence M. Parsons, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Consulting Gynaecologist

J. V. O'Sullivan, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.

Consultant in Diseases of Infants

N. L. Lloyd, Esq., M.B., M.R.C.P.

Consultant in Ear Diseases

W. H. B. Magauran, M.D., F.R.C.S.

Woodlands Maternity Home**Clinical Medical Officer**

E. G. Housden, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.

Consulting Anaesthetist

I. Evans, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Chief Sanitary and Meat Inspector. Petroleum Inspector
Shops Act Inspector**

K. J. Gutteridge (1, 2)

Assistant Sanitary and Meat Inspectors

L. Gleed (1, 2, 3) E. N. Montague (1, 2)

E. J. Sluis (1, 2) L. M. Edwards (1)

Superintendent Health Visitor and Infant Life Protection Visitor

(b) Miss D. Hayward (4, 5, 6, 12)

Health Visitors

Miss G. Russell-Harris (4, 5, 6) Mrs. L. Harrison (4, 5, 6)

Miss M. Knight (5, 7) Miss L. Salway (4, 5, 6)

Miss R. M. Luther (4, 5, 6)

Matron of Woodlands Maternity Home

(c) Miss M. Corrin (4, 5, 9, 10)

(d) Miss K. B. Sanderson (4, 5, 9)

Matron of Eagle House Day Nursery*(e)* Miss J. E. Offer (4, 5, 11)*(f)* Mrs. I. G. Kensit (4, 11)**Matron of Robinson Road Day Nursery**

Mrs. A. Brookson (12)

Midwives

Miss M. Monday (4, 5)

Mrs. L. Papps (4, 5)

Mrs. T. Davies (4, 5)

Miss A. Redgrave (5)

Miss J. H. Simonds (4, 5)

Mrs. M. J. Murphy (4, 5)

Home Help Organiser

Mrs. R. E. Law

Clerks

L. J. Bellingham

(g) Miss V. Valentine*(h)* Mrs. D. Tupper, *nee* Jullien*(i)* Mrs. M. Lewsley

Miss M. Jarrold

(j) Miss J. O. Bramble*(k)* Miss M. Sanders*(a)* With B.M.G., Germany.*(b)* Appointed 12.1.48.*(c)* Resigned 16.2.48.*(d)* Appointed 3.3.48.*(e)* Resigned 26.4.48.*(f)* Appointed 7.5.48.*(g)* Appointed 30.8.48.*(h)* Resigned 8.9.48.*(i)* Resigned 3.1.48.*(j)* Appointed 19.1.48.*(k)* Appointed 1.1.48.

1. Certificate Sanitary Inspectors' Board.
2. Certificate Meat and Foods R.S.I.
3. Smoke Inspector's Certificate.
4. State Registered Nurse.
5. Certificate of Central Midwives' Board.
6. Health Visitor's Certificate R.S.I.
7. Health Visitor's Diploma.
8. Certificate Teaching of Mothercraft.
9. Midwives' Teacher's Certificate.
10. Housekeeper's Certificate.
11. Sick Children's Registered Nurse.
12. State Registered Fever Nurse.

REPORT

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	2,916 acres
Population, Census 1921	35,119
" " 1931	56,856
Registrar-General's estimate of population mid-year, 1948	66,230
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	7,150
" " " 1931	18,187
" " " 1948	18,019
Rateable Value, 1948	£523,740
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	£2,103

STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 of population
Legitimate ...	1163	587	576	
Illegitimate ...	29	18	11	
	—	—	—	—
Total ...	1,192	605	587	17.99

STILL BIRTHS.	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 total births
Legitimate ...	20	12	8	
Illegitimate ...	3	2	1	
	—	—	—	—
Total ...	23	14	9	19.29

DEATHS.	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1,000 of population
	582	313	269	8.79

Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :—

	Rate per 1,000 total births
From puerperal sepsis	—
From other maternal causes	0.82
	—
Total	0.82

Deaths of infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	23.49
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	...	...	...	22.36
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	...	...	...	68.96

Deaths from :—

Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	111
Measles	...	...	...	1
Whooping cough (all ages)	...	...	...	1
Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	...	...	...	1

PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS OCCURRING IN INSTITUTIONS

Year	Total births	Births in hospitals, etc.	Percentage of births occurring in institutions
1931	1148	370	32.3
1932	1084	381	35.1
1933	1010	420	41.5
1934	982	428	43.5
1935	969	474	48.9
1936	1033	497	48.1
1937	976	501	51.3
1938	1028	569	56.3
1939	966	518	53.7
1940	854	453	53.0
1941	737	408	55.4
1942	986	518	52.5
1943	1048	727	69.4
1944	996	678	68.1
1945	993	661	66.5
1946	1290	845	65.5
1947	1405	956	68.0
1948	1215	855	70.37

Number of births notified by municipal midwives up to 4.7.48, 187 (360).

The births rates, death rates per 1,000 of population, and the infantile mortality rates for the years 1928—48 are shown in the following table:—

Year	Births per 1,000 population		Deaths per 1,000 population		Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	
	MITCHAM	England & Wales	MITCHAM	England & Wales	MITCHAM	England & Wales
1928	20.4	16.7	8.8	11.7	48	65
1929	19.1	16.3	11.2	13.4	72	74
1930	19.3	16.3	8.2	11.4	49	60
1931	19.2	15.8	9.8	12.3	42	66
1932	18.0	15.3	8.4	12.0	43	65
1933	16.1	14.4	8.8	12.3	37.1	64
1934	15.6	14.8	9.1	11.8	51.6	59
1935	15.6	14.7	7.7	11.8	49.5	57
1936	15.4	14.8	9.1	12.1	48.0	59
1937	14.3	14.9	8.5	12.4	43.4	58
1938	15.1	15.1	8.3	11.6	38.0	53
1939	15.2	15.0	8.6	12.1	31.0	50
1940	15.4	14.6	11.8	14.3	46.0	55
1941	13.57	14.2	11.06	12.9	55.4	59
1942	17.54	15.8	9.81	11.6	43.75	49
1943	18.75	16.5	10.77	12.1	36.2	49
1944	18.99	17.6	11.88	11.6	36.8	46
1945	18.01	16.1	10.19	11.4	31.83	46
1946	20.3	19.1	9.2	11.5	19.9	43
1947	21.39	20.5	9.47	12.0	38.60	41
1948	17.99	17.9	8.79	10.8	23.49	34

INFANT MORTALITY

During the year 28 deaths were registered as occurring in infants under one year of age:—

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ...	17	9	26
Illegitimate ...	2	—	2
Totals ...	19	9	28

as compared with 53 deaths last year.

The following table shows the principal causes of death in the various age groups:—

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Age	No.	Cause of Death				
		Pre-maturity	Congenital Defects	Accidents of birth	Infectious conditions	Other conditions
Under 24 hrs...	— (3)	— (1)	— (2)	—	—	— (—)
1-7 days ...	6 (14)	1 (3)	5 (9)	—	—	— (2)
8 days - 1 mth.	— (2)	— (1)	— (—)	—	—	— (1)
1mth. - 12 mths.	4 (9)	— (—)	— (—)	—	—	4 (9)
Total	10 (28)	1 (5)	5 (11)	—	—	4 (12)

Six (19) infants failed to survive the first month of life, and prematurity was certified as the cause of death of 1 (5) of these infants.

No death was recorded of illegitimate infants.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

During the year one death was registered.

In 1947 one death was registered due to disease or accident of pregnancy.

INQUESTS.

Inquests were held on 24 residents dying within the district and on 13 Mitcham residents who died outside the district, a total of 37. In addition, the coroner held 70 post-mortems without

inquests on residents dying within the district, and on 59 Mitcham residents who died outside the district, a total of 129.

