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Medical Officer of Health

for the Year 1955

by

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County Medical Officer of Health

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To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire County Council.

I have the honour to submit my Twenty-fourth Annual Report with Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of Breconshire for the year 1955.

The Death Rate was 12.78, slightly higher than that for England and Wales which was 11.7. The Infant Mortality Rate of 33.72 is higher than that for 1954, and is also higher than the rate for England and Wales which was 24.9.

One death occurred during the year on account of Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion—this one death giving a Rate of 1.14 for the County compared with that for England and Wales of 0.64.

Nursing Services.—The difficulty experienced last year of obtaining suitable staff for nursing appointments has repeated itself this year and at the 31st December there were 5 vacancies although repeated advertisements were made in the Nursing and Local Press. The greatest difficulty in this County seems to me to be in securing District Nurse/Midwives and it appears that nurses are reluctant to undertake district Nursing work.

Five of the present staff are on extended service having reached compulsory retirement age.

During the year we had one nurse who completed a Course of Health Visiting Training and another who commenced during the year.

Welfare Foods.—This scheme is functioning satisfactorily and one officer is employed as a whole time distributor, attending at 7 points throughout the County in accordance with a fixed rota. Such a rigid programme allows no time for any other duties such as finding volunteers to distribute welfare foods whenever anybody falls out of the scheme.

Immunisation and Vaccination.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.—The percentage of children under 15 years of age who were protected against Diphtheria on the 31st December, 1955, was 60.5 per cent. as compared with 59 per cent. for the previous year.

Vaccination.—The vaccination against Smallpox is carried out by the General Medical Practitioners. There has been an increase in Primary Vaccinations between the years 1948 and 1951, with a slight drop in the two years 1952 and 1953, whereas in 1954 the figure rose to 252 primary vaccinations. The figure for 1955 has dropped to 160 primary vaccinations. During the year owing to an outbreak of poliomyelitis immunisation and vaccination was suspended and possibly this is a contributing factor to the decrease in the vaccinations carried out. Tireless endeavour is required on the part of the Medical and Nursing

Staffs to impress upon mothers the very real danger which exists by children not being vaccinated against both Smallpox and Diphtheria.

Ambulance Services.—There has been no changes in the ambulance services during the year. The work undertaken by ambulances has decreased while the journeys, patients carried, and mileage covered by sitting case cars has shown an increase. Figures showing these are to be found under "Section 27—Ambulance Services" in the report.

Dental Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children.—The School Dental Officers continue to devote one eleventh of their time to this work. The numbers of mothers treated during the year and those made "dentally fit" have also increased as will be seen from Table VII to my report.

Domestic Help Scheme.—The cost of the Domestic Help Scheme is still on the increase and during 1955 the cost exceeded £17,000. No whole time helps are employed but the services in the homes were carried out by no less than 189 part-time domestic helps enrolled under the scheme. The number of cases to whom help has been granted has very nearly doubled since 1950, the figure for that year being 128 cases assisted.

Poliomyelitis.

There was a small outbreak of Poliomyelitis during 1955, the first case occurring in a school child in Brecon, who attended the Postern V.P. School, on the 17th September, 1955. This was a paralytic case in which the legs were affected and the child was admitted to the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil. The second case occurred in a farm worker, aged 18 years, who was working at Llanywern, but whose home was at Upper Chapel. This patient died at the Cardiff City Isolation Hospital on the 6th October, 1955.

On the 11th October a further three cases were notified—a girl of 11 years from Newbridge, who was a pupil of a Radnorshire school, a child of nearly 3 years from Builth Wells, and another boy from Upper Chapel, who was a pupil of Mount Street C.P. Mixed School. Two of these cases were admitted to Mardy and the last mentioned was taken to Cardiff.

On the 29th October, 1955, a child from Libanus aged nearly 5 years was notified and admitted to Mardy Hospital. This was followed by four cases notified on the 31st October, 1955, these being a boy not attending school from Llanfihangel Nantbran, and two adults from Pencelly and Garth, and a child aged 12 years from St. David's Convent, Brecon.

