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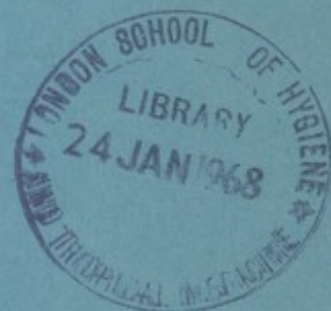
REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

YEAR 1964





BOROUGH OF MITCHAMHEALTH REPORT FOR 1964

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The tuberculosis death rate of 0.05 per 1000 population is the same as that for England and Wales. There were 21 notifications compared with 11 for 1963. Ten years ago there were more than 100 cases notified each year and this satisfactory state of affairs is due to more potent anti tuberculosis drugs.

There were no notified cases of dysentery or enteric fever.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
London Borough of Merton

The crude death rate of 9.22 per 1000 population compares with 18.4 for England and Wales, which are the highest for over a decade. The crude death rate of 9.22 compares favourably with 11.3 per 1000 for England and Wales.

This is the last report on the Health of the Borough of Mitcham which on the 1st April 1965 ceased to exist as a corporate entity and in association with the Urban District of Morden and the Borough of Wimbledon now forms part of the London Borough of Merton.

This report would normally have been made by Dr. Graham, Medical Officer of Health, who resigned his office on 31st March 1965. I feel sure that all those who have been in any way associated with Dr. Graham in the past would wish to join me in expressing appreciation of the service he has rendered the Community since he took office as Medical Officer of Health for Mitcham in 1950.

Appreciation is due also to Mr. K.J. Gutteridge, Chief Public Health Inspector, who retired on March 31st 1965 after nearly twenty-eight years in that office.

The general health in the Borough during 1964 was good and there was no special outbreak of infectious disease. In fact, there were 531 notifications compared with 874 in 1963. The decrease was mainly due to a fall in measles cases from 770 to 433. It is gratifying to record that there were no cases of poliomyelitis and only two cases have occurred since 1957. I have no doubt that poliomyelitis vaccination has contributed to this satisfactory state of affairs and would advocate that we should persist in our efforts to vaccinate those at risk against this dangerous and crippling disease.

59 cases of whooping cough were notified which is about average for the past seven years. There was no case of diphtheria nor tetanus.

Your obedient servant,

F.J. DOODY

Diphtheria has for many years been controlled by immunisation at an early age. In fact infants are immunised against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus by three combined injections at monthly intervals. Parents would be well advised to make sure their children are immunised and have appropriate reinforcing doses. Infants should also be vaccinated against smallpox, provided there is no contra indication, early in their second year of life.

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The birth rate of 16.21 per 1000 population compares with 18.4 for England and Wales, both of which are the highest for over a decade. The crude death rate of 9.92 compares favourably with 11.3 per 1000 for England and Wales.

The death rate from cancer for Mitcham in 1964 was 2.32 as compared with 2.20 for England and Wales per 1000 population. The death rate from lung cancer increased slightly from 0.69 - 0.72 per 1000 population compared with 0.54 for England and Wales.

The infantile mortality rate was 18 per 1000 live births and although increased from 10.18, a remarkably low rate, still compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales - 20 per 1000 live births.

Clean Air Act - Smoke Control work progressed steadily.

I would like to conclude by saying the old Mitcham Health Department is fitting very happily into the new Merton Health Department now housed at the Vestry Hall, Mitcham.

On Dr. Graham's behalf I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee and all members of the staff who supported him so loyally during the year. As regards this report, I would like to thank especially the Chief Public Health Inspector and Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector of the London Borough of Merton, Mr. G.H.Cockell and Mr. G.E.Hayne, for their assistance in preparing the section dealing with the sanitary circumstances of the area. I would also like to express my appreciation of Mr. F.G.Taylor's help in preparing the general body of the report.

I would also like to thank all the members of the staff for their loyal co-operation during the difficult days of local government re-organisation.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P.J. DOODY

Medical Officer of Health

BOROUGH OF MITCHAM

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN Alderman G.W.Pearce, J.P.

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor W.Lancaster, J.P.)

Aldermen -

Mrs. L.Crump (Vice-Chairman) E.J. Mills

Councillors -

D.A.Small	Mrs. J.E.Spalding	A.S.Hutchin
Mrs. J.E.Vowles	J.W.Overy	H.R.Veal
Mrs. V.M.Bonner	R. Taylor	

Representatives of the Council on Other Authorities:

WANDLE VALLEY MAIN DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor W. Lancaster, J.P.) (ex-officio)

Councillors -

D.J.Hempstead W.G.Mansfield W.H.Sanderson

NORTH-EAST DIVISIONAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE
(SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Aldermen -

G.W.Pearce, J.P. Mrs. L. Crump

Councillors -

A.S.Hutchin H.R.Veal Mrs. J.E.Spalding

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

A. R. Graham, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Barrister-at-Law

Chief Public Health and Meat Inspector Petroleum Inspector

Shops Act Inspector

K. J. Gutteridge (1, 2)

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

G.E.Hayne (1,2,3)

Additional Public Health and Meat Inspectors

L.Gleed (1,2,3)

J.E.Higgs (1,2)

E. J. Sluis (1, 2)

C. S. Smith (1, 2)

Student Public Health Inspector

J.H.Chalkley

1. Certificate R.S.H. and Public Health Inspectors' Examination
Joint Board.

2. Certificate Meat and Foods R.S.H.

3. Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Clerks

- (a) Chief Clerk and Administrative Assistant - F. H. White
(b) Senior Clerk - F. G. Taylor (c) Secretary - Miss V. I. Hill
(d) Mrs. K. North (de) Miss V. Tucker (f) Mrs. W. Lyon
(f) Mrs. B. Wallace (d g) Miss M. Golding

Smoke Investigators

- (h) W. Voller A. R. Bannister

- (a) 75 per cent. Surrey County Council duties
(b) 25 per cent. Surrey County Council duties
(c) 20 per cent. Surrey County Council duties
(d) 40 per cent. Surrey County Council duties
(e) Resigned 16.10.64
(f) Smoke Control
(g) Commenced 16.11.64
(h) Resigned 31.12.64

Slum Clearance

The nine areas submitted to the Minister in 1963 were approved with some minor amendments. Recommendations for further areas involving 219 houses were adopted as the Council's proposals for slum clearance during the next five year clearance programme.