The following table shows the results of the findings of these inquests:—

Accidental deaths	17
Deaths from misadventure	4
Suicides	13
Open verdict	2
Manslaughter	1
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Total	37

Cases of Death	Cause of Death					Total
	Accidental	Misadventure	Suicide	Open Verdict	Manslaughter	
1911	1	1	1	1	1	5
1912	2	1	1	1	1	6
1913	1	1	1	1	1	5
1914	1	1	1	1	1	5
1915	1	1	1	1	1	5
1916	1	1	1	1	1	5
1917	1	1	1	1	1	5
1918	1	1	1	1	1	5
1919	1	1	1	1	1	5
1920	1	1	1	1	1	5
1921	1	1	1	1	1	5
1922	1	1	1	1	1	5
1923	1	1	1	1	1	5
1924	1	1	1	1	1	5
1925	1	1	1	1	1	5
1926	1	1	1	1	1	5
1927	1	1	1	1	1	5
1928	1	1	1	1	1	5
1929	1	1	1	1	1	5
1930	1	1	1	1	1	5
1931	1	1	1	1	1	5
1932	1	1	1	1	1	5
1933	1	1	1	1	1	5
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1952	1	1	1	1	1	5
1953	1	1	1	1	1	5
1954	1	1	1	1	1	5
1955	1	1	1	1	1	5
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1958	1	1	1	1	1	5
1959	1	1	1	1	1	5
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1961	1	1	1	1	1	5
1962	1	1	1	1	1	5
1963	1	1	1	1	1	5
1964	1	1	1	1	1	5
1965	1	1	1	1	1	5
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1994	1	1	1	1	1	5
1995	1	1	1	1	1	5
1996	1	1	1	1	1	5
1997	1	1	1	1	1	5
1998	1	1	1	1	1	5
1999	1	1	1	1	1	5
2000	1	1	1	1	1	5

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1948

CAUSE OF DEATH	Males	Females	Total
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ...	...	...	...
2 Cerebro-spinal fever ...	1	1	2
3 Scarlet fever ...	1	...	1
4 Whooping cough ...	...	1	1
5 Diphtheria ...	...	...	...
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	22	16	38
7 Other forms of tuberculosis ...	4	...	4
8 Syphilitic diseases ...	7	...	7
9 Influenza ...	1	2	3
10 Measles ...	...	1	1
11 Acute polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	1	1	2
12 Acute infectious encephalitis ...	...	...	...
13 Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (m) and uterus (f) ...	8	1	9
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	9	13	22
15 Cancer of breast ...	...	11	11
16 Cancer of all other sites ...	44	25	69
17 Diabetes ...	...	1	1
18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions ...	15	32	47
19 Heart disease ...	73	76	149
20 Other diseases of circulatory system ...	12	10	22
21 Bronchitis ...	17	19	36
22 Pneumonia ...	22	8	30
23 Other respiratory diseases... ..	5	3	8
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	4	1	5
25 Diarrhoea (under two years) ...	1	...	1
26 Appendicitis... ..	1	...	1
27 Other digestive diseases ...	5	6	11
28 Nephritis ...	7	5	12
29 Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis ...	...	...	...
30 Other maternal causes ...	...	1	1
31 Premature birth ...	2	2	4
32 Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infantile disease ...	10	6	16
33 Suicide ...	11	2	13
34 Road traffic accidents ...	5	1	6
35 Other violent causes ...	7	2	9
36 All other causes ...	18	22	40
All causes ...	313	269	582

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1948.

(Provisional figures based on weekly and quarterly returns.)

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Popula- tions 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 census)	London Admin- istrative County	Mitcham
Rates per 1,000 civilian population					
Births—					
Live	17.9 †	20.0	19.2	20.1	17.99
Still	0.42 †	0.52	0.43	0.39	0.35
Deaths—					
All causes... ..	10.8 †	11.6	10.7	11.6	8.79
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.51	0.59	0.46	0.63	0.63
Influenza	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03
Pneumonia	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.54	0.45
Notifications—					
Typhoid fever	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro-spinal fever	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
Scarlet fever	1.73	1.90	1.82	1.37	1.39
Whooping cough... ..	3.42	3.51	3.31	3.13	4.02
Diphtheria	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.01
Erysipelas	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.36
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	9.34	9.75	8.84	9.17	16.16
Pneumonia	0.73	0.84	0.60	0.57	0.65
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06
Acute Polioencephalitis...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Rates per 1,000 live births					
Deaths under one year of age	34 †	39	32	31	23.49
Deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis under two years of age	3.3	4.5	2.1	2.4	0.84
Rates per 1,000 total births (live and still)					
Maternal mortality...					
Abortion with sepsis	0.11	Not available			(—)
" without sepsis... ..	0.05				
Puerperal infections	0.13				
Other	0.73				
Notifications—					
Puerperal fever	} 6.89	} 8.90	} 4.71	} 7.34*	} 2.47
Puerperal pyrexia					
Mortality per million women aged 15-44					
Abortion—					
With sepsis	9	} Not available			
Without sepsis	4				

A dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths.

* In London, puerperal fever alone was 0.61.

† Rates per 1,000 total population. † Per 1,000 related births.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations for this district are carried out at the Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital.

The following number of specimens from this borough have been examined during the year:—

Swabs for diphtheria	...	...	...	162
Sputa for tubercle	...	...	...	19
				—
Total	...	...	...	181

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, EPSOM

This service has proved of the greatest use, particularly in regard to the control of infection in the Day Nurseries and Woodlands Maternity Home. The results of specimens taken to the laboratory by car have been available the following morning, and the advice and assistance of the staff have been most helpful.

AMBULANCES

The Ambulance service for the district is quite adequate at present, and the following arrangements have been made:—

For General and Accident Cases.—Two ambulances are provided by the Council for the removal of general and accident cases. The number of cases removed up to 4.7.48 was 1,133 (2,397), of which 246 (454) were accident cases and 887 (1,943) private removals, including 278 (463) maternity cases. There were 13 (41) calls when the ambulance was not required on arrival. Contrary to expectations, the removals during the second half of the year have only increased by 12 per cent. over the first half.

For Infectious Disease Cases.—The Wandle Valley Joint Hospital Board has provided two motor ambulances for the removal of cases of infectious disease to the Isolation Hospital,

NURSING IN THE HOME

There are two nursing associations in the Borough. The following are the returns from each association for year ended December 31st, 1948:—

	No. of Nurses	No. of patients visited during 1948	No. of visits paid during 1948
St. Barnabas	2*	84	1,680‡
Mitcham D.N. Association—	7†	424	16,279
Totals		508	17,959

* One part time. † Three part time. ‡ Up to 5.7.48.

HOSPITALS

For General Cases.—The Wilson Hospital, which is a Voluntary Hospital situated within the district, receives accident and general cases. Other voluntary general hospitals available for the district are the Nelson Hospital (Merton), the Croydon General Hospital, and the South London Hospital for Women (Clapham). The large London hospitals are also within easy reach of the district. The Surrey County Council are the local hospital authority and the County Council hospitals provide hospital accommodation for Mitcham patients.

For Infectious Diseases.—The Council is one of the constituent authorities forming the Wandle Valley Joint Hospital Board, and cases of infectious disease from this area are treated at their hospital situated at Beddington Corner, Mitcham Junction.

For Small Pox Cases.—By an arrangement with the Surrey County Council cases of small pox are admitted to the Small Pox Hospital, Clandon.

For Maternity Cases.—Cases requiring hospital treatment are admitted to the Surrey County Hospitals or the London Voluntary Hospitals.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY

Six municipal midwives have been appointed for this Borough, the Borough Council acting as agents for the Surrey County Council, who are the local supervising authority.

WOODLANDS MATERNITY HOME

The Borough Maternity Home has accommodation for 15 cases. All patients must be Mitcham residents, and those who wish may book their own medical attendant for the confinement.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

WELFARE CLINICS

Infant Welfare Centres are held at the following places:—

Cavendish Road Welfare Centre.—Sessions are held every Monday afternoon.

St. Barnabas Church Hall, Gorringe Park Avenue.—Sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon.

Sherwood House, Commonsides East.—Sessions are held every Thursday morning, and Monday afternoon (weighing).

Church Road Centre.—Sessions are held every Thursday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon (weighing session).

Meopham Road Clinic.—Sessions are held each Wednesday afternoon, and Friday afternoon (weighing session).

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Ante-natal clinics are held at the following places:—

Woodlands Maternity Home.—Sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for patients who have booked for their confinement at the Woodlands Maternity Home.

Church Road Clinic.—Sessions are held on every Tuesday and Friday mornings, and a clinic for cases booked by midwives is held on Friday afternoons.

POST-NATAL CLINIC

A post-natal clinic is held at Church Road Clinic on alternate Mondays by appointment.

Post-natal examinations of cases confined in Woodlands are made at the Woodlands clinics.

SCHOOL CLINIC

The Surrey County Council is the Local Education Authority. Medical and dental services are provided at the School Clinic, Western Road.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION CLINICS

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics are held as follows:—

Meopham Road Clinic ...	...	Every Monday afternoon.
Mitcham Court ...	...	Every Wednesday morning.
Cavendish Road Clinic ...	...	Every Thursday afternoon

SCABIES CLINIC

A Clinic for the diagnosis of this condition is held by the Medical Officer of Health at Mitcham Court every morning. Treatment is given at Western Road Clinic.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

The Surrey County Council is the authority responsible for diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Dispensaries are held at the St. Helier County Hospital every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday by appointment.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINICS

The Surrey County Council is the responsible authority for venereal diseases in this area and is a member of the London and Home Counties Scheme. The arrangements provide for the free diagnosis and treatment of these diseases at the Croydon General Hospital, the St. Helier, Guildford, Redhill and Kingston County Hospitals, the War Memorial Hospital, Woking, and at hospitals under the London and Home Counties Scheme.

DISINFECTION

The disinfection of houses is undertaken by the Council. Disinfection of bedding, etc., is done by the Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital.

Charges are made for disinfection which is not in the interests of the public health.

Public library books which have been in contact with cases of infectious disease are disinfected by the Public Health Department.

Boots, shoes, etc., taken in exchange by the Domestic Centre are disinfected by the Public Health Department before being re-exchanged.

Number of disinfections carried out by Wandle			
Valley Isolation Hospital	...	...	72
Number of rooms disinfected by fumigator	...		269
Number of library books disinfected	...	...	362

REPORT ON MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Sessions are held at five centres, thus serving every part of the Borough. Each Clinic is held at least once each week.

The total number of attendances at the infant welfare centres was 26,234, as compared with 26,721 in 1947; 3,022 children attended during the year. Of these 1,248 were new cases, 1,097 being infants under one year of age, and 151 being children over one, but under five years of age. The total number of attendances of infants under one year was 19,341, and of children between one and five years of age, 6,893.

At the end of the year there were 838 infants under one year and 1,278 children between one and five years of age attending the centres, making a total of 2,116.

The average attendance at each centre was: --

Cavendish Road	...	...	...	...	81.8
St. Barnabas	...	...	...	...	115.4
Church Road	...	...	...	...	64.5
Sherwood House	...	...	...	...	53.8
Meopham Road	...	...	...	...	43.8

The percentage of infants under one year of age attending the centres for the first time was 92.03 per cent. of the total number of live births.

At Church Road, Meopham Road and Sherwood House Clinics an additional weekly weighing session has been necessary. These additional sessions are not attended by a Medical Officer, but are otherwise the same as other sessions.

GENERAL REMARKS

The nutrition, clothing and cleanliness of the children continued to be of a high standard, and the children attended the centres very regularly.

The centres are staffed by a medical officer, two health visitors and voluntary helpers, who have rendered most valuable service by selling food, keeping the registers, etc.

SUNLIGHT TREATMENT

The arrangements with the Wilson Hospital for patients to receive sunlight treatment were continued during the year, and 65 patients were referred for treatment during the period 1.1.48 to 4.7.48. During the year the equipment for sunlight treatment was installed at Church Road and Sherwood House Clinics.

The following table shows the work done at each Sunlight Clinic since July 5, 1948. Treatment commenced at Church Road Clinic in June, and at Sherwood House Clinic in August.

	Sessions.	Attendances		Total Attendances.	Average Clinic Attendance
		P.	S.		
Church Road	... 52	99	929	1028	19.8
Sherwood House	... 42	102	883	985	23.5

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC

Arrangements have been made with the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, for children in need of orthopædic treatment to attend the orthopædic clinic of this hospital. Up to 4.7.48 23 (30) cases were referred to this clinic, as compared with 33 cases in 1947.

DENTAL TREATMENT

The dental clinic for nursing and expectant mothers and children under five years of age is held at Church Road each week.

All ante-natal cases, including the cases booked for confinement at the Woodlands Maternity Home, received dental inspection, followed by treatment and dentures when necessary.

The arrangement made with the Surrey County Council for the services of a County Dental Surgeon and dental attendant have been most successful. The following table shows the work performed:—

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE RECORDS

CHURCH ROAD, MITCHAM.

SUMMARY—YEAR 1948.

	Expectant Mothers	Nursing Mothers	Infants	Total
New Patients	28 (152)	2 (20)	24 (139)	54 (311)
Subsequent attendances	81 (287)	39 (182)	32 (119)	152 (588)
Total attendances	109 (439)	41 (202)	56 (258)	206 (899)
Inspections	28 (125)	5 (25)	23 (129)	56 (279)
Fillings—permanent teeth	44 (162)	3 (66)	— (—)	47 (228)
Fillings—temporary teeth	— (—)	— (—)	36 (81)	36 (81)
Extractions—permanent teeth	42 (142)	47 (120)	— (—)	89 (262)
Extractions—temporary teeth	— (—)	— (—)	36 (165)	36 (165)
Anæsthetics—local	1 (42)	1 (16)	— (1)	2 (59)
Anæsthetics—general	14 (38)	8 (23)	12 (68)	34 (129)
Dentures partial	2 (5)	4 (15)	— (—)	6 (20)
Dentures—full	— (2)	3 (8)	— (—)	3 (10)
Patients awaiting dentures	— (2)	— (3)	— (—)	— (5)
Patients—treatment complete	16 (57)	5 (23)	16 (107)	37 (187)
Patients—treatment incomplete	*— (30)	*— (—)	*— (8)	*— (38)

* Figures not available.

HEALTH VISITING

There were six Health Visitors employed in visiting the mothers and children in this district until July 4, 1948. After this date the District Health Visitors in conjunction with the two Health Visitors employed primarily on school medical work were combined to form the Divisional staff of the Mitcham area. By the end of the year every Health Visitor was doing the combined duties of District Health Visitor and School Health Visitor.

The Superintendent Health Visitor is responsible for the general supervision of the welfare centres, ante-natal clinics, etc., and also acts as Infant Life Protection Visitor.

TODDLERS' CLINICS

These clinics are held for children between the ages of two and five and are full routine examinations of the children. Any conditions requiring observation or treatment are noted and the parents advised. Further appointments are made as necessary.