Another two cases were notified on the 2nd and 7th November, 1955, respectively, a child from Brynmawr V.P. Infants School and the other aged 13 years attending Mount Street C.P. School. This gives a total of 12 cases notified during the year,

but four of these cases at Llanfihangel Nantbran, Pencelly, Garth and Upper Chapel, were discharged from the Mardy Isolation Hospital within a week of admission as not being poliomyelitis cases.

During the year the correct number of cases is therefore as follows:—

Paralytic	...	7
Non-Paralytic	...	1

This outbreak extended into 1956 when a further two cases were notified.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. F. W. BETENSON,
County Medical Officer.

15th October, 1956.

Constitution of the Committees concerned with matters of Public Health, during the year 1955/56.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Ald. J. G. Eadie, Fronheulog, Builth Wells.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL:

Coun. J. V. Like, Skynlais House, Church Street, Hay-on-Wye.

Coun. John Thomas, Saladin House, Llangynidr, Nr. Crickhowell.

Brecon District:

Coun. E. D. Morgan, Fennyfach, Brecon.

Coun. W. J. Bevan, 17, Trenewydd, Llanfaes, Brecon.

Brynmawr District:

Coun. James Pritchard, 4, Clydach Street, Brynmawr.

Coun. T. R. Jones, The Daren, Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr.

Builth District:

Ald. J. G. Eadie (Chairman), Fronheulog, Builth Wells.

Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.

Crickhowell District:

Ald. O. H. Williams, Tremle, Bwlch.

Coun. Lady Glanusk, Penmyarth, Crickhowell.

Devynock District:

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Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E., Padest, Sennybridge.

Hay and Talgarth District:

Coun. T. I. Watkins, Craigend, Talgarth.

Coun. T. Havard, Little Lodge, Three Cocks, Brecs.

Waynor District:

Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 33, The Copse, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.

Coun. O. M. Evans, Coedowen, Cwmtaff, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil.

Ystradgynlais District :

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 Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Llwynoyadd Farm, Llandefalle, Nr. Brecon
 Coun. L. F. Saunders, 2, Factory Road, Brynmawr.
 Coun. E. W. McIntosh, Dinas View, Clydach, Nr. Abergavenny.
 Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Lletty Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.
 Coun. F. D. Jones, 38, Station Road, Hirwaun, Nr. Aberdare.
 Coun. E. C. Watkins, Maesyrfaf, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE :

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

County Ambulance Service Transport Sub-Committee.

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

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 Coun. L. F. Saunders, 2, Factory Road, Brynmawr.

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 Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd,
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HAY STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

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Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 3, The Copse, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.

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Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

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Assistant Dental Officer:	Mr. P. G. George, L.D.S.
Dental Attendant.	Miss M. Anthony.
" "	Miss W. A. P. Mills.

NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss E. Bestford Dunn, Brecon. (Tele.—Brecon 214).	Area Covered. Whole County.
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Health Visitors (and School Nurses).

Miss E. G. Morgan, Brynmawr.	Brynmawr Urban.
Miss S. M. Thickens, Cefn Coed.	Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedycymmer), Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Torpantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part), Vaynor (Cefncoedycwmmer), Vaynor (Gelly and Duffryn), Dolygear, Cwmtaff, Vaynor (Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn), Llandetty (Pontsticill).
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Miss C. Williams, Ystradgynlais.	Abercrave, Penycae, Caehopkin Colbren, Penwyllt, Onllwyn, Seven Sisters (Part), Glyntawe, Cwmtwrch.
Mrs. M. A. Francis, Brecon.	Brecon Urban.
Mrs. A. R. Evans, Ystradgynlais.	Ystradgynlais, Ynisedwyn, Gurnos, Cynlais, Cwmgiedd, Penrhos, Glanrhyd,

District Nurses/Midwives/Health Visitors.

	Area Covered.
Miss M. L. Evans, 28, Penpentre, Talybont-on-Usk. (Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk 265).	Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelly, Cross Oak, Llanfeigan, Cantref (Part), Llandetty, Llangynidr, Duffryn Crawnon.
Miss A. M. R. Isitt, 50, Orchard Street, Brecon. (Tele.—Brecon 38).	Aberyscir, Battle, Castlemadoc, Cradoc, Merthyr Cynog, Felinfach, Llanddew, Llandefaelog, Pontfaen, Fennyfach, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Talachddu, Garth- brengy.
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Area Covered.

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District Nurses/Midwives.