R E P O R T

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	2,932 acres
Population, Census 1921	...	...	...	...	...	35,119
" " 1931	...	...	...	...	...	56,856
" " 1951	...	...	...	...	...	67,269
" " 1961	...	...	...	...	...	63,653
Registrar-General's estimate of population mid-year, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	62,580
Density of Population, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	21.4 persons per acre
Number of inhabited houses, 1921	...	...	...	...	...	7,150
" " " 1931	...	...	...	...	...	13,187
" " " 1964	...	...	...	...	...	20,676
Rateable Value, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	£3,281,708
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	...	...	£13,335

The Borough of Mitcham is an irregular oval in shape, situated in North-East Surrey adjoining the south-west border of the London metropolitan area. It is fairly flat and low lying, with some 600 acres of open space including the 440 acres of Mitcham Common.

The River Wandle, which forms the south-west and western boundary, separates Mitcham from Beddington and Wallington in the south and Carshalton in the west, as it runs a northwards course towards the Thames.

The soil of Mitcham consists of up to four feet of top-soil with about ten feet of gravel sub-soil, except for one or two parts where London clay comes to the surface. Below the gravel London clay extends downwards for 200 to 300 feet.

Mitcham, with over 300 factories, has a great variety of industries, of which the chief ones are paint and varnish, chemical, engineering, margarine, dairy products, and confectionery.

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PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS OCCURRING IN INSTITUTIONS
STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	Total Births		Births in hospitals, etc.		Percentage of births in	Rate per 1,000 of population
	Total	Male	Female			
Legitimate ...	912	459	453		64.5	
Illegitimate ...	73	38	35		65.5	
Total ...	985	497	488			15.74

After correction by the comparability factor becomes 16.21

Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births 7.41

STILL BIRTHS	Total		Female		Rate per 1,000 total births
	Total	Male	Female		
Legitimate ...	16	7	9		
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-		
Total ...	16	7	9		16.00

DEATHS	Total		Female		Rate per 1,000 of population
	Total	Male	Female		
	622	339	283		9.94

After correction by the comparability factor becomes 11.42

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion:-

					Rate per 1,000 total births
Number of cases ...	...	...	...	Nil	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births ...	18.00
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births ...	17.26
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births ...	13.69

Deaths from:-

	England & Wales	Witcham	England & Wales	Witcham	England & Wales
Cancer (all ages)	145
Measles	-
Whooping cough (all ages)	-
Enteritis and diarrhoea 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
1945	993	661	66.5
1946	1290	845	65.5
1947	1405	956	68.0
1948	1215	855	70.37
1949	1129	832	73.69
1950	933	718	76.96
1951	926	703	75.92
1952	929	749	80.62
1953	950	735	77.37
1954	927	673	72.71
1955	869	628	72.28
1956	888	661	74.44
1957	899	650	72.22
1958	944	670	70.97
1959	859	604	70.32
1960	971	704	72.5
1961	934	690	73.87
1962	955	683	71.5
1963	991	756	76.4
1964	1001	791	79.1

The birth rates, death rates per 1,000 of population, and the infant mortality rates for the years 1945-1964 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
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
1949	16.45	16.7	9.17	11.7	24.48	32

After 1949 the actual Birth and Death Rates for Mitcham are modified by comparability factor to correspond with the average age and sex distributions of England and Wales.

The following table shows the principal causes of death in the

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
1950	12.56	15.8	10.66	11.6	29.64	29.8
1951	12.54	15.5	11.32	12.5	25.47	29.6
1952	12.62	15.3	10.87	11.3	19.80	27.6
1953	13.21	15.5	10.52	11.4	18.39	26.8
1954	12.97	15.2	10.03	11.3	13.32	25.5
1955	12.40	15.0	10.81	11.7	15.20	24.9
1956	12.91	15.7	11.49	11.7	13.73	23.8
1957	13.05	16.1	11.07	11.5	12.36	23.0
1958	13.91	16.4	11.48	11.7	20.48	22.5
1959	12.76	16.5	12.6	11.6	14.17	22.2
1960	14.42	17.1	11.12	11.5	22.26	21.9
1961	14.26	17.4	12.06	12.0	18.32	21.6
1962	14.41	18.0	12.37	11.9	14.94	20.7
1963	15.95	18.2	12.78	12.2	10.18	20.9
1964	16.21	18.4	11.42	11.3	18.00	20.0

INFANT MORTALITY

During the year 18 deaths were registered of infants under one year of age:-

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate ...	10	7	17
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total	10	8	18

as compared with 10 deaths last year.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

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

Age	No.	Cause of Death				
		Pre-maturity	Congenital Defects	Accidents of birth	Infectious conditions	Other conditions
Under 24 hrs.	5	3	-	1	-	1
1 - 7 days	4	2	1	-	-	1
8 days - 1 mth.	2	1	1	-	-	-
1 mth. -12 mths.	7	-	2	-	2	3
Total	18	6	4	1	2	5

Eleven infants failed to survive the first month of life, giving Mitcham a neo-natal mortality rate of 11.00 per 1,000 related live births as compared with 13.8 for England and Wales.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

For the ninth successive year, no deaths were registered.

INQUESTS

Inquests were held on 15 residents dying within the district and on 12 Mitcham residents who died outside the district, a total of 27. In addition, post-mortems without inquests were held on 66 residents dying within the district, and on 59 Mitcham residents who died outside the district, a total of 125.

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

Accidental death	...	...	...	16
Death from misadventure	...	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	...	8
Natural causes	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	<u>27</u>

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1964

Cause of Death		Males	Females	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	2	1	3
2	Tuberculosis, other ...	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease ...	-	1	1
4	Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough ...	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections ...	-	1	1
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-
8	Measles ...	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	6	5	11
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	39	6	45
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	-	14	14
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	-	2	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	45	28	73
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	-	-	-
16	Diabetes ...	1	1	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	32	34	66
18	Coronary disease, angina ...	92	56	148
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	6	6
20	Other heart disease ...	13	31	44
21	Other circulatory disease ...	14	26	40
22	Influenza ...	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia ...	12	15	27
24	Bronchitis ...	24	8	32
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	6	1	7
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	3	4	7
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	1	5	6
28	Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2	-	2
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	2	-	2
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations ...	6	4	10
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	21	25	46
33	Motor vehicle accidents ...	4	1	5
34	All other accidents ...	11	3	14
35	Suicide ...	3	5	8
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-
All causes ...		339	283	622

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY AND NOTIFICATIONS
OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1964

	England and Wales		Mitcham	
	Rates per 1,000 home population			
Births:-				
Live	18.4		16.21	
Still	{ 0.31		{ 0.26	
	{ 16.4*		{ 16.00*	
Deaths:-				
All causes	11.3		11.42	
Malignant neoplasm - Lung, bronchus	0.54		0.72	
Whooping cough	0.00		...	
Diphtheria	...		...
Tuberculosis - all forms	0.05		0.05	
Influenza	0.02		...	
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.00		...	
Pneumonia	0.63		0.43	
Coronary disease - angina pectoris	2.24		2.26	
Maternal mortality	0.25		...	
Notifications (Corrected)				
Scarlet Fever	0.42		0.48	
Whooping Cough	0.66		0.94	
Diphtheria	0.000		...	
Measles	6.45		6.92	
Acute Poliomyelitis				
Paralytic	0.001		...	
Non-Paralytic	0.000		...	
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	0.002		...	
Para-typhoid Fever	0.005		...	
Meningococcal Infection	0.011		...	
Erysipelas	0.037		...	
Dysentery	0.42		...	
Acute Encephalitis				
Infective	0.002		...	
Post Infectious	0.003		0.016	
Acute Pneumonia	0.19		0.096	
Food Poisoning	0.11		0.016	
Tuberculosis				
Respiratory	0.32		0.287	
Non-Respiratory	0.05		0.048	

* Per 1,000 total (live and still) births

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Most of the bacteriological examinations for this district were carried out at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at Epsom, including bacteriological examinations of milk, water and ice-cream.

The chemical analysis of milk, water and foodstuffs was carried out by the Public Analyst, Daniel D. Moir, M.Sc., F.R.I.C., 16, Southwark Street, London, S.E.1.

AMBULANCES

The Ambulance service is supervised by the Surrey County Council. The ambulances operate from the Ambulance Control Station, Hill House, Bishopsford Road, Morden (Telephone: MAL 7733).

DISINFECTION

The disinfection of houses is undertaken by the Council. Disinfection of bedding, etc., is done either at the Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital, or in the home.

No charges are made for disinfections carried out in cases of notifiable infectious disease.

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

Number of disinfections carried out by Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital	...	...	...	1
Number of rooms disinfected by fumigator	...	...	...	5
Number of library books disinfected	...	...	...	341

HOSPITALS

The hospitals directly concerned with the Mitcham area are administered by the St. Helier Group Hospital Management Committee, which is situated at Carshalton, Surrey, and itself comes under the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

General Cases

The principal hospitals are the Wilson Hospital, which is situated within the district, and the St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, which caters for all types of cases. The Nelson Hospital at Merton and the London hospitals are also used.

Infectious Diseases

Cases usually go to the Wandle Valley Isolation Hospital at Beddington Corner, Mitcham Junction, or to St. George's Hospital, Tooting.

Smallpox Cases

By agreement with the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, any cases that might occur would be admitted to the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent, upon application.

Maternity Cases

Expectant mothers, if home conditions or medical history do not permit of home confinement, are admitted to the St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, or occasionally to other hospitals such as the Nelson Hospital, Kingston Road, Merton, S.W.20.

Tuberculosis Cases

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible for providing the specialist services for the tuberculous, also for institutional treatment. Dr. J.M. Hill is the chest physician for Mitcham patients and holds a clinic at Cumberland Hospital, Mitcham, every Monday and Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. A clinic is held for old cases only, on every fourth Thursday at 5 p.m. The Cumberland Hospital, which has 100 beds available, deals principally with tuberculosis although an increasing number of other chest diseases are dealt with.

Venereal Diseases Clinics

Confidential treatment can be obtained at the St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, and the Croydon General Hospital. Treatment can also be obtained from the out-patients' departments of many of the London hospitals.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

(Under control of the Surrey County Council)

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

An ante-natal session is held at the Church Road Clinic every Tuesday morning, and on first, third and fifth Friday afternoons, and a clinic for cases booked by midwives is held on Tuesday afternoons.

Ante-natal supervision for some St. Helier bookings is undertaken at Mitcham clinics.

An ante-natal session is held at the Cavendish Road Clinic every Friday afternoon.

An ante-natal session is held at Wide Way Clinic on Friday mornings, and on Wednesday afternoons for cases booked by midwives.

X-Ray examinations necessary for expectant mothers are carried out at the Wilson and St. Helier Hospitals.

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Infant Welfare sessions are held at the following places:-

Cavendish Road Clinic: Every Monday afternoon and Friday morning.

St. Barnabas Church Hall,
Gorringe Park Avenue: Every Tuesday afternoon.

Wide Way Clinic: Every Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Church Road Clinic: Every Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon.

Meopham Road Clinic: Every Wednesday afternoon.

Toddlers' Clinics for children between the ages of two to five years are held monthly by appointment.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

This is held on four days a week, at Sherwood House, by appointment.

It has the services of a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a social worker.

DENTAL CLINICS

Dental services are provided for expectant and nursing mothers, toddlers and school children at the Church Road, Western Road and Meopham Road Clinics.

Western Road, Mitcham: Every weekday morning and afternoon.

Church Road, Mitcham: Monday morning and afternoon; Tuesday morning; Thursday morning; Friday morning and afternoon.

Meopham Road: Every weekday morning and afternoon.

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS
IMMUNISATION, VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Clinics are held as follows:

Cavendish Road Clinic: Each Monday afternoon in conjunction with Welfare Clinic.

Church Road Clinic: On first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month in the morning.

Meopham Road Clinic: Second and fourth Mondays of the month in the afternoon.

St. Barnabas Clinic: On first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month in the afternoon.

Wide Way Clinic: Each Monday afternoon (immunisation only - in conjunction with Welfare Clinic), each Thursday morning (immunisation and vaccination in conjunction with Welfare Clinic), and each Wednesday morning.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION

Poliomyelitis immunisation is by oral vaccine at ordinary immunisation clinics.

MINOR AILMENTS

Sessions are held at Western Road Clinic on Monday and Friday mornings, with a doctor in attendance, and on Wednesday mornings under the supervision of a nurse; at Wide Way Clinic on Wednesday mornings, with a doctor in attendance.

MOTHERCRAFT CLASSES

Wide Way Clinic: Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Church Road Clinic: Friday, 9.30 a.m.

Cavendish Road Clinic: Thursday, 2 p.m.

OPHTHALMIC CLINIC

An eye specialist attends Western Road Clinic on Wednesday afternoons, and Wide Way Clinic on Tuesday mornings.

PARENTCRAFT CIRCLE

Church Road Clinic: Monday 2 p.m.

POST-NATAL CLINIC

The post-natal clinics at Church Road, Cavendish Road and Wide Way are held in conjunction with the ante-natal clinics.

SPEECH CLINIC

A session is held at Western Road Clinic on Wednesday (all day). A speech therapist also holds a session at Wide Way Clinic on Friday afternoons.

HEALTH VISITING

Health Visitors are under the control of the Surrey County Council.

There are nine Health Visitors, who are under the supervision of a Divisional Health Visitor. Every Health Visitor carries out the combined duties of District Health Visitor and School Health Visitor.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help Service, which is under the control of the Surrey County Council, continues to function successfully, although enough workers cannot be recruited to satisfy the full demand. At present there are 69 home helps in the Mitcham area covering a weekly case load of 425 households.

The Neighbourly Help scheme, which started in 1962, continued to provide useful help in a number of cases.

Applications for assistance are made to the Divisional Medical Officer at Mitcham Court.

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 1964	...	70
Number of children concerned	...	185
Number of visits paid	...	396

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948: SECTION 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

There were no cases in this category during the year.

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. A few factories have an additional supply from deep wells.

There are five licensed caravan yards, each with a stand pipe, supplying altogether a total of 23 caravans.

The standard of purity of the water was maintained at the usual high level. There is no record in the Borough of any case of infectious disease being transmitted by water.

A large number of houses in the Borough have no supply of drinking water direct from the main, but are supplied from a tank in the roof. Provided the tank is properly covered and is cleansed regularly, it provides a satisfactory supply.

SWIMMING BATHS

Seven samples from the Alfred Mizen school swimming baths and 18 from the Corporation baths were sent for bacteriological examination during the year. All were satisfactory.

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, then treated at the works of the Wandle Valley Joint Sewerage Board, situated in Mitcham.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

In the winter a weekly collection of house refuse is carried out and in the summer more frequently. Eleven refuse collection vehicles are in use.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Borough of Mitcham (No.2) Smoke Control Order, covering an area of 703 acres containing 2146 properties, came into operation on 1st November 1964.

Survey of the third area was completed in 1964 and the Borough of Mitcham (No.3A) Smoke Control Order, covering 151 acres containing 1702 properties comes into operation on 1st November 1965.

A survey of the fourth area was commenced before the end of the year.

DISINFESTATIONS

Number of Council houses found infested during the year	...	9
Number of other houses found infested during the year	...	9
Total number of houses disinfested during the year	...	18
Number of houses disinfested of beetles,	...	27
Number of houses disinfested of other insects	...	30

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

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

Complaints received	...	583
Properties inspected	...	4,632
Number of treatments including test baits	...	946
Factory and business premises treated	...	100

Two sewer treatments were carried out during the year using fluoracetamide. A subsequent test baiting of 53 of the manholes treated showed no takes.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Complaints investigated	...	414
Revisits	...	1,388
Houses inspected for defects	...	539
Visits made for this purpose	...	595
Drains tested and inspected	...	126
Visits to Butchers	...	304
Visits to slaughterhouses	...	476
Visits to dairies	...	13
Visits to retail milk shops	...	39
Visits to restaurant kitchens	...	448
Visits to ice-cream premises	...	40
Visits to bakehouses	...	32
Visits to other food premises	...	1,837

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS (Continued)

Visits to factories	...	...	...	...	347
Visits re: Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	319
Visits to workplaces	...	...	...	...	37
Visits to outworkers	...	...	...	...	72
Visits to stables	...	...	...	...	67
Visits to piggeries	...	...	...	...	57
Visits re: Smoke Control	...	...	...	...	103
Visits to caravan yards	...	...	...	...	30
Smoke and noise observations	...	...	...	...	198
Visits re: infectious disease cases	...	...	...	...	56
Visits re: smallpox contacts	...	...	...	...	13
Visits re: food poisoning	...	...	...	...	8
Visits re: rats and mice	...	...	...	...	134
Visits re: Shops Acts	...	...	...	...	109
Visits re: schools	...	...	...	...	11
Visits re: Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	41
Visits to sewage works	...	...	...	...	22
Sundry visits	...	...	...	...	716
Visits re: Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	1,137

Work Done

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	37
Rainwater piping or gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	30
Yards paved or repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	37
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Waterclosets: Repairs to structure	...	...	...	...	4
Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	24
New pans and traps fitted	...	...	...	...	13
Water storage cisterns cleansed, repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Water supply reinstated	...	...	...	...	4
Flooring of rooms repaired and sub-floor ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	30
Rooms cleansed	...	...	...	...	17
Sinks and handbasins repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	4
Waste pipes and traps repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	6
Window frames and sashes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	27
Window sills repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	20
External brickwork (repaired, pointed or rendered)	...	...	...	...	24
Drains repaired or obstructions removed	...	...	...	...	61
Drains inspection covers renewed	...	...	...	...	10
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	21
Grid and mica flaps provided	...	...	...	...	2
Fire grates repaired (including surrounds and hearths)	...	...	...	...	5
Stoves, coppers, ranges, etc., repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	6

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS (Continued)

Internal plaster repairs	...	...	...	...	56
Sash cords renewed	...	...	...	...	48
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	21
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	24

Ponds and ditches in the Borough where mosquito breeding was likely were sprayed with insecticide twice during the year and larger areas where mosquitoes were found to be breeding but spraying was impracticable, were treated with a fog generating apparatus, with satisfactory results.

Disinfestation of dust chutes at the Council's blocks of flats was carried out by means of the high pressure fogging apparatus which was most effective: all school canteens were similarly treated.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There were no legal proceedings in 1964.

PETROLEUM LICENCES

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936, and Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929. Ninety-eight licences to store petroleum spirit and/or petroleum mixtures were issued for a total of 293,365 gallons (inclusive of cellulose solutions).

Petroleum (Carbide of Calcium) Order, 1929 - Two licences were issued for the storage of 1,224 lbs. of carbide of calcium.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Total Number of Inhabited Dwellings - 20,676

Housing properties now owned by the Council amount to 4,666, including 326 temporary dwellings.

During the year 214 families were rehoused from the waiting list, 168 in Mitcham, 40 by nomination to the Frimley and Camberley U.D.C. under the Town Expansion Scheme, and 6 in New Towns under the Industrial Selection Scheme.

Seven families were rehoused from dwellings in Slum Clearance areas.

The number of new registrations continued to increase and at the end of the year the housing register stood at 1,438, representing a net increase of 125 over the previous year.

RENT ACT, 1957

Seven applications were made for Certificates of Disrepair during the year. In four cases undertakings were given by the various landlords and in the remaining three cases Certificates were issued. No Certificates were cancelled during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Two thousand, seven hundred and thirteen inspections were made of food premises other than slaughterhouses. The premises were, on the whole, satisfactory with some minor adjustments necessary.

Food premises by type of business

General Stores	12	Roadside Snack Bars	2
Groceries	62	Fishmongers	8
Butchers	34	Fried Fish Buffets	9
Greengrocer & Fruiterers	48	Fried Fish	3
Greengrocer & Fried Fish	1	Bakers & Confectioners	14
Greengrocer & General		Milk & Provisions	10
Provisions	3	Public Houses	30
Confectionery	76	Off-Licences	13
Chemists	15	Multiple Food Stores	7
Restaurants & Cafes	36		
Cafe & General Stores	1		

Food premises by type, registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The storage and sale of ice-cream	151
The manufacture for sale of ice-cream	3
The preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	36
Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959	1
Number of inspections of registered food premises during the year	396

Unsound Food Dealt with

Beef	36 lbs.	Steak	14 lbs.
Ham	540 lbs.	Lambs Liver	10 lbs.
Corned Beef	36 lbs.	Potatoes	452 lbs.
Pork Luncheon Meat	32 lbs.	Sugar	20 lbs.
Steak	14 lbs.	Canned Rhubarb	37 lbs.
Pork	74 lbs.	Jellied Veal	8 lbs.
Ox Tongue	12 lbs.	Bacon	10 lbs.
Fish	63 lbs.	Assorted packets and tins	1,102 lbs.

All condemned food was either incinerated at the Refuse Destructor, Garth Road, Morden, by arrangement with the Merton and Morden Urban District Council, or treated with dye and disposed of to fat and bone merchants.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Formal Samples

Thirty-four formal samples were taken as follows:-

Milk ...	30	Pork Sausages with preservative	4
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Informal Samples

One hundred and thirty-nine informal samples were taken as follows:-

Double Devon Cream ...	1	Capriton Tablets ...	1
Milk-Shake Syrup (Pineapple)...	1	Prodexin Tablets ...	1
Butter Sponge Syrup Pudding ...	1	Instant Coffee ...	1
Chocolate Swiss Roll (Vanilla Filled) ...	1	Ground Paprika ...	1
English Stewed Steak in Gravy	1	Pure Almond Marzipan ...	1
Creamed Horseradish ...	1	Vegetables and Liver (Junior Dinner) ...	1
Strawberries in Heavy Syrup ...	1	Double Cream ...	1
Vegetable Shortening ...	1	Raspberry Yogfruit ...	1
Margarine (containing 10% Butter) ...	2	Minced Beef with Onion and Gravy ...	1
Cheez Wiz ...	1	Orange Drink ...	1
Acetyl Salicylic Acid with Ipecac and Opium Tablets B.P.C. ...	1	Pure Honey ...	1
Bismuth Compound Lozenges B.P.C. ...	1	Christmas Pudding ...	1
Calcium with Vitamin D Tablets B.P.C. ...	1	Mincemeat ...	1
Dramamine Tablets ...	1	Sunnybisk ...	1
Bread ...	2	Brown Crispbread ...	1
Raspberry Yogurt ...	1	Danish Camembert Cheese ...	1
Military Pickle ...	1	Rivella Health Drink ...	1
Instant Coffee ...	1	Benemid Tablets ...	1
Tomato Ketchup ...	1	Home Farm Tips Tea ...	1
Beef Curry with Rice ...	1	Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce	1
Benzoic Acid Solution ...	1	Processed Peas ...	1
Capsicum Ointment B.P.C. ...	1	"Handy" Milk Tops ...	1
Aluminium Compound ...	1	Grated Cheese ...	1
Liquorice Compound Powder ...	1	French Cream ...	1
Clotted Cream ...	1	Cookeen - Compound Fat ...	1
Spaghetti with Bolognese Sauce	1	Prawn Curry with Rice ...	1
Tomato and Cheese Sauce ...	1	Savoroni (Chicken Flavour)...	1
Spanish Rice with Tomatoes, Pork and Peppers ...	1	Chili-Con-Carne Chili Beef with Beans ...	1
		Magnesium Trisilicate Powder B.P. ...	1
		Folic Acid Tablets ...	1
		Nicotinic Acid Tablets ...	1

Pure Butter (Unsalted) 1	Tolazoline Tablets (Priscol) B.P. 1
Butter 1	Ready Mix Ice Cream 1
Curry Paste 1	Meat Pudding 1
Sliced Roast Beef with Rich Gravy 1	Pink Salmon 1
Metatone 1	Portuguese Sardines 1
Dequadin Lozenges 1	Pure Danish Cream 1
Agarol 1	Shredded beef suet with flour ... 1
Choledyl Tablets 1	"Whitehall" fruit cake 1
Mushroom Ketchup 1	Australian butter 1
Pure Honey (Pasteurised) 1	Lemon Pie filling 1
Gravy Salt 1	Avonmine tablets 1
Corn Flake Crumbs 1	Benadryl Elixir 1
Beans with Pork Sausage and Tomato Sauce 1	Priscal tablets 1
Pickling Spice 1	Veganin tablets 1
Mixed Peel 1	Tuna 1
Seedless Raisins 1	Steak and Kidney Pudding 1
Kidney Flavour Soup 1	Marmite 1
Cream of Mushroom Soup (Condensed) 1	Bovril 1
Processed Peas 1	Steak and Kidney Pie 1
Tea 1	Black Pudding 1
Cream of Tomato Soup (Condensed) 1	Strawberry Low Fat Yogurt 1
Cranberry Sauce 1	Orange and Passion Fruit Drink ... 1
Paella with Chicken and Prawns ... 1	Vitacup 1
Savoroni Spanish Mix 1	Fersamal Tablets 1
Blackcurrant Health Drink 1	Benadryl Capsules 1
Corned Beef 2	Glycerin of Phenol B.P. 1
Chocolate Drops Cake Mix 1	Pork Kidneys 1
Fruit Jellies 1	Corn Relish 1
Vitaminised Iron and Yeast Tonic Tablets 1	Celery Salt 1
Herbal Tranquillisers 1	Sugared Strands 1
Custard Powder 1	Chow Mein 1
Quick Dried French Beans 1	Ground Almonds 1
Stewed Steak 1	Dolly Mixture 1
Stewed Steak in Gravy 1	Opal Mints 1
Pork Brawn 1	Dressed Crab 1
Beef Sausages containing preservative 1	Tuna 1
Cough Linctus 1	Calf's Foot Jelly 1
Vitamin B - Complex Tablets 1	Coffee and Chicory Essence 1
Mysoline Tablets 1	

Total 4 29 1 3 24 3 6

Four Glass Beaks

Colony Count (per glass)	Colifera		Bact. Coli		Satis- factory	Unsatia- factory	Rather High
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent			
Under 100	1	6	-	1	2	-	-
100-200	-	1	-	-	1	-	-

All samples were satisfactory except for four, three being cases of incorrect labelling and the fourth of deficiency of a constituent part of a drug. The labels were re-printed to comply and the drug, a small quantity which was probably made to an out of date B.P.C. standard, was destroyed.

Complaints from the public relating to food were as follows:-

Mould in a flan case	1
Mould in an iced cake	1
Mould in sausage rolls	1
Foreign body in a milk bottle	1
Piece of metal in sliced bread	1
Mould in sliced bread	1

Warning letters were sent to the firms concerned.

Ice-Cream

Three establishments in the Borough are registered for the manufacture of ice-cream and 151 for the storage and sale of ice-cream. Forty visits were paid during the year to the premises manufacturing ice-cream.

Bacteriological Examination of Cups and Glasses

Sixty-three swabs were taken from tea cups at various catering establishments and fifteen swabs were taken from beer glasses at various public houses during the year, and were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. The results are tabulated below:-

Tea Cup Swabs

Colony Count (Per cup)	Coliform Bacilli.		Bact. Coli Type I		Satisfactory	Result	
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Unsatisfactory	Rather High
Under 100	2	53	1	1	54	1	-
100-200	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
200-500	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
500-1,000	1	2	-	1	-	1	2
1,000-1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,500-2,000	-	2	-	-	-	1	1
2,000 and over	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	4	59	1	3	54	3	6

Beer Glass Swabs

Colony Count (per glass)	Coliform Bacilli.		Bact. Coli Type I		Satisfactory	Result	
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Unsatisfactory	Rather High
Under 100	1	8	-	1	9	-	-
100-200	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
200-500	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
c/fwd	1	11	-	1	10	-	2

Colony Count (per glass)	Coliform Bacilli.		Bact. Coli Type I		Satis- factory	Result		Rather High
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Unsatis- factory	factory	
B/fwd	1	11	-	1	10	-	-	2
500-1,000	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
1,000-1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,500-2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,000 and over	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
Total	3	12	1	2	10	1	1	4

The results of the swabs were sent to the establishments concerned and visits were paid to premises where the results were unsatisfactory.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year the Council granted the following number of licences:-

Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk) Licences -

Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pasteurised and Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	...	2

One hundred and twenty-nine samples of graded milk were submitted for bacteriological examination.

Five were void owing to temperature change and three were unsatisfactory. Letters were sent to the suppliers in these cases and further samples taken were satisfactory.

BAKEHOUSES

The number of bakehouses in the district is three. Thirty-two visits have been paid.

DAIRIES

There is one registered dairy and pasteurising establishment within the district.

During the year thirteen visits of inspection were paid.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

During the year four hundred and seventy-six visits were made to the slaughterhouse.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Ten licences were issued to slaughtermen in accordance with the requirements of the above Act.

MEAT INSPECTIONCarcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	195	49	163	468	14,967
Number Inspected	195	49	163	468	14,967
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned ...	...	..	...	7	27
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	9	..	1	13	2,047
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci ...	4.6	..	0.6	4.3	13.8
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned ...	...	..	...	...	.....
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	...	..	...	...	307
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	...	..	...	...	2.1

FOOD PREPARING FACTORIES

There are fourteen factories which are engaged in the manufacture and preparation of food products. All of these are systematically visited.

INFORMAL ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE FOOD HYGIENE
(GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of notices served, sixteen. Number of notices complied with, sixteen.

PIGGERIES

There are three piggeries in the Borough. Fifty-seven visits were paid during the year.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Four licences were issued to occupiers of pet shops, one on a change of proprietor.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health 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	6	36	...	...	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	328	348	1	...	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	...	...	...	...	3
TOTAL	...	334	384	1	...	...

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)	4	3	3	...	...	...	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	9	9	...	1	...	10
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) ...	12	1	1	...	...	...	12
TOTAL ...		13	13	...	1	...	

3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111):-

Nature of Work (1)	M/C line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111			M/C line No. (9)
		Number of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices Served (7)	Prosecu- tions (8)	
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	13							13
Cleaning & wash- -ing	14	40						14
Household linen	15	1						15
Lace, lace curtains and nets	16							16
Curtains & furniture hangings	17							17
Furniture and upholstery	18	2						18
Locks, latches and keys	26	5						26
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, etc.	42	3						42
Lampshades	44	70						44
TOTAL		121						

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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

The total number of confirmed notifications received during 1964 was 531.

CONTACTS, SUSPECTS, ETC.

The Medical Officer of Health is called in consultation by medical practitioners to see patients in their homes, as required.

VISITS

Public Health Inspectors to common infectious diseases	56
Public Health Inspectors to smallpox contacts	13
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			69
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	5

The monthly incidence of infectious disease was:-

	Smallpox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Typhoid Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Meningococcal Infections	Poliomyelitis Paralytic	Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	Measles	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Paratyphoid	Malaria	Acute Encephalitis Infective	Acute Encephalitis Post-Infectious	Totals
January	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	8	1	-	-	-	-	30
February	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	8	-	-	-	-	-	44
March	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	16
April	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	1	10
May	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	11
June	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	11
July	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	6	-	-	-	-	-	38
August	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	22
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	-	-	-	-	17
October	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	12
November	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	28	2	-	-	-	-	-	34
December	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	279	1	-	-	-	-	-	286
Totals	-	30	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	433	59	1	-	-	-	4	531

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS 1955-64

DISEASE	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	33	56	18	75	69	24	32	34	28	30
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	2	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Erysipelas	9	7	4	3	4	5	6	6	3	-
Measles	1059	50	1358	172	847	162	850	200	770	433
Acute Poliomyelitis	7	13	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	34	19	24	12	22	10	7	3	14	6
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	167	103	130	45	17	118	58	16	35	59
Food Poisoning	8	11	4	9	27	6	2	1	2	1
Dysentery	17	60	47	8	10	6	1	8	19	-
Paratyphoid	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1335	322	1590	325	1000	338	960	271	874	531

There are five clinics which provide immunisation for everyone, as well as immunisation sessions held in the schools.

Every effort is made to have all children as possible immunised before their first birthday, the policy normally being to give the triple antigen against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

The following table shows the number of children immunised and reinforced against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in 1964.

Whooping cough immunisation is not carried out in schools as it is intended primarily for children under five years old.

SMALLPOX

There were no cases or direct contacts in 1964. The last case was in 1932.

Thirteen visits were made to un-vaccinated passengers on a cruise liner which made an un-scheduled stop at a port where smallpox is endemic.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Number vaccinated in
1964

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Primary vaccinations	31	499	26	5	2	563
Revaccinations	-	-	4	5	5	14

SCARLET FEVER

The number of cases of scarlet fever notified during the year was 30 as compared with 28 in 1963, equivalent to a case rate of 0.48 per 1,000 population. This disease has continued mild in character. All cases were treated at home.

DIPHTHERIA

No case of diphtheria was notified for the fifteenth year in succession, whereas cases used to average 60 per year.

Immunisation and reinforcing doses were available to every child whose parents gave consent.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH
AND TETANUS

There are five clinics within relatively easy reach of everyone, as well as immunisation sessions held in the schools.

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Number of children receiving:	YEAR OF BIRTH							Total
	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1955-9	1950-54	
A. Primary Course against:								
Diphtheria	344	469	48	18	8	49	8	944
Whooping Cough	344	462	48	18	5	9	-	886
Tetanus	344	469	49	18	6	51	6	943
B. Reinforcing injection against:								
Diphtheria	-	121	216	29	40	564	311	1281
Whooping Cough	-	117	206	26	34	107	4	494
Tetanus	-	121	217	28	39	231	41	677

POLIOMYELITIS

There were no cases of poliomyelitis during the year. Since 1957 there have been only two cases notified in Mitcham, one in 1959 and one in 1962.

POLIO VACCINATION

Numbers immunised in 1964

Year of Birth	Primary courses	Third doses	Fourth doses
1964	117	-	-
1963	610	6	-
1962	98	14	-
1944-1961	94	37	352
1943 and before	34	5	1
Total	953	62	353

The total number immunised since the beginning of polio vaccination is now 26,459.

Practically all poliomyelitis immunisation is carried out now with oral vaccine.

ENTERIC FEVER

There were no cases of enteric fever during the year.

DIARRHOEA AND ENTERITIS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE

One death was registered during the year.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Only one case was notified in 1964. Neither the cause nor the source could be ascertained.

ENCEPHALITIS

There was one post infectious case during the year. The patient was removed to hospital.

ERYSIPELAS

There were no cases notified in 1964.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

There were no cases of puerperal pyrexia during the year.

PNEUMONIA

Six 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 27, of which 12 were males and 15 females.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS

There were no cases during 1964.

INFLUENZA

In 1964 there were no deaths from influenza.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

There was one case of ophthalmia neonatorum during 1964.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

This comes under the control of the Surrey County Council.

SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS

The school intimation notices of infectious disease are 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 information of the prevalence of non-notifiable infectious disease, such as chicken-pox, mumps, etc. The numbers were as follows:-

Year	Disease	Number of cases	Death rate per 1000 of population
1955	Chicken pox	261	2.02
1956	Mumps	201	2.06
1957	Ringworm	-	2.07
1958	Rubella	30	2.09
1959	Influenza	1	2.12
1960	Glandular fever	1	2.14
1961			2.16
1962			2.17
1963			2.19
1964			2.18

CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer registered during the year decreased slightly to 145, of which 90 were males and 55 females. This compares with 147 in 1963.

The trend for England and Wales is continuing upwards.

The site distribution for 1964 was as follows:-

Stomach	11 cases
Respiratory organs	45 "
Breast	14 "
Genito-urinary organs	2 "
Other sites	73 "
Total	145

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 1000 of population	
		Mitcham	England and Wales
1945	103	1.91	1.74
1946	108	1.74	1.76
1947	103	1.60	1.86
1948	111	1.67	1.85
1949	124	1.85	1.87
1950	102	1.51	1.89
1951	108	1.61	1.90
1952	128	1.91	1.94
1953	129	1.94	1.95
1954	108	1.64	2.04

Year	Number of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 of population	
		Mitcham	England and Wales
1955	132	2.02	2.06
1956	135	2.08	2.07
1957	134	2.06	2.09
1958	122	1.89	2.12
1959	145	2.25	2.14
1960	144	2.25	2.16
1961	145	2.27	2.17
1962	142	2.23	2.19
1963	147	2.29	2.18
1964	145	2.32	2.20

DEATHS IN MITCHAM FROM LEUKAEMIA AND LUNG CANCER, 1955 - 1964

Year	Deaths from Leukaemia	Deaths from Lung Cancer
1955	2	40
1956	3	36
1957	3	41
1958	2	26
1959	3	32
1960	8	36
1961	6	39
1962	2	49
1963	6	44
1964	-	45

The deaths from lung cancer in Mitcham rose from 44 in 1963 to 45, less than one third of all deaths from cancer. There were no deaths from leukaemia.

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 21 new cases of tuberculosis were notified, viz:

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	10	8	18
Non-Pulmonary	-	3	3
Totals	10	11	21

Fifteen cases were transferred into the Borough as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	7	8	15
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-
Totals	7	8	15

The total number of deaths from tuberculosis was:-

		Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	.....	2	1	3
Non-Pulmonary	.....	-	-	-
Totals		2	1	3

Death rate from tuberculosis,
all forms, per 1,000 population

England and Wales	Mitcham
0.05	0.05

The following table shows the number of new cases, the type of disease and the deaths from tuberculosis during the year:-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year to 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 years to 9 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 " " 14 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 " " 19 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 " " 34 "	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 " " 44 "	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
45 " " 64 "	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 " and upwards	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	10	8	-	3	2	1	-	-

New cases coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year through death returns and posthumous notifications:-

heart conditions, bacterial and virus infections of the lung and pulmonary fibrosis.

Age Periods	0-	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	Total
Pulmonary:														
Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Pulmonary:														
Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Non-Pulmonary:														
Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Non-Pulmonary:														
Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil

HOME SAFETY

The aspects of Home Safety stressed during the past year were "Sight Protection" and "Do it Yourself with Safety". Booklets, leaflets and posters were sent to school clinics and suitable organisations.

In view of the success of competitions for schoolchildren in previous years it was decided to continue this form of Home Safety education. A simple form of competition was devised and nearly three thousand entries were received. Prizes were presented by the Mayor.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This much appreciated service continued to function with the smoothness and efficiency shown in previous years.

5902 meals were supplied during the year to the housebound and to the Old Age Pensioners' Club in London Road, for which thanks are due to the organiser, Mrs. Forsdiok and her voluntary workers.

Mrs. Frost continued as caterer during 1964 and, once again, supplied all the old people with a free Xmas dinner. Free dinners were also supplied at New Year and Easter by friends of the W.V.S.

MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY

A general public session was held at the Vestry Hall May 5th - 15th and a number of factories were also visited. Statistics are shown below:-

	Male	Female
Total number examined	1260	1630
Significant pulmonary tuberculosis	3	3
Primary lung cancer	1	1

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