The following table shows the work done up to 4.7.48:—

Age Group			
2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	Total
100 (163)	88 (143)	43 (83)	231 (389)

ATTENDANCES AT INFANT WELFARE CENTRES, 1948

Particulars	Cavendish Road	St. Barnabas	Church Road	Sherwood House	Meopham Road	Total
Number of new cases registered during period 1.1.48—4.7.48:						
Children under one year of age	89 (176)	128 (235)	166 (306)	102 (207)	102 (173)	587 (1097)
Children over one year and under five years of age ...	11 (19)	20 (36)	23 (36)	21 (41)	11 (19)	86 (151)
Number of children in attendance at 4.7.48:						
Under one year of age ...	203 (329)	234 (191)	257 (269)	258 (379)	169 (145)	1121 (1318)
Over one and under five years of age ...	90 (98)	291 (479)	329 (506)	197 (240)	251 (381)	1158 (1704)
Attendances of children under one year of age ...	1789 (3248)	2633 (4746)	2624 (4935)	1715 (3342)	1720 (3070)	10481 (19341)
Attendances of children over one year of age ...	321 (677)	641 (1254)	887 (1834)	876 (1820)	697 (1308)	3422 (6893)
Total attendances at centres ...	2110 (3925)	3274 (6000)	3511 (6769)	2591 (5162)	2417 (4378)	13903 (26234)
Average attendances at centres...	87.9 (81.8)	125.9 (115.4)	67.5 (64.5)	56.3 (53.8)	48.3 (43.8)	...
Percentage of infants under one year of age attending centres, for first time, of the total live births ...	...	...	...	...	...	(92.03)

VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS

	Miss D. Hayward	Miss R. Harris	Miss M. Knight	Miss L. Salway	Miss M. Luther	Mrs. L. Harrison	Miss E. Wyatt	Miss J. Hitchener	Total
Primary Ante-Natal Visits	2 (5)	47 (97)	34 (66)	55 (96)	47 (75)	55 (113)	— (4)	— (7)	240 (463)
Subsequent Ante-Natal Visits	3 (10)	1 (2)	20 (35)	42 (63)	94 (144)	71 (143)	— (—)	— (—)	231 (397)
Primary Visits to Infants under 1 year ...	4 (6)	117 (246)	106 (172)	123 (234)	163 (284)	153 (298)	— (27)	— (30)	666 (1297)
Subsequent Visits to Infants	2 (4)	327 (625)	466 (740)	518 (905)	949 (1584)	513 (1051)	— (102)	— (81)	2775 (5092)
Visits to Children 1—5 years	3 (8)	800 (1523)	727 (1241)	1066 (1830)	1187 (2019)	382 (875)	— (208)	— (155)	4165 (7859)
Visits to Premature Infants... ..	— (—)	1 (2)	1 (3)	11 (17)	9 (21)	73 (113)	— (2)	— (—)	95 (158)
Visits re Infant Deaths	— (—)	3 (5)	1 (3)	4 (6)	— (—)	— (3)	— (—)	— (2)	8 (19)
Visits re Stillbirths	— (—)	— (2)	4 (6)	3 (3)	1 (1)	2 (2)	— (1)	— (—)	10 (15)
Visits to Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4 (5)	1 (1)	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	7 (8)
Visits re Cases of Puerperal Fever ...	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (2)
Primary Visits to Cases of Tuberculosis...	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)
Subsequent Visits to Cases of Tuberculosis	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Visits re Diphtheria Immunisation ...	— (—)	— (2)	14 (24)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)	16 (28)
Visits re Scabies	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (3)
Visits re Other Infectious Diseases ...	— (—)	40 (43)	36 (36)	81 (129)	26 (36)	50 (97)	— (—)	— (4)	233 (345)
Visits re Infant Life Protection	39 (92)	2 (6)	1 (1)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	43 (100)
Visits re Adoption	33 (67)	5 (9)	10 (22)	19 (33)	6 (7)	2 (19)	— (—)	— (3)	75 (160)
Visits re Home Help Scheme	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)
Special Visits	7 (40)	— (5)	14 (22)	22 (38)	15 (21)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	58 (126)
TOTAL	99 (240)	1345 (2569)	1436 (2373)	1945 (3355)	2498 (4193)	1305 (2718)	— (344)	— (282)	8628 (16074)

SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MEDICINES

Dried milk, Virol, Parish's Food, groats, Bemax, Farex, iron pills, Lactagol, etc., were sold at the centres, and in necessitous cases supplied free. Arrangements were such that necessitous children needing dried food other than that supplied at the clinics may obtain this free.

Liquid or National Dried Milk is supplied free in necessitous cases on application to the local Food Office.

Vitamins are supplied to expectant mothers and children under two years of age at Welfare Centres, the Food Office and at the Public Health Department.

Arrangements are available for necessitous nursing and expectant mothers to receive free meals.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Three ante-natal clinics are held each week at Church Road Clinic and three clinics each week in connection with Woodlands Maternity Home are held at the Cavendish Road Clinic.

The midwives' hold clinics for cases booked by them on each Tuesday at Church Road Clinic and Cavendish Road Clinic, also each Wednesday at Sherwood House.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT EACH CENTRE

	Number of expectant mothers	Number of attend- ances	Average Clinic attendance
Woodlands (two clinics)	162 (350)	1428 (2761)	18.8 (18.4)
Church Road Clinic ...	324 (501)	1001 (1863)	19.2 (17.91)
Midwives' Clinic ...	278 (410)	545 (924)	21.0 (18.48)
Total ...	764 (1261)	2974 (5548)	19.7 (18.26)

One thousand two hundred and sixty-one expectant mothers attended the ante-natal centres as against 1,215 total registered births.

GENERAL REMARKS

The clinics were reserved, as in previous years, for those cases entering Woodlands, hospital or who were to be confined in their

own homes and attended by midwives. Any patient who was to be attended by her own doctor was advised to attend him for her ante-natal supervision.

Any patient found to be suffering from any pathological condition was referred to her own doctor or to hospital, a letter giving details of the conditions present accompanying the patient in either case. Midwives are welcomed at the centres, and copies of their patients' ante-natal notes are forwarded to them for reference.

Virol or Parrish's Food, and extra nourishment were supplied free to necessitous and debilitated patients.

X-RAY EXAMINATIONS

Arrangements have been made with the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, for the X-ray examination of women attending the ante-natal clinics. The majority of the examinations are made to determine the presentation of the child in doubtful cases, and also to confirm the diagnosis of twins.

Up to 4.7.48 42 (47) women attended for this examination. In 1947 42 cases attended.

POST-NATAL CLINIC

A Post-Natal Clinic is held at Church Road Clinic each month. Leaflets giving them information about this clinic and the purpose for which it is intended are given to the patients when they leave Woodlands Maternity Home and to the patients attending the various ante-natal clinics. Post-natal examinations of patients confined at Woodlands are made at the Woodlands Clinic; 116 (226) cases attended up to 4.7.48.

The total number of women who attended the post-natal clinics at Church Road Clinic up to 4.7.48 was 94 (174), the average attendance being 9.4 (8.8).

HOME HELP AND DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

The combined Home Help and Domestic Help Service has proved most successful. Up to 4.7.48 5 (5) full-time home helps

were engaged on maternity cases, and 39 (121) mothers received their services during the period.

The Domestic Help Service was available to the following classes of patient in need of domestic help:—

- (1) When the housewife falls sick or must have an operation.
- (2) Where a wife is suddenly called away to see her husband in hospital, and arrangements have to be made to look after the children.
- (3) Elderly people who are infirm or one of whom suddenly falls ill.
- (4) Where several members are ill at the same time, e.g., an influenza epidemic.

This service had been greatly appreciated, and without it many cases who have been nursed at home would have had to be admitted to hospital, thereby aggravating the acute shortage of hospital accommodation.

On 4.7.48 5 (5) full-time and 108 (153) part-time home helps were being employed; 229 (406) cases received assistance during the period up to 4.7.48.

The organiser has worked in close co-operation with the Superintendent Health Visitor and the District Midwives, and has attended the Midwives' Ante-Natal Clinic.

WOODLANDS MATERNITY HOME

The number of cases admitted up to 4.7.48 was 161 (330). During 1947 322 cases were admitted.

Dr. Housden, the Clinical Medical Officer, conducts the ante-natal clinics, and treats all cases requiring medical attention other than private doctors' cases. He visits the Home daily, and thus continuity of observation and treatment has been attained.

The electrically heated cot purchased for the care of the premature infants born in Woodlands has been used on several occasions.

The gas and air apparatus for analgesia has been very successful, and has been greatly appreciated by the patients.

All the staff are trained in the administration of gas and air analgesia.

Dr. Ivor Evans is the consulting anaesthetist to the Home, which is approved by the Central Midwives' Board.

STAFF

The staff consists of a matron, one sister, three staff midwives and six pupil midwives. All the staff are State registered nurses and, with the exception of the pupil midwives, hold the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board. The Home is recognised as a Part II training school for midwives. The pupils work in the Home for three months and work on the district under the supervision of an approved district midwife for a further period of three months.

HOME

The Home can accommodate 15 patients at a time, but bookings are limited to 26 patients per month.

The following table shows the number of births which has occurred in each year since the opening of the Home:—

	Number of births				
1924 (August to December)	42
1925	129
1926	240
1927 (10 months)	177
1928	265
1929	298
1930	318
1931	259
1932	239
1933	285
1934	285
1935	299
1936	314
1937	309
1938	297
1939	254

						Number of births
1940	...	...	...	...	...	239
1941	...	...	...	...	..	215
1942	...	...	...	...	...	263
1943	...	...	...	...	...	224
1944	...	...	...	...	...	213
1945	...	...	...	...	...	267
1946	...	..	...	...	...	290
1947	...	...	..	...	...	312
1948	...	...	...	...	...	321

Number of maternity beds in the institution (exclusive of isolation and labour beds), 15.

Number of maternity cases admitted during the year, 161 (330).

Average duration of stay, 11.5 days (11.8 days).

Number of cases delivered by (a) midwives, 146 (300); (b) doctors, 8 (21).

Number of cases in which medical assistance was sought by a midwife in emergency, 50 (117).

Number of cases notified as (a) puerperal fever nil (nil); (b) puerperal pyrexia, 2 (2).

Number of cases of pemphigus neonatorum, nil (nil).

Number of infants not entirely breast-fed whilst in the institution, 18 (30).

Number of cases notified as ophthalmia neonatorum, nil (1).

Number of maternal deaths, nil (nil).

Number of stillbirths, nil (3).

Number of infants' deaths within ten days of birth, 2 (4).

An ante-natal clinic is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Cavendish Road Clinic, and patients who have booked are expected to attend.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION

The Superintendent Health Visitor has been appointed the Infant Life Protection Visitor for this district.

Frequent visits during the year are paid to the homes of the foster children.

A strict supervision is kept on these homes, and no cause was found to remove any infant from the care of the foster mother during the year.

The following are the number of foster mothers and children on the register:—

	At	At
	4.7.48	31.12.48
Number of foster mothers on register, December 31, 1948	5	5
Number of children on register, December 31, 1948	9	9
Number of children who have died during the year	—	—
Number of children on whom inquests were held	—	—
Number of registrations withdrawn ...	—	—
Number of prosecutions	—	—
Number of visits paid by the Infant Life Protection Visitor	118	260

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ACT, 1939

This Act came into force on June 1st, 1943. Numbers of children are placed in homes in the Borough by the registered adoption societies. These adoption societies have been requested to notify the Superintendent Health Visitor, who is the Infant Life Protection Visitor, of any cases placed for adoption in the Borough.

	At	At
	4.7.48	31.12.48
Number of persons who gave notice under Section 7 (3) during the year	14	24
Total number of children in respect of whom notice was given	18	31
Number of such children under supervision at the end of the year	12	10

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
CHILDREN

The Society does very valuable work in the Borough and there is very close co-operation between the officials of the Public Health Department and the officers of the Society.

Number of Mitcham cases dealt with in 1948	...	40
Number of children affected	... ..	90
Number of visits paid	... ..	126

DAY NURSERIES

Eagle House has continued to give satisfactory service during the year, and has a waiting list of cases for admission, although there is accommodation for 85 children.

Robinson Road Nursery was opened on August 9, 1943, and at the end of 1948 the register was full with a list of children waiting for admission. The house has been adapted for nursery purposes and, with the addition of a prefabricated section, accommodation has been provided for 50 children.

The average attendances were as follows:—

	Eagle House.	Robinson Road.
Under two	23.29 (19.7)	11.659 (12.1)
Two—five	44.87 (40.4)	39.07 (36.3)
Total	68.16 (60.1)	50.729 (48.4)

A voluntary minders' nursery is held at Cavendish Road Clinic each Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. The mothers of the children have a voluntary committee of which the Health Visitor is a member, which arranges the rota of minders. The scheme has proved very successful, the average number of children attending being 12 per session.

During the year the Committees were concerned with long waiting lists for admission to the Day Nurseries. At the end of the year provision of additional accommodation was under active consideration.

THE CARE OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

Mitcham Moral Welfare Association was formed in March, 1946. Representatives of other interested local voluntary associations were elected members of the Committee, and the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and the Chairman of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee were invited to join the Committee.

The Borough Council made a grant of £100 per annum until 4.7.48 towards the cost of the salary of the part-time social worker.

The association has done excellent work during the year, and cases referred to hostels have had their cost of maintenance paid by the Borough Council or the Divisional Sub-Committee in each case.

The opening of the Haygarth Witts Home, The Ridgway, Wimbledon, by the Merton and Wimbledon Moral Welfare Association appears to have solved the difficulty previously experienced in obtaining suitable hostel accommodation.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS

Forty (67) infants were notified as weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth during the year. Five (11) occurred at home confinements, and of this number 1 (3) were removed to hospital, where 1 (1) died when one week old, (1) died on the second day of birth and (1) died within one hour of birth.

Of the 35 (56) infants born in hospital (1) died when two weeks old, 2 (5) died within a week of birth and (1) died within 24 hours of birth.

Premature infants born at home may be removed to hospital if necessary. A specially heated incubator is available for removing cases by ambulance to hospital.

For cases remaining in their own homes special draught-proof cots heated by hot water bottles, blankets, clothes, special feeding bottles, etc., may be borrowed free of cost at the request of the doctor or midwife in charge of the case.

Home helps are available when necessary.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Except for eight houses in Goat Road, supplied by the Sutton Water Company, the whole of Mitcham is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board.

There are in addition eight licensed caravan yards, each containing a stand pipe and supplying a total of 26 caravans.

The water has been of a consistently high standard of purity and no case of infectious disease has been transmitted by water.

A large number of the houses in the Borough have no supply of drinking water direct from the main, but are supplied from a tank in the roof. Provided this tank is properly covered and is cleansed regularly, it provides a satisfactory supply, but frequently the covers are left off and the tanks become contaminated with dead birds, mice, etc., drowned whilst obtaining water. All the more modern houses are, however, supplied with one tap for drinking purposes direct from the main supply.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Visits have been paid to all works suspected of discharging effluent into surface water sewers.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The whole of the district is on the water carriage system, the houses being drained to the public sewer.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of house refuse is carried out by direct labour. Six dust collection vehicles are in use.

A weekly collection of salvage is also made, two vehicles being used for this purpose.

Pig food is collected twice weekly, except for the months of June, July and August, when a daily collection is made.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council houses found infested during the year, 88.

Number of other houses found infested during the year, 44.

Number of requisitioned, etc., houses found infested during the year, 36.

Total number of houses disinfested during the year, 124.

Methods employed:—

6 houses treated with sulphur dioxide.

118 houses treated with insecticide spray (inclusive of rooms treated on more than one occasion).

No private houses were treated by the Council staff, but advice was given and material supplied at cost price on request in respect of 44 houses.

Number of houses disinfested for beetles, 68.

SCHOOLS

The supervision of the public elementary schools is under the control of the Education Department of the Surrey County Council.

The sanitary fittings, etc., however, are inspected periodically by the sanitary inspector. All schools have a constant supply of water from the mains of the Metropolitan Water Board.

Medical Inspection.—The medical inspection of school children is carried out by the Education Department of the Surrey County Council.

Closure of Schools.—No school has been closed by the local authority during the year.

Infectious Diseases.—Scholars in contact with a case of infectious disease are excluded from school, the period of the exclusion being that set out in memorandum of the County School Medical Officer to the Surrey Education Committee. The head teacher of the school concerned is always notified of this exclusion and the reason for same.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919

Three full-time and one part-time Rodent Operators were employed.