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Nurse M. Jones, 10, Tudor Avenue, Hirwaun (Tele.—Hirwaun 291).	Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan.
Nurse A. E. Williams, Tyclyd, Sennybridge (Tele.—Sennybridge 47).	Sennybridge, Defynock, Pentrefelin, Cray, Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane, Traianglas, Ciliene, Trecastle, Yscllydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aberbran, Senny.
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Nurse M. A. Davies, Brynteg, Bwlch, Brecs. (Tele.—Bwlch 240).	Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdu, Llan- gorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty- Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog, Llanhamlach, Llansantfraed, Pennorth.

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District Nurses.

- Nurse S. E. H. Paige, Ystradgynlais.
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Lower Cwmtwrch.
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- Nurse C. Hughes, Brynmawr Urban.
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Nantyglo, Mon.
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- Nurse M. M. Jones, Relief Nurse, Northern Area: Builth, Llan-
Westlyn, Garth Road, wrtyd, Erwood, Llwynmadoc, etc.
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gynlais, etc.
- Vacancy. Relief Nurse, South Eastern: Brecon,
Crickhowell, Hay, Talgarth, Brynmawr,
etc.
- Vacancy. Relief Nurse, Southern: Cefn and Vaynor
Defynock, etc.

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Mrs. S. J. Wall.
Miss S. José.
Miss J. Hadley (Resigned 9/2/55).
Mr. W. G. Phillips (Transferred 1/11/55).
Miss E. Lewis
Mrs. Margaret Powell (Commenced 16/5/55).
Mr. Norman Tovey (Commenced 2/8/55),
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Hay Urban; and Rural:		
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban:		
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Crickhowell Rural:	Mr. R. A. Jackson, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., R.D.C. Offices, Crickhowell.
Hay Rural:	Mr. Garfield G. Evans, M.R.S.I., Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye.
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural:	Mr. S. P. Harris, M.S.I.A., A.R.S.I., 47a High Street, Bank Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil.
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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	733
Area (Acres)	...	469,281
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
„ (1939 Census)	...	54,357
„ (1951 Census)	...	56,508
„ estimated to Middle of 1955	...	55,700
Rateable Value (1st April, 1954)	...	£314,833
Sum represented by a 1d. rate, 1954/55)	...	£1,228

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Section 21.—Health Centres: Again it has not been possible to make any progress in the provision of Health Centres but the matter is still before the Committee.

Section 22. — Care of Mothers and Young Children: This Section covers the following activities: — (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants, (h) Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

Care of Premature Infants, i.e., babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth, irrespective of period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority.

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance would be given to arrange accommodation.

During 1955 the number of notifications of premature births in the County, after correction, was as follows—

(1) **Premature Live Births.**

(a) Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	93
(b) Number of Premature Live Births at Home	... 21
* (c) Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes	... 2
(d) Number of Premature Live Births in Hospitals	... 70

(2) Premature Still Births.

(a) Total Number of Premature Still Births in the Area	7
(b) Number of Premature Still Births at Home	0
* (c) Number of Premature Still Births in Private Nursing Homes	0
(d) Number of Still Births in Hospitals	7

*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Service and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Home.

During the year all cases of premature births have been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the numbers of infants who survived 28 days.

Complicated Maternity Cases.

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:—(1) the general practitioner, (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife, or (4) the patient herself. In each individual case, a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help, though the extent to which this help can be given depends on the domestic helps available and the accessibility of the home. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book the case for accommodation.

Three hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital	... 2 beds.
Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital	... 7 beds
Builth Cottage Hospital	... 3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Hereford County Hospital.
 Blaina and District Hospital.
 St. James Hospital, Tredegar.
 Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, Merthyr Tydfil.
 St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil.
 Neath General Hospital.
 Abergavenny Cottage Hospital (occasionally).
 Llandrindod County Hospital (occasionally).

In numerous instances it is necessary for a patient to be conveyed 20 miles or more to the nearest hospital where accommodation can be found and possibly the patients from Brecon Town and the surrounding countryside fare worse in this respect because of the added distance to any of the larger hospitals in the above lists.

Looking back over a period of four years we find the proportion of cases admitted to hospitals for confinement in relation to the total births remains fairly constant for three years, but shows a rise in 1955 of over 3 per cent.

The figures for the past four years are as follows:—

		Total Births in County.	No. of Births in Hospital.	Percentage of Births in Hospital.
1952	...	859	528	61.4%
1953	...	880	540	61.3%
1954	...	829	513	61.8%
1955	...	876	570	65.1%

Generally speaking, cases are not selected by the local health authority for admission to hospitals on social grounds. The local health authority selections are primarily made on account of unsuitable housing conditions. Very frequently, however, practitioners succeeded in obtaining accommodation for their patients by arrangements direct with the hospital; this particularly applies in the Builth and Crickhowell areas, though other hospitals have tightened up their procedure for admission and have requested a report by the local Health Authority before consideration can be given to the cases.

During 1955 the following cases were admitted to hospital through the Health Department on account of bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Brecon, 34; Neath General, 42; St. Tydfil's (Merthyr Tydfil), 3; Crickhowell, 15; Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, 19; St. James, Tredegar, 3; Hereford County Hospital, 0; Amman Valley, 19; Builth Cottage Hospital, 0; Beresford Nursing Home, Valley, 10; Builth Cottage Hospital, 0; Beresford Nursing Home, Pleasant (Swansea), 1.

Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall ..	2nd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ...	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ...	1st and 3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
4 Builth Wells—Park House, Park Road Builth Wells ...	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ...	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Miners' Welfare Hall ...	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Senior School ...	4th Thursday in month at 1-30 p.m.
8 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall ...	4th Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
9 Darenfelen—Welfare Hall ...	2nd Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
10 Defynock—Reading Room, Sennybridge	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
11 Gilwern—Church Hall ...	4th Thursday in month at 1-30 p.m.
12 Hay—Wesley Hall, Oxford Road ..	4th Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
13 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry ..	Tuesdays fortnightly.
14 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Mem. Institute	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Talgarth—Town Hall ...	4th Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Ystradgynlais—School Clinic ..	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
17 Tirabad—Village Hall ...	2nd Friday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from the Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire health visitor attends regularly.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority at the following centres where one of the Assistant Medical Officers is in attendance. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

1. Abercrave: 2nd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. Brynmawr, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Cefn Coed, 3rd Mondays, a.m.
4. Ystradgynlais, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
5. Devynock: 3rd Tuesday, at 11 a.m.
6. Brecon: 3rd Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
7. Hirwaun: Bethel Church Vestry, fortnightly, Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m.

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall, one converted dwelling house, and one church vestry, which are all hired premises, one school, and three permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

The clinic at Hirwaun is now conducted fortnightly by the Glamorgan County Council and persons from the Hirwaun and

Penderyn portion of Breconshire attend under a joint arrangement between the two authorities.

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Post-Natal Clinics.

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

Specialist Clinics.

There are no specialist clinics held under the auspices of the local health authority.

Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.

Assistance is not normally given at clinics held in general practitioners' own premises apart from the district nurse/midwives attending at surgeries with their patients when requested to do so.

Blood Testing.

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, or the Family Planning Association.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work in return for grant paid, the Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and for a period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee, who also give the Association an Annual Grant of £100.

During the year arrangements were made for the accommodation of seven mothers, one at St. Martin's Home, Hereford, and six at Cwmdonkin Shelter, Swansea.

Mothercraft Training.

No special clinics are held for this purpose since all advice is given by the health visitors in the course of their rounds.

Maternity Outfits.

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack, supplied by a manufacturer of surgical dressings.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.

There are none in the County. The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Number of cases in 1955, in which

(a) vision was unimpaired	... Nil
(b) vision impaired	... Nil
(c) vision lost	... Nil
(d) patient died	... Nil
(e) patient still under treatment at end of year	... Nil
(f) patient removed from district	... Nil
(g) classification under above heads cannot be made	... Nil

Maternal Deaths.

(a) **Number of women who died in consequence of child-birth during the year:—**

	From Sepsis.	From Other Causes.	Totals.
Confined at home ...	—	1	1
Confined in Nursing Home or Hospital ...	—	—	—

(b) **Number of women who died:—**

At home	... 1
In nursing homes	... —
After removal to an Institution	... —

Supply of Dried Milk.

The Supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics. The demand for the various brands is so small that stocks would deteriorate before being used. In parts of the County there is a system of chits being used which enable Cow and Gate or Ostermilk to be purchased from the local chemists at a slightly cheaper rate. This scheme is dependent on the readiness of the local chemists to honour these vouchers or even to stock the brand of milk. Many chemists consider that the demand is so small that they do not feel it justifies them taking part in any such scheme. The majority of children in the county are fed on National Dried Milk.

The local health authority has arranged for the supply of Scots Twin Pack cereal at clinics. This is sold at a cheap rate.

Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme commenced to function with 7 main Distribution Centres and 24 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings. During the year 5 voluntary distributors ceased to issue Welfare Foods and 4 new distributors undertook the work. At the end of 1955 the scheme included the 7 main Centres and 25 voluntary distributors.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose and from the following times of distribution it will be seen that his time is fully taken up by these centres, and leaves little opportunity for other work. These main Centres are as follows and open on the days and times stated.

District.	Address of Centre.	Day.	Times.
Builth Wells	.. The Clinic, Park House, Builth Wells	Monday	10 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Llanwrtyd Wells	.. Memorial Institute, Llanwrtyd Wells	Monday	2.30 p.m. 4 p.m.
Brynmawr	.. The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	Tuesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Ystradgynlais	.. The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye	.. Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye	Thursday	10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Crickhowell	.. The Clinic, Market Hall, Crickhowell	Thursday	2 p.m. 4 p.m.

The voluntary distributors in Crickhowell area have been increased to 6 by the end of the year, and Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern, continues to give his services free and delivers Welfare Foods to these voluntary distributors from the main centre at Crickhowell. Much useful work is done by Mr. Morgan in assisting the small shopkeepers to check stores and complete their returns. For this service Mr. Morgan is merely re-imbursed for mileage covered in his car.

The thanks of the department are again offered to all volunteers who have helped during the year in making the scheme run smoothly.

The amount of Welfare Foods distributed is not large but the nature of the County makes it necessary that some centres issuing small amounts must remain open to provide the necessary service.

The following items were issued during 1955:—

National Dried Milk	...	42,015
Orange Juice	...	29,010
Cod Liver Oil	...	6,003
Vitamin Tablets "A" and "D"		1,783

Distribution cost, 6·8d. per tin (excluding O. J., etc.), or 3·8d. per tin, bottle or packet.

Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years of age by the School Dental Staff at the following clinics:—

Brecon, Brynmawr, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, and
Ystradgynlais.

The equipment of the new clinic in Crickhowell was completed in April.

The figures in Table VII show that 76 expectant and nursing mothers were examined and 74 were found to require treatment, whilst 92 were actually treated. The apparent discrepancy in the last figure is explained by the fact that a number of mothers who were examined and treated in 1954, continued to have treatment in 1955. 62 mothers were made dentally fit compared with 39 in 1954.

Fewer teeth were extracted than in the previous year, but 68 teeth were filled compared to 29 in 1954. There is also a large increase in the amount of denture work. 35 complete dentures were provided compared with 17 in 1954. The figure for partial dentures also shows a slight increase.

The figures for children under 5 years show little variation.

One eleventh of the dental officers time is allotted to this work.

Detailed figures of patients examined and the treatment carried out are shown in Table VII, which is now in a slightly amended form.

Section 23—Midwifery Service—

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority has fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. To this end the Authority had in its employ on the 31st December, 1955, 1 whole-time and 21 part-time midwives, giving an equivalent whole-time staff of 7.08 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were 5 private midwives and 13 hospital midwives practising in the County during 1955, the total number practising midwives during the year being 40.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority, and visits made to midwives not employed by the local health authority.

Tables dealing with midwifery, notification of births, etc., are given below:—

Supervision of Midwives—

Fifty Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, viz., 44 resident and 6 border midwives.

Of the above—

13 were resident in Institutions.

5 were in independent practice.

32 were employed by the County Council: County, 26;
Border, 6.

During the year, of the resident midwives 4 left the County.

Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with these patients whenever required to do so. at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notifications of birth being received. This has been arranged at the instigation of the Local Medical Committee.

Notification from Midwives during 1955—

50 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:—42 for mothers and 8 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

FOR THE MOTHER—

Miscarriage, Abortion, actual or threatened ...	4
Contracted Pