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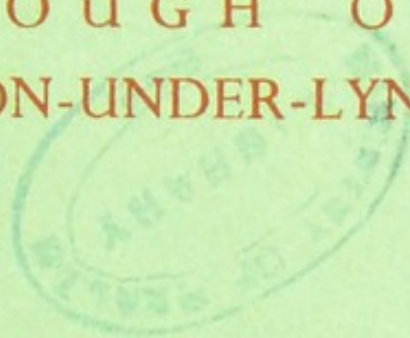


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FOR THE YEAR

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Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne

1947

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Alderman Flowers, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman: Mrs. C. MacCormack.

The Mayor, Aldermen Arnold and Massey, J.P., Councillors
Gantley, Hannan, Hague, Sidebottom and Wignall.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mrs. MacCormack.

Deputy-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Sidebottom.

The Mayor, Aldermen Arnold and Flowers, J.P., Councillors
Hall, Hannan, Hague, Shaw and Wignall.

TOWN HALL CHAMBERS,
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

**TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**

MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report on the health of the Borough for the year 1947.

The vital statistics for the year 1947 are encouraging, there has been a rise in the birth-rate of 4.1 per 1,000 over the previous five-year average, which means that the rate of bearing children has increased by 188 per annum over the five-year period 1942-46.

The crude death-rate has fallen by 1.5 per 1,000 over the corresponding period.

An absence of maternal deaths and an infantile mortality rate of 43 reflects great credit on the activities of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee during the last ten years.

The total percentage of children of all ages who had been immunised by the close of the year remains at 58 per cent., which is not sufficiently high to banish diphtheria from the area.

Commending this report to your notice,

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

ALAN S. SIMPSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Staff of the Health Department

MEDICAL.

Alan S. Simpson, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer,
Maternity and Child Welfare Officer.

Mary Evans, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer
of Health and School Medical Officer.

SANITARY INSPECTORS.

C. Sykes Handforth, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., M.Inst.P.C., Chief
Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods,
etc.

Herbert Hunter, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Deputy Chief Sanitary
Inspector, Inspector of Meats and Other Foods, etc.

C. F. Spencer, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary
Inspector, Inspector of Meats and Other Foods, etc.

D. N. Hall, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector
9/7/47.

HEALTH VISITORS.

Nurse Chamberlain, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Senior
Nurse).

„ **Weir, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.**

„ **Cleary, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.**

„ **Wrigley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.** (Resigned Sept.,
1947).

„ **Edwards, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.**

„ **Malone, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.**

CLERKS.

C. Sharples, E. McCabe, F. Gartside (Resigned Sept. 20th,
1947), **B. Wood.**

Ashton-under-Lyne Borough:

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1947

Population—	Per 1,000 of estimated Population			Maternal Mortality Rate		Rate of Deaths under 1,000 Live Births
	For Birth-rate	For Death-rate	Mean of 5 years, 1942-46	Per 1,000 Live Births	Per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births	
For Birth-rate	47,160	—	—	—	—	—
For Death-rate	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mean of 5 years, 1942-46	17.3	14.4	0.51	2.08	1.77	1.71
Year 1946	19.0	14.1	0.47	1.91	1.13	1.09
1947	21.4	12.9	0.55	1.56	nil	nil
Increase or decrease in 1947 on 5 years' average, 1942-46 on	+4.1	-1.5	+0.04	-0.52	-1.77	-1.71
Previous year	+2.4	-1.2	+0.08	-0.35	-1.13	-1.09
1947 adjusted Death-rate (comparability factor) = per 1,000.						
Live Births:	Total	Male	Female			
Legitimate	954	496	458			
Illegitimate	57	28	29			
Total	1011	524	487			
Still Births	31	22	9	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1947		
Deaths	613	289	324	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		
Deaths from puerperal causes—				Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population		
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis				(live and still) births		
Other maternal causes				Deaths		
Total				Nil.		
Death-rate of Infants under one year of age—						
All infants per 1,000 live births				Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births				" Measles (all ages)		
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births				" Whooping Cough (all ages)		
				" Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		

Causes of Death

during the Year 1947.