House to house inspections	...	...	9,950
Complaints received	...	...	316
Number of treatments re rat infestation including test baits as result of inspections and complaints	...	...	1,660
Factory and business premises treated	...	...	132
Visits by Sanitary Inspectors	...	...	65

Three sewer maintenance treatments were carried out; 358 manholes were baited.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Mitcham

Madam, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a summary of the visits and works carried out in the Borough by myself and the District Sanitary Inspectors:—

Number of complaints received	...	...	1,098
Visits <i>re</i> complaints and sundries	...	...	2,632
Revisits	...	...	4,847
Houses inspected for defects	...	...	2,813
Number of nuisances discovered	...	...	1,468
Number of intimation notices served	...	...	1,159
Number of intimation notices complied with	...	...	998
Number of statutory notices served	...	...	344
Number of statutory notices complied with	...	...	318
Visits to butchers and other food shops	...	...	474
Visits to factories	...	...	161
Visits to refuse dumps	...	...	5
Visits to slaughter houses	...	...	21
Visits to restaurant kitchens	...	...	53
Visits to stables	...	...	6
Visits to garages	...	...	15
Visits to outworkers' premises	...	...	34

Visits to marine stores	1
Visits to caravan yards	15
Visits <i>re</i> building licence applications	1,047

Details of visits to other premises are enumerated in other sections of the report.

Character of Work Done

Roofs repaired	520
Eaves guttering and spouting repaired	370
Yards paved or repaired	27
Dampness remedied	140
Water service pipes repaired	37
Waterclosets: repairs to roof, walls, doors, windows, floors and seats	225
Waterclosets: flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	102
Water storage cisterns cleansed, regulated, repaired or renewed	43
Water supply reinstated	7
Flooring of rooms repaired and ventilation improved	268
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	69
Repairs to sinks, waste pipes and traps	56
Window frames, sashes and sills provided	545
Window frames, sashes and sills repaired	91
Drains repaired and obstructions removed	129
Repairs to firegrates	106
Repairs to stoves, coppers, ranges, etc.	60
New dustbins provided	61
Accumulations removed	9
Repairs to chimney stacks, etc.	50
Repairs to staircases	36
Smoke nuisances abated	—
Repairs to doors	114
Sinks and handbasins, repairs or renewals	64
Drains tested	130
Repairs to internal plaster	2,739
Grid and mica flaps provided	24
Drain inspection chamber covers provided	26
External brickwork (repaired, pointed or rendered) ...	310
W.c. pans and traps provided	140

All ponds and ditches in the Borough where mosquito breeding was possible were sprayed with insecticide twice during the year. Twenty-six visits were paid for this purpose.

Legal Proceedings.—Sixteen applications were made to the Justices for Nuisance Orders against property owners under Section 94, Public Health Act, 1936. The results were as follows:—

Ten summonses were adjourned *sine die* on reports to Justices that works were in progress.

Five summonses were dismissed with costs, as works were completed before the hearing of the summonses.

One order was made by the Justices with costs.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.—Proceedings were taken against a firm of milk retailers for using two dirty milk bottles. The retailer was fined £75 with £3 3s. costs on one summons. The other summons was dismissed.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.—Ninety-two licences to store petroleum and cellulose solutions were granted, totalling 161,708 gallons. Five licences were also issued for 2,744 lbs. of carbide of calcium to be stored.

UN SOUND FOOD DEALT WITH.

Beef	...	...	893 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Corned Beef	...	405 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Fish	...	...	2,782 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Butter	...	7 "
Cheese	...	...	34 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Jam	...	70 "
Ox Tongue	...	...	6 "	Mincemeat	...	11 "
Chitterlings	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	Beef Extract	...	68 ozs.
Poultry	...	...	83 "	Beef Aspic Jelly	...	44 "
Sausages...	...	...	41 "	Chocolate	...	3 lbs. 2 ozs.
Paste	...	...	1 jar	Chocolate Cup	...	2 pkts.
Jellies	...	...	3	Semolina	...	11 lbs.
Milk	...	...	187 tins	Potatoes	...	1,232 lbs.
Milk Powder	...	...	21 lbs.	Tomatoes	...	140 "
Sugar	...	...	224 lbs.	Cake Mixture	...	10 "
Fruit	...	...	150 "	Eggs	...	886
Fruit, Dried	...	...	592 "	Dried Eggs	...	10 ozs.

Flour	37 „	Bacon	17½ lbs.
Pickles	20 bottles	Oats	10 „
Sauce	12 „	Sundry tinned	
Cereals	37 pkts.	foods	1,565 tins

Yours faithfully,

K. J. GUTTERIDGE,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2,813
(b) Number of inspections made for the purposes	3,241

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	998
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action by the local authority or their officers	348

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:— Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	25
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	15
(b) By local authority in default of owners	10

Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of houses in which demolition orders were made	3
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Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of houses in which closing orders were made for underground rooms	2
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4. RENT AND MORTGAGE INTEREST RESTRICTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1933, SECTION 12.

Number of certificates issued to occupiers that houses were not in a reasonable state of repair	14
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Formal Samples.

Forty-nine formal samples were taken as follows:—

Milk	32	Meat Extract	1
Baking Powder	2	Mixed Spice	1
Pudding Mixture	1	Sausage Meat	2
Malt Vinegar	1	Luncheon Sausage	1
Gravy Powder	1	Uncooked Cake	1
Potato Powder	1	Jam	2
Almond Flavouring	1	Salad Cream	1
Gelatine	1		

Informal Samples.

Forty-two informal samples were taken as follows:—

Milk	2	Coffee Extract	2
Cake and Pudding Mix- tures	4	Bicarbonate of Soda ..	1
Malt Vinegar	2	Chocolate, Cocoa	3
Baking Powder	3	Jam	2
Pepper	2	Flour	1
Pickles, Sauces, etc. ...	6	Cake	1
Pastes, Sandwich Spreads	3	Lemonade Powder	1
Essences	3	Beef Cubes	1
Sausage Meat	3	Curry Powder... ..	1
		Gelatine	1

All samples were satisfactory with the exception of one formal sample and two informal samples. The result of one formal sample (beef sausage) was passed to the Ministry of Food. Action was taken against the butcher concerned who was fined £2 with £2 2s. costs. One warning letter was sent to a manufacturer regarding an unsatisfactory food sample, and one warning letter was sent to a manufacturer regarding unsatisfactory food labelling.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1936-46.

During the year the Council granted the following number of licences under the above named Order:—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	9
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	7
Pasteurising Plant	...	...	...	...	1
Supplementary Licences—					
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	8
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	7

Ninety-one samples of Graded Milk were submitted for bacteriological examination. Eighty-two samples were satisfactory and nine were unsatisfactory. Communications were sent to the dairies regarding the unsatisfactory samples.

BAKEHOUSES

The number of bakehouses in the district is 10.

Twenty-two visits have been paid.

DAIRIES

There are 10 registered premises within the district. With the exception at one pasteurising establishment, milk is now being supplied by the wholesalers to the dairy men in sealed bottles.

During the year 91 visits of inspection were paid.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two registered slaughterhouses in the Borough, 21 visits have been paid,

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Goats	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	30	...	47
Number inspected	30	...	47
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcasses condemned
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	2.13
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses condemned
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	14.9

FOOD PREPARING FACTORIES

There are 13 other premises in which food is prepared for human consumption. All of these have been systematically visited.

PIGGERIES

There are nine piggeries in the Borough. Fifty-two visits were paid during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

I.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):—

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	26	13	1		1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies						
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938	2	201	120	6		2
(b) Others	3	...	...	...		3
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	10	29	3		4
TOTAL ... ..	...	237	162	10		...

2.—Cases in which defects were found:—

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	5	7	7				5
Overcrowding (S.2)	6						6
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	7						7
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	8						8
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	9						9
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	10						10
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	8	8				11
(c) Not separate for sexes	12						12
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	13						13
TOTAL ... ..	...	15	15				...

