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ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of
Health for the year - 1942.

This report is a brief interim report on the lines of those issued for 1940 - 41.

The area of the District remains the same as in former years.

Vital Statistics.

The Birth Rate - 16.42 per 1,000 per annum (14.3 for 1941)
 The Death Rate - 13.7 " " " " (16.6 for 1941)
 The Infantile
 Death Rate - 44.6 " " Births. (100 for 1941)

There were no deaths in illegitimate children under one year of age, nor were there any deaths from Infantile Diarrhoea.

Apart from Tuberculosis, the only deaths from Infectious Diseases were two cases of Diphtheria in the Fever Hospital. These cases were non-residents of the District. The following were the causes of death:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	Bronchitis	4
Other tubercular diseases	1	Pneumonia	3
Cancer	20	Suicide and Violence	6
Cardio-Vascular Diseases	37	Other causes.	23.

Infectious Diseases.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases numbered 82 as follows:-

Measles	60	Opthalmia Neonatorum	1
Diphtheria	11	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Scarlet Fever	6	Non-Pulmonary	1
Erysipelas	2		

Some cases of Impetigo Contagiosa and Scabies were brought to my notice and arrangements have now been made for the admission of all children of school age to the Isolation Hospital if necessary

Most of the cases of Diphtheria were caused by carriers at one school and the necessary precautions were taken to eliminate the trouble.

The cases of Measles were part of an epidemic general to the country and were of a comparatively mild character with no resulting deaths.

About 500 inoculations against Diphtheria were carried out during the year and no cases of Diphtheria occurred in children who had received the full course of inoculation.

Twentytwo cases of Infectious Diseases were admitted to the Fever Hospital, three from the Rural District and eighteen from Urban District. Of these cases sixteen were Diphtheria and six Scarlet Fever.

No exceptional administrative measures were taken or recommended during the year. The general health of the population has been good.

Chlorination of the water supply has now been completed and improvements to the mortuary and its equipment provided.

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