	M.	F.	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	18	8	26
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	5	8
Syphilitic Disease	3	2	5
Influenza	1	2	3
Measles	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ...	0	0	0
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	0	1	1
M. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only)	4	0	4
F. Cancer of Uterus	0	5	5
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	7	7	14
Cancer of Breast	0	6	6
Cancer of all other sites (with 3 Sub. groups)	23	22	45
Diabetes	2	4	6
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	30	39	69
Heart Disease (with 4 Sub. groups)	93	112	205
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ...	5	9	14
Bronchitis	23	14	37
Pneumonia	14	22	36
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	4	8
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ...	3	0	3
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3	1	4
Appendicitis... ..	0	0	0
Other Digestive Diseases (with 4 Sub. groups)	6	13	19
Nephritis	5	9	14
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	0	0
Other Maternal Causes (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	0	0
Premature Birth	9	3	12
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease (with 2 Sub. groups)	5	9	14
Suicide	1	2	3
Road Traffic Accidents	2	0	2
Other Violent Causes	9	5	14
All Other Causes (with 14 Sub. groups) ...	16	20	36
	289	324	613

Ashton-under-Lyne Public Health AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1947

January 1st, 1948.

DEAR SIR,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my second Annual Report of the workings of this department for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1947.

During 1947 5,294 calls were received for the use of an ambulance, as against 4,885 received in the year 1946, an increase of 8 per cent.

One baby was born in the ambulance during the conveyance of a patient in labour from her home to the County Hospital, and one child, seven months old, died in the ambulance whilst being taken to the Duchess of York's Hospital.

The calls received are classified as follows, showing the comparison with the twelve months ending December 31st, 1946:—

NATURE OF CASE

	1947	%		1946	%
Private Removals	4689	88	...	4298	88
Road Accidents	95	2	...	103	2
Works Accidents	95	2	...	113	2
Domestic Accidents	209	4	...	161	4
Medical Emergencies	149	3	...	160	3
Bodies to Mortuary	57	1	...	50	1
	5294	100	...	4885	100

LOCAL AUTHORITY

	1947	%		1946	%
Ashton Borough	2674	50	...	2465	50
Droylsden U.D.C.	827	15	...	923	19
Audenshaw U.D.C.	1370	26	...	1048	21
Waterloo (L.R.D.C.)	294	5	...	354	7
Mr. Watts (County Hospital) ...	60	1	...	28	1
L.P.A.C.	35	1	...	60	1
L.C.C.T.B.	12	1	...	7	1
Mossley Borough	22	1	...	—	—
	5294	100	...	4885	100

During the year this department answered seven emergency calls for assistance from the adjacent Ambulance Services; four from Stalybridge, one from Mossley, and two from Hyde, these calls were answered promptly under mutual aid.

AMBULANCES

At the beginning of the year this department had a fleet of five ambulances (two Humbers and three Austins). The Humbers were 12 years old, and their usefulness as ambulances was not satisfactory.

Of the three Austins, two were then 8 years old and, at the time of writing this report, they are in fair condition and in constant daily use. D.T.B. 220 has done 73,170 miles, and the road springs, both front and rear, could do with being removed and sent away for re-setting.

The third Austin was only one month old on July 1st, 1947. The second of the new Austin ambulances was delivered by Messrs. H. Lomas Ltd., and this made the fleet total six.

The two Humbers, A.T.B. 47 and A.T.B. 48 were handed to Mr. Sykes Handforth's department on December 5th, 1947, together with a large quantity of spare parts. The Log Books and Certificates of Insurance were handed to you, sir, on December 6th, 1947.

MILEAGE

The total mileage covered during the twelve months, as shown by the speedometers, was 33,779, as against 33,510 for 1946, an increase of 269 miles.

