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ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st. December, 1943.  
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To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department of your District for the year 1943.

As instructed by the Ministry of Health in Circular 10/44 the report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2314, and must only be considered as an Interim Report. It only deals with essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year,

Statistics of the Area.

Area. 86,188 acres.  
Estimated number of inhabited houses according to the rate book -  
Rateable Value. £42,056. 3059.  
Product of penny rate £182.  
Population. 11150.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the year.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	68	94	162
Illegitimate	5	7	12
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	<u>73</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>174</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 of the Civilian population - 15.6

Still Births.

Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	—	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

DEATHS.

	68	70	138
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Death rate per 1,000 of the Civilian population - 12.4

Natural increase of population (excess of births over deaths) 36

Number of persons dying in, or in consequence of childbirth -

From puerperal Sepsis	0
From other Maternal causes	0

## INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age :-

	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	1	4	5
Illegitimate	1	3	4

Infant Mortality Rate under one year per 1,000 births - 51.5

## DEATHS FROM SELECTED CAUSES.

	Male	Female	Total.
Cancer (all ages)	4	0	4
Measles	0	0	0
Heart Disease	16	21	37
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Influenza	1	9	10
Diphtheria	0	0	0

## Diphtheria Immunisation.

	Under 5	Between 5 - 15
Nos. of children who have completed course of immunisation during year	214	306
Approximate number of children in the area	<u>734</u>	<u>1862</u>
Percentage immunised up to 31/12/43.	72%	72%

Two cases of diphtheria have occurred during the year, one case was brought into the District by way of a Childrens Hospital, and the other was a member of the gypsy community, living in a caravan.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR.

There have been no new developments or changes in the following services during the year :- Laboratory facilities, Nursing in the Home, Treatment Centres, Clinics and Hospitals.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

There have been no extensions of the watermains carried out by the Council during the year. An interconnection has been made between the Bradley Etc. Water Scheme and the private supply for the Village of Osmaston in order to augment the latter supply.

Wherever the Councils mains are laid, the supply has been constant except in the case of parts of the Village of Doveridge where the pressure fails during the day but recovers at night.

The heavy iron content of the water for the Hartington Scheme has been the source of trouble causing discoloured and unpalatable water also blocked services.

A scheme of water supply for the Villages of Cubley and Marston Montgomery is under consideration as the present supplies to these Villages are both inadequate and impure.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No new works have been carried out in respect of sewerage and sewage disposal, except at the Brailsford Sewerage Disposal plant which has been completely overhauled, and is now working satisfactorily.

### Refuse Collection.

There have been no changes in the refuse collections during the year.

The collection of salvage is carried out in every Parish in the District and the following amounts of various classes of goods have been collected and sold:-

	T.	C.	Q.
Paper	40	7	0
Rags	8	5	1
Scrap Metals	89	4	0
Bones	4	8	3
Rubber	14	12	0
	<u>156</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0.</u>

### Housing.

Owing to the difficulties of obtaining labour and materials for repairs, routine housing inspections have been discontinued, and only nuisances are dealt with as reported. In this respect 306 inspections have been made.

Fourteen Cottages for Agricultural Workers under the Government Emergency Housing Programme were allocated to the District.

These were in an advanced state of erection, and the first pair practically completed by the end of the year.

### Milk and Dairies.

During the year 242 inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies were made when advisory work was carried out under the Milk Testing Scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Regular and systematic inspections of all butchers' shops and bakehouses have been made. The following amounts of various types of tinned food have been certified as unfit for food -

1520 tins condensed milk.  
96 tins salmon.

### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the following tables.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	7	7	0
Diphtheria	2	2	0
Enteric Fever (including typhoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	11	-	3
Erysipelas	9	2	0
Measles	92	0	0
Whooping Cough	55	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0

### TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or under Section 17 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1943.

Respiratory 3. Non-Respiratory 2. Deaths 2.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

H.H.HOLLICK.  
Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1944.