3.—Outwork (Sections 110 and 111):—

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111			M/c line No. (9)
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecu- tions (8)	
Wearing of Making, etc.	14	70						14
apparel \ Cleaning and washing ...	15							
Household linen	16							16
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	17							17
Curtains and furniture hangings ...	18							18
Furniture and upholstery	19							19
Electro-plate	20							20
File making	21							21
Brass and brass articles	22	2						22
Fur pulling	23							
Iron and steel cables and chains ...	24							24
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels	25							25
Cart gear	26							26
Locks, latches and keys	27							27
Umbrellas, etc.	28							28
Artificial flowers	29	1						29
Nets, other than wire nets	30							
Tents	31							31

Sacks	32							32
Racquet and tennis balls	33							33
Paper bags	34							34
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper ...	35	4						35
Brush making	36							36
Pea picking	37							37
Feather sorting	38	1						38
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc. ...	39	1						39
Stuffed toys	40							40
Basket making	41							41
Chocolates and sweetmeats ...	42	22						42
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, etc.	43	60						43
Textile weaving	44							44
Lampshades	45							45
TOTAL ... ..	...	161						...

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

The total number of confirmed notifications received during the period up to 4.7.48 was 1,033 (1,523).

CONTACTS, SUSPECTS, ETC.

The Medical Officer of Health may be called in consultation by medical practitioners to see patients in their homes.

VISITS

	Made by	No.
Sanitary Inspectors ...	...	336
Health Visitors ...	...	341
To small pox contacts ...	...	42
	Total ...	719
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease ...		269

The monthly incidence of infectious disease was:—

	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	Poliomyelitis	Measles	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Polio- Encephalitis	Paratyphoid	Malaria	Totals
January	3	...	...	2	6	...	2	2	1	...	11	20	...	...	...	...	47
February	4	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	43	8	...	...	...	...	61
March	8	...	...	4	5	1	1	...	...	1	50	28	...	...	...	1	99
April	4	...	...	6	5	1	1	...	...	...	143	20	...	...	...	...	180
May	9	...	...	...	9	...	2	...	...	1	351	60	...	...	...	...	388
June	6	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	204	21	...	...	...	...	237
July																		
{ 1-4 ...		1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4	...	...	...	...	21
{ 5-31 ...		3	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	63	29	...	...	...	...	101
August	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	13	38	...	1	...	...	58
September	12	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	17	27	...	...	...	...	59
October	16	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	63	21	...	...	...	...	105
November	15	...	...	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	61	25	...	...	...	...	107
December	8	1	...	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	35	9	...	...	...	...	60
Totals	92	1	...	24	43	3	9	7	2	4	1070	266	...	1	...	1	1523

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS, 1928-48.

DISEASE	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1.1.48 to 4.7.48	5.7.48 to 31.12.48	
Small Pox ...	9	7	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	102	134	113	105	174	240	392	143	171	192	150	61	48	75	175	212	97	147	95	62	35	57	
Diphtheria...	75	133	129	49	32	40	83	80	104	89	64	27	36	72	25	42	10	63	32	4	...	1	
Typhoid Fever ...	3	4	9	2	3	3	...	3	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Continued Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Undulant Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ...	4	6	1	7	5	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia...	9	5	6	9	4	9	6	4	11	5	4	7	2	2	6	3	5	8	6	9	3	...	
Anthrax ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	4	...	...	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	1	13	12	6	8	3	3	1	2	1	1
Cholera ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	10	22	22	17	11	31	30	20	22	16	8	19	17	19	7	22	13	16	25	9	18	6	
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	301	194	599	651	112	739	358	533	818	252
Acute Diarrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhus Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	11	2	2
Ophthalmia Neona- torum	3	3	1	3	4	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	1	3	10	4	4	...	2	2	6	3	
Polio-encephalitis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	54	57	35	45	52	37	45	35	36	32	43	...	30	22	20	50	37	33	41	37	30	13	
Malaria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...
Whooping Cough	4	16	186	161	162	166	96	234	216	117	149
Food Poisoning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	6	11	...	...	5	1	...	...	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	67	13	6	1	2	5
Paratyphoid ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Totals ...	270	375	319	242	288	368	560	293	357	338	275	125	468	591	1021	1161	515	1126	807	888	1033	490	

SMALL POX

No case of small pox was notified during the year 1948.

SCARLET FEVER

The number of cases of scarlet fever notified during the year was 92 as compared with 62 in 1947, equivalent to a case rate of 1.39 per 1,000 population. The disease has continued mild in character; one death due to this cause was recorded. Of the total number of cases notified 64 were treated in hospital, and 28 cases were treated at home.

The patient's home was disinfected after his removal to hospital or his release from isolation, but steam disinfection of the bedding has been discontinued as a routine procedure.

DIPHTHERIA

One case of diphtheria was notified during the year and was removed to hospital for treatment; contacts are swabbed as a routine. The case recovered.

The following table gives details of notifications and the number of each age group immunised:—

NOTIFICATIONS			DEATHS		
Age at date of notification.	Number of cases notified	Number of cases included in preceding column in which the patient had completed a full course of immunisation.	Age at date of death	Number of deaths	Number of cases included in preceding column in which the patient had completed a full course of immunisation.
Under 1	—	—	Under 1	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—
2	—	—	2	—	—
3	—	—	3	—	—
4	—	—	4	—	—
5-9	—	—	5-9	—	—
10-14	1	—	10-14	—	—
Over 14	—	—			
Totals	1	—	Totals	—	—

Four cases were notified during 1947. Immunisation and reinforcing doses were available to every school child whose parents gave consent.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION

Efforts have continued during the year to obtain the immunisation of every child before his second birthday. A birthday greeting letter is sent on the first birthday, making an appointment for immunisation, and three clinics are available, so that no mother is beyond easy walking distance of a clinic. The health visitors have urged the mothers at the welfare centres, and when making home visits, to have their children immunised, and have made special visits in difficult cases.

Immunisation has been continued at the schools. All the non-immunised children at the Day Nurseries were immunised after admission.

The following figures show the number of children immunised during the year:—

Under five	...	...	...	...	...	1,125
Five—14	...	...	...	...	...	340
Total						1,465

The following figures show the number of the child population considered immunised at December 31, 1948:

Age at 31.12.48 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1948	1 1947	2 1946	3 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939-1943	10 to 14 1934-1938	Total under 15
Number immunised	7	850	894	658	826	3224	4068	10527
Estimated mid-year population 1948	5658					8314		13972

The per cent. immunised is as follows:—

Under five	...	...	...	...	57.18%
Five—14	...	...	...	...	87.71%

The number of birthday greetings sent in 1948 was 1,153.

TYPHOID FEVER

No case was notified during the year.

DIARRHŒA AND ENTERITIS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE

One death was registered during the year.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA

No case was notified during the year.

ERYSIPELAS

Twenty-four cases were notified. Eight cases were removed to hospital.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

Three cases were notified during the year.

PNEUMONIA

Forty-three cases of primary pneumonia were notified during the year. The number of deaths from all forms of pneumonia, some of which are not notifiable, was 30, of which 22 were males and 8 females.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER

Two cases occurred during 1948. There were two deaths, one male and one female.

INFLUENZA

During the year three deaths from influenza were recorded, of which one was a male and two were females. The previous year three deaths were registered.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

By an arrangement with the London County Council cases of ophthalmia neonatorum can be treated at Whiteoaks Hospital, Swanley Junction, Kent.

Blind children are looked after by the Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

During the year nine cases of ophthalmia neonatorum were notified.

POLIOMYELITIS

Seven cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year, of which the diagnosis was subsequently confirmed in four cases.

SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS

The school intimation notices of infectious disease are always compared with the notifications received from the medical practitioners. If any case on the school return is found to be unnotified, investigations are made in order to find out if the patient is receiving medical attention.

The school notices also give fairly accurate estimate of the prevalence of non-notifiable infectious disease, such as chicken pox, mumps, etc. The numbers so notified were as follows:—

Chicken pox	...	...	...	...	170
Mumps	...	...	...	...	134
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	2
Jaundice	...	...	...	...	3
Rubella	...	...	...	...	11
Ringworm	...	...	...	...	2
Scabies	...	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	381
Whooping cough	...	...	...	...	54
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	23
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	2
Tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	1
Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	3

CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer registered during the year was 111, of which 61 were males and 50 were females.

Cancer is mainly a disease of the digestive system, with the exception of its preference for the generative system in females.

The site distribution for 1948 was as follows:—

Digestive organs	...	...	...	22 cases
Genito-urinary organs	...	...	...	9 „
Breast	...	...	...	11 „
Other sites	...	...	...	69 „
Total				111

The following table shows the number of deaths from cancer, together with the death rate as compared with England and Wales:—

Year	Number of Deaths		Death Rate per 1,000 of population			
			Mitcham	England and Wales		
1927	...	46	...	1.13	...	1.37
1928	...	58	...	1.27	...	1.42
1929	...	66	...	1.33	...	1.43
1930	...	73	...	1.25	...	1.45
1931	...	81	...	1.41	...	1.48
1932	...	68	...	1.0	...	1.51
1933	...	52	...	.86	...	1.52
1934	...	70	...	1.1	...	1.56
1935	...	61	...	1.0	...	1.58
1936	...	80	...	1.2	...	1.61
1937	...	76	...	1.1	...	1.63
1938	...	103	...	1.5	...	1.66
1939	...	73	...	1.12	...	1.64
1940	...	94	...	1.55	...	1.66
1941	...	84	...	1.6	...	1.67
1942	...	104	...	1.9	...	1.698
1943	...	95	...	1.7	...	1.74
1944	...	83	...	1.6	...	1.7
1945	...	103	...	1.9	...	1.74
1946	...	108	...	1.74	...	1.76
1947	...	103	...	1.60	...	1.86
1948	...	111	...	1.67	...	1.85

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 78 new cases of tuberculosis were notified, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	36	33	69
Non-Pulmonary	6	3	9
	—	—	—
Totals	42	36	78

Nineteen cases were transferred into the Borough as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	5	12	17
Non-Pulmonary	1	1	2
	—	—	—
Totals	6	13	19

The total number of deaths registered as occurring from tuberculosis was viz:—

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	22	16	38
Non-Pulmonary	4	—	4
	—	—	—
Totals	26	16	42

	England and Wales	Mitcham
Death rate from respiratory tuberculosis per 1,000 population	0.44	0.55
Death rate from non-pulmonary tuber- culosis per 1,000 population	0.07	0.06

The sources from which information as to the above-mentioned cases was obtained are as follows:—

	No. of Cases		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Death returns ...	(a) From Local Registrar ...	3	...
	(b) Transferable deaths from Registrar General ...	1	...
Posthumous notifications	1	1	

Number of cases removed from register during 1948:—

Reason	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Withdrawal of notification...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Recovery from disease ...	2	4	6	...	...	...	6
Death	23	17	40	2	...	2	42
Removed from district ...	6	7	13	2	3	5	18

The ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to the total tuberculosis deaths is as follows:—

Non-notified tuberculosis deaths ...	6
Notified tuberculosis deaths	36
Percentage of non-notified T.B. deaths (all forms)	14.28 per cent.
Percentage of non-notified pulmonary T.B. deaths	11.90 ..

Treatment for cases of tuberculosis is under the control of the Surrey County Council.

A dispensary has been established at St. Helier County Hospital, Carshalton. Arrangements have been made by this Borough for the examination of sputa from cases or suspected cases of tuberculosis, and during the year 19 such examinations have been made.

MITCHAM, BEDDINGTON AND WALLINGTON TUBERCULOSIS CARE
COMMITTEE

Functions of the Committee

1. To alleviate want or distress amongst tuberculosis people, providing, where necessary, extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, coal, surgical appliances, travelling expenses and help in the home.

2. To care for the families of patients in sanatoria so that their changed economic circumstances shall not result in impaired health, and that the sufferer shall not be harassed by undue anxiety.

Christmas gifts were given to hardship cases.

Dried milk, drinking chocolate and invalid foods, from the Dominions, were supplied to numerous patients.

SCABIES

A clinic for the diagnosis of this condition has been held by the Medical Officer of Health each morning at Mitcham Court. I am pleased to report that the number of cases requiring treatment was practically halved. Efforts have been made to obtain the co-operation, not only of the patient, but of the whole family, and all have been treated when possible.

In order that treatment might be given after 6 p.m., the Cleansing Station at the Western Road First Aid Post was adapted for treatment, and has been in use since June, 1944. Members of the family who are at work are loth to lose time from work for treatment, especially if they have few or no symptoms.

Usually treatment was with benzyl benzoate lotion 25 per cent., and this has given very good results. Female patients have been treated by a nurse on the staff, and the men have been treated by a male attendant who has received special training.

No disinfection of clothing or bedding, other than washing, has been recommended, and the results have justified the adoption of this course.

Number of patients treated, 63 persons.

Classified as:—

Pre-school age children	...	...	...	5
School age children	...	...	...	36
Adults	...	...	...	22

Number of baths given, 204.

LOUSE INFESTATION

Special attention has been given by the health visitors to the inspection of children under five for infestation with lice. Few cases of heavy infestation have been reported, and in all cases lethane hair dressing has been supplied and has given very satisfactory results. Owing to the difficulty mothers have encountered in obtaining suitable combs, a number were bought and lent to the mothers. Infestation is usually present in several members of the household, and the desirability of both school children and pre-school children and adults being under one authority is obvious. Some of the more serious cases of infestation in children under five years were found at the day nurseries where children's heads are examined each day on admission.

A nurse appointed as a full-time cleansing attendant has been employed not only in the cleansing of cases at the Western Road Cleansing Station, but has attended families in their own homes, where she has inspected the whole family and has given or supervised their treatment.

Most of the cases treated at the cleansing station are referred by the School Medical Staff.

The following table gives a summary of the work done during the year at the Western Road Cleansing Station:—

Number of patients treated, 70.

Classified as:—

Pre-school age children	...	...	...	—
School age children	...	...	...	67
Adults	...	...	...	3

Number of treatments given, 255.

WANDLE VALLEY HOSPITAL

Cases admitted to hospital during the year ended December 31, 1948.

DISEASE	Beddington & Wallington		Coulsdon & Purley		Merton & Morden		Mitcham		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	(1)	...
Scarlet fever	47	...	24	...	78	...	23	(60)	1a (1a)
Erysipelas	3	...	...	...	2	...	4	(7)	...
Whooping cough	2	...	4	...	4	...	3	(3)	...
Tonsillitis	2	...	3	...	7	...	10	(12)	...
Measles	7	...	5	...	11	...	22	(26)	... (1b)
Polionyelitis... ..	1	1(d)	...	...	4	...	1	(4)	1 (1)
Chicken Pox	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	(...)	...
Admitted with mother	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	(3)	...
Otitis Media ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	(1)	...
Abscess ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	(1)	...
Meningitis	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	(5)	...
Mumps ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	(1)	...
Observation	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	(1)	...
Septicæmia ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	(...)	...
Pneumonia	1	...	2	...	2	1(c)	...	(...)	...
Disseminated sclerosis	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	(...)	...
Enteritis ... ..	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	(1)	...
Carcinoma of throat...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	(...)	...
Sunstroke	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	(...)	...
Nervo-myelitis optica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	(...)	...
Puerperal pyrexia	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	(1)	...
Rubella ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	(...)	...
Influenza and pleurisy	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	(...)	...
Acute nephritis* ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	(...)	...
	71	1	44	...	120	2	70	(127)	2 (3)

* This case was admitted 24.12.47 as Scarlet Fever.

(a) Toxic Scarlet Fever and acute heart failure.

(b) Measles with Pneumonia.

(c) Pneumonia with Membranous Laryngitis.

(d) Bulbar Paralysis.

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