The respective mileage for each vehicle was as follows:—

A.T.B. 47	654	...	D.T.B. 219	5,821	...	G.T.F. 435	14,945
A.T.B. 48	3,509	...	D.T.B. 220	3,219	...	H.T.B. 763	5,626
(6 mths. only)							

The total mileage done by each of the above six ambulances since they were first registered is as follows:—

A.T.B. 47	72,779	...	D.T.B. 219	41,723	...	G.T.F. 435	16,344
A.T.B. 48	72,763	...	D.T.B. 220	73,170	...	H.T.D. 763	5,626

PETROL AND OIL CONSUMPTION

3,596 Gallons of Petrol were consumed for an average of 9.39 m.p.g.
35 Gallons of Oil were consumed for an average of 965 m.p.g.

GARAGE

The ambulances are now garaged at Lord Street. The transfer from the Passenger Transport Depot, Mossley Road, to Lord Street was effected at 5 p.m., on Thursday, November 27th, 1947.

The garage is an ideal building, and it is, more or less, self-contained, with a central heating plant, which has been repaired, and it is now in full working order.

The Electricians of the Passenger Transport Department have erected a 12-volt direct supply charging plant and three batteries can be charged simultaneously without being removed from the vehicles, by means of charging leads fitted with plug-ends and sockets on the vehicles connected direct to the battery. I consider this to be the most valuable asset in the garage equipment.

The Petrol Pump and the underground 1,000-gallon Petrol Tank are not yet in use, but I have made arrangements for the pump to be made usable, and the tank has already been pressure-tested successfully, and it is expected that within a week or so we shall have our own supply of petrol.

An application for a Licence to store Petroleum Spirit has been submitted to the Watch Committee. This has been granted, subject to the charging plant being moved 10ft. away from its present position; arrangements for this are in hand.

The exterior woodwork has all been painted, and the interior walls and woodwork have been whitewashed and/or painted.

OFFICE AND ACCOMMODATION FOR PERSONNEL

The six-roomed house, No. 23, Lord Street, has been acquired by the Corporation as an office and headquarters for the department, and it is situated almost directly opposite the garage.

The outside lavatory has been converted from a waste water to a flush type, and an inside lavatory has been put in the bathroom. Several repairs have been done by direct labour of the Corporation, and, with the exception of outside painting and some repairs to the spouting, both front and rear, which require attention, it is very well situated for its purpose as office and headquarters.

PERSONNEL

The department is at present staffed by a Superintendent, four senior drivers, eight male and two female driver-attendants.

Mr. H. R. Goddard resigned in August, and Mrs. D. Davis also resigned in August on medical grounds, and her position has been replaced by a male driver-attendant.

Every member of the staff holds the First-Aid qualifications of the St. John Ambulance Association, and in the New Year I hope to make arrangements for them to have a refresher course on First-Aid.

SICKNESS

During the twelve months under review the number of days lost through sickness and injury leave is as follows:—

Male Staff (13) 5 days' sickness and 28 days due to accident at work.
Female Staff (3) 117 days' sickness.

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Notification of Births

(Public Health Act, 1936, Section 203).

The Act requires that all births occurring in the area of Ashton-under-Lyne (after the 28th week of pregnancy, whether alive or still) shall be sent to the Medical Officer of Health within 36 hours of the birth. All births occurring within the area are, therefore, notified to me whether the parent is a resident or a non-resident of Ashton-under-Lyne.

				Total Notified.	Ashton Residents
Number of Live Births...	Notified	Male ... 1239		2338	1023
		Female ... 1099			
Number of Still Births ...	Notified	Male ... 33		57	24
		Female ... 24			

By Institutions:—

Lake Hospital	1433
District Infirmary	543
Nursing Homes	9
Midwives	388
Doctors	15
St. Mary's	7
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	2395
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Notifications received by Department included above, but transferred elsewhere 1348

Total Notified Births allocated to Ashton-under-Lyne 1047

Percentage of Total Notified Births (Live and Still) received from	{	(a) Institutions & Nursing Homes	83.173%
		(b) Municipal Midwives	16.200%
		(c) Doctors ... ..	.627%

MIDWIVES PRACTISING IN THE AREA.

There were five midwives practising in the area during 1947, and all five were Municipal Midwives appointed by the Lancashire County Council.

MATERNAL MORTALITY. 1947 ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Total Births i.e., Live and Still).	Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
	Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.
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		Nil.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

This Clinic is held every Friday afternoon, one week at Enville House Centre and the following week at Richmond Street Centre.

Fifty-one sessions were held during 1947, and 169 expectant mothers made 873 attendances.

An increasing number of patients now enter Hospitals and Maternity Homes for their confinements. Many of these do not attend the Borough Ante-Natal Clinic, but prefer to make private arrangements with the family doctor and hospital.

POST-NATAL CLINICS.

This Clinic is held on the first Monday afternoon in the month at Enville House Centre. There were 9 sessions in the year, and the number of patients who attended was 37.

Day Nurseries and Nursery Classes

There are two Day Nurseries and three Nursery Classes in the Borough, and the following Table shows the accommodation provided, hours of opening, etc.

Day Nurseries:

Location.	Date opened.	Numbers accommodated	Ages accepted.	Hours of opening.	Average daily attendance.
1. West End ... Council School	2/2/42	... 45 ...	1 to 5 years...	Mon. to Fri. ... 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.	... 40
2. St. John's School, Hurst	1/11/42	... 32 ...	1 to 5 years...	Mon. to Fri. ... 6-30 a.m. to 6-30 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	... 28

Nursery Classes:

1. Parochial School.	5/5/44	... 30 ...	2 to 5 years...	Mon. to Fri. ... 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	... 20
2. Trafalgar School.	3/7/43	... 30 ...	2 to 5 years...	Mon. to Fri. ... 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	... 23
3. Elgin Street School.	7/8/43	... 30 ...	2 to 5 years...	Mon. to Fri. ... 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	... 22

Total accommod't'n provided 167 Total average attendance ... 133

INFANT MORTALITY

The causes of the 44 deaths were as follows:—

Other Tubercular Diseases... ..	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	7
Premature Birth	12
Congenital Malformation	0
Suffocation (overlying)	1
Other Causes... ..	4
Enteritis	3
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	5
Atelectasis	11
	44
	—

Child Welfare Centres

The work at the Infant Welfare Centres was well maintained during 1947, and the following figures show the number of sessions held, the number of consultations and the weighings carried out at the Centres:—

Consultations held	136
Attendances at Consultations	2219
Number of Weighings of Children	9649

Total number of attendances at all Centres during the year:

(1) By Children under 1 year of age	7770
(2) By Children between the ages of 1 and 5	1101

Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were:—

(1) Under 1 year of age	595
Percentage of notified live births represented by this figure	58%
(2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years	59%

Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and who, at the end of the year, were:—

(1) Under 1 year of age	536
(2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years... ..	435

The fact that 58% of the total notified births are brought to the Welfare Centres is an indication that the work is of value and appreciated by the parents.

Provision of Dried Milk

During 1947 13,121 packets of dried milk were sold at the Centres.

75 were sold at half-price and 365 were provided free, in accordance with the income scale adopted.

Orthopædic Treatment

Number of individual pre-school children attending Clinic 105.

A classification of the conditions for which the above 105 children were treated is set out below:—

1. Flat Feet... ..	24
2. Posture	7
3. Deformed Toes	5
4. Torticollis	12
5. Pes Cavus	1
6. Congenital T.E.V.	3
7. A.P.M.	2
8. Spastics	2
9. Metatarsus Varus	1
10. Rickets	1
11. Congenital Dislocation of Hips	3
12. Psuedo-Coxalgia	1
13. Knock-knee	35
14. Others	8
	—
	105
	—

Artificial Sunlight Clinic

1947

Seventy-five children made 1,132 attendances.

Adoption

The Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939, came into force on 1st June, 1943. A Register is now kept of the children adopted and they are regularly visited by the Health Visitors.

ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND HABITS AND TO COMBAT INFESTATION BY HEAD-LICE.

In accordance with suggestions from the Ministry of Health, steps were taken to improve the general standard of cleanliness in children under 5 years.

The Nurses have made early morning and late evening visits to the homes. Lethane Hair Oil has been advised in the treatment of head vermin. Where necessary, action was taken under the Scabies Order, 1941.

The Health Visitors, who are also the School Nurses, now undertake the treatment of Scabies cases.

Child Life Protection

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

SECTIONS 206—220.

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|--|---|
| (a) Number of persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year | 3 |
| (b) Number of children on the register at the end of the year | 3 |
| (c) Number of Child Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were Health Visitors | 6 |

Nursing Homes

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

SECTIONS 187—195.

The Lancashire County Council have delegated their powers under the above Act to the Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Council, who are the supervising authority for this purpose.

There is one Nursing Home registered in the Borough at:—
24, Villiers Street.

This Maternity Home was closed by the Council as a result of failure of the Matron to maintain the Institution up to the standards of staffing and accommodation required by the Authority.

The closure took effect on 31st May, 1946.

Housing Statistics

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(i) By the Local Authority... ..	75
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil.
(iii) By other bodies or persons... ..	77*

* Temporary.

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)	3290
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	4785
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 to 1932	317
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1157
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	16

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	3254
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	2964
3.—Action under statutory powers during the year:—	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By Owners	Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied... ..	80
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners... ..	54
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2

- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit —

4.—Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year... ..	211
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein... ..	250
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein... ..	1160
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year... ..	160
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year... ..	149
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	462

Water Supply

The Water Supply has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. There has been filtration of all supplies. Chlorination at the Brushes and Yeoman Hey Filterhouses and Ozonisation at Knott Hill.

During the year 4 chemical and 65 bacteriological samples were taken, and the results returned were considered very satisfactory.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

MILK EXAMINATION.

Biological:	Methylene Blue	55 Examinations.
	Phosphatase Test	54 Examinations.

Out of the above examinations, 49 were satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory as regards the Phosphatase Test; 52 were satisfactory and 3 unsatisfactory as regards the Methylene Blue Test.

The Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year were as follows:—

DISEASE	Total Cases at all Ages	Total Deaths	HOSPITAL	
			Total Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	11	—	10	—
Erysipelas	12	—	5	—
Scarlet Fever	26	—	13	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	29	36	—	—
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	2	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	48	25	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	20	9	—	—
Measles	696	—	5	—
Whooping Cough	48	—	1	—
Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	1	—	1	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—
Totals	902	70	36	—

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

From 1st June, 1943, 11 beds, instead of 12, have been maintained at the Borough Hospital, Hyde.

The authorities of Oldham and Monsall have agreed to admit cases if there are beds available at the time.

The Ashton and District Smallpox Hospital at Hartshead is always held in readiness and any case of Smallpox could be admitted within an hour of notification.

DIPHTHERIA.

There were 11 cases of Diphtheria notified during the year.
There were no deaths.

Age distribution of the cases notified:—

Under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
5 to 15 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Over 15 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
							—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	School.	Pre-School.	Total.
Children Immunised from 1934—1936...	124	...	124
" " in 1937	219	46	265
" " " 1938	174	54	228
" " " 1939	33	23	56
" " " 1940	147	178	325
" " " 1941	1933	422	2355
" " " 1942	185	525	710
" " " 1943	492	680	1172
" " " 1944	615	626	1241
" " " 1945	103	411	514
" " " 1946	208	364	572
" " " 1947	164	282	446
Total Immunised at 31/12/47	4397	3611	8008

Total Immunised under 5 years and between 5 and 15 at 31/12/47 ...	4641	962	5603
Percentage Immunised at 31/12/47 ...	75%	26%	58%

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Persons inoculated each year from 1934—1947

Age in yrs on 31st Dec of the corresponding year	Persons inoculated each year from 1934—1947													Total inoculated aged five years on 31st December, 1947, 962
	1934—36	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947		
0										4	5	17		
1										218	257	205		
2		8	5	3	87	97	178	188	234	113	53	30		
3		19	17	9	24	175	210	171	178	50	30	15		
4		11	17	4	43	58	116	163	97	26	19	15		
5		8	15	7	24	92	21	158	117	23	32	54		
6		39	12	9	22	102	15	84	94	20	33	16		
7		21	25	3	30	224	37	52	93	15	17	12		
8		44	36	5	24	264	32	79	101	12	23	14		
9		81	27	5	19	218	23	40	86	11	17	5		
10		7	50	4	16	239	15	66	73	6	28	7		
11		1	6	5	10	234	19	41	43	7	6	31		
12		12	7	1	17	265	19	43	34	3	5	12		
13		5	4	1	4	340	10	55	30	3	9	13		
14		4	3	—	3	12	11	83	36	3	38	—		
15 and over		5	4	—	2	35	4	73	25	—	1	—		
Total each year	124	265	228	56	325	2355	710	1296	1241	514	573	446		
													Grand total 1934—1947, 8133	

Total inoculated aged 5—9 years on 31st December, 1947, 2622

Total inoculated aged 10—14 years on 31st December, 1947, 2019

Total inoculated aged 15 years and over on 31st December, 1947, 2406

IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION. Annual Return for Ministry of Health.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1947

Age at 31/12/47 i.e. Born in Year	Under 1							5 to 9			Total under 15
	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1938—1942	1933—1937	2019	9730		
Number Immunised	17	210	291	286	158	2622	2019	5603			
Estimated mid-year population, 1947			3710			6020		9730			

SCARLET FEVER.

There were 26 cases (27 in 1946) notified. The disease was mild and there were no deaths.

PNEUMONIA.

There were 29 cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia notified (54 in 1946) and 2 cases (4 in 1946) of Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

Influenza is not notifiable unless complicated with Pneumonia.

ASHTON AND DISTRICT SICK NURSING ASSOCIATION.

820 visits were made to 41 cases of Pneumonia by the Nurses from the Ashton and District Sick Nursing Association.

**ASHTON-U-LYNE DISTRICT
NURSING ASSOCIATION**

209/211, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

CASES NURSED, JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st, 1947

	Cases	Visits
Pneumonia	41	820
Tuberculosis	10	587
Complications after childbirth...	2	64
	—	—
	53	1471
Children under 5 years	48	432
	—	—
	101	1903
	—	—

Venereal Disease

Public Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1916.

The Lancashire County Council, who administer these regulations, have a treatment centre at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary.

The following shows the work carried out at the Venereal Diseases Clinic at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary during the year 1947:—

Patients under treatment at January 1st, 1947...	163
New cases admitted during 1947	233
Total attendances	3132
Patients receiving treatment at the end of 1947...	150
Pathological examinations for V.D. patients... ..	1023

Of the 233 new cases admitted during the year, 102 were Ashton residents. There were 70 cases found not to be V.D.

Penicillin is available for specified cases. Service cases are now reporting for continuation tests in fair number.

Scabies

The Scabies Clinic is held at the Disinfection Station, Town's Yard.

This building was originally constructed for the disinfection of Smallpox contacts, and is suitable for treating cases of Scabies. There is a Waiting Room, Bath Room, Treatment and Dressing Room and a Discharge Room. Clothes for stoving are passed through a revolving cupboard in the bathroom to the disinfector next door.

Treatments by appointment are given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—women and children in the mornings and men in the afternoons. A following-up Clinic is held at the School Clinic every Wednesday morning, when cases are seen by the Medical Officer.

The Health Visitors—School Nurses treat the women and children and a male attendant treats the men.

The treatment given is a bath, followed by an application of Benzyl-Benzoate Emulsion. Each patient is told to bring a change of clean clothes. Typewritten instructions are given regarding clothing and other necessary precautions. The local doctors have been notified of these arrangements.

Fresh sources of infection come into the town from time to time. By careful following up of contacts to known cases, and by treating whole families the infection has been kept down. In difficult cases, and particularly when re-infection occurs, action has been taken under the Scabies Order, 1941—to ensure the medical examination and treatment of contacts.

Individual No. of Patients treated

for Scabies in 1947:—

Attendances.

Pre-School Children	...	7	...	7
School Children	53	...	64
Adults	41	...	48
		—		—
Total	101	...	119
		—		—

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DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE AND WORK CARRIED OUT DURING 1947

Number of inspections (including housing)	5678
Number of nuisances abated... ..	3776
Number of visits to common lodging-houses, furnished rooms and dwelling-vans... ..	35
Number of visits to slaughter-houses... ..	156
Number of visits to cowsheds and dairies	53
Number of visits to bakehouses	68
Number of visits to food stores and food preparing premises	455
Number of visits to fish-friers	32
Number of visits to factories and workshops	112
Number of visits to offensive trade premises	3
Number of visits re rat infestations	8429
Number of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act	53

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health. Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical Power... ..	112	15	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ...	14	1	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)... ..	—	—	—
Total	126	16	—

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S. 1) ...	9	9	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) {	Insufficient ...	7	4	—
	Unsuitable or Defective ...	17	14	—
	Not Separate for Sexes ...	1	1	—
Other Offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)	11	10	—	—
Total	45	38	—	—

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

During the year, 47 samples of milk, and 3 samples of whisky, 1 sample of gin, 1 sample of rum and 1 sample of pepper were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst.

Meat Inspection

TABLE No. 2

Carcases with all organs condemned as totally unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.	Accidents.	Inflammatory Diseases.	Other Conditions.
Cows	29	—	3	3
Bulls	1	—	—	—
Bullocks	3	—	—	—
Heifers	2	—	—	—
Calves	1	3	5	2
Sheep	—	8	11	—
Pigs	—	—	—	—

Carcases partially condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.	Accidents.	Inflammatory Diseases.	Other Conditions.
Cows	35	4	6	1
Bulls	—	—	—	—
Bullocks	2	—	—	9
Heifers	2	1	1	—
Calves	—	—	—	—
Sheep	—	—	3	1
Pigs	—	—	—	—

TABLE No. 3

Various Organs Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

	Heads	Tongues	Lungs	Livers	Stomachs	Hearts	Spleens	Mesenteries	Intestines	Udders	Kidneys	Diaphragms	Tails
Tuberculosis:													
Bovines ...	241	241	669	211	85	95	234	105	105	43	51	252	35
Pigs ...	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inflammatory Diseases:													
Bovines ...	—	—	250	317	6	37	105	1	1	24	31	68	—
Pigs ...	—	—	12	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep ...	—	—	5	4	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parasitic Diseases:													
Bovines ...	—	—	84	599	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Pigs ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep ...	—	—	1	612	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases:													
Bovines ...	9	9	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

The following table gives some idea of the work involved in this particular branch of my department:

No. of visits to slaughter-houses during 1947 ...	156
No. of visits to food premises and markets... ..	455
No. of carcasses inspected:—	
Cattle and Calves	2827
Sheep and Lambs	5391
Pigs	81
Total	8299

The total weight of meat and offals destroyed during the year as diseased, unsound and unfit for the food of man was 65,897 lbs., or 29 tons 8 cwts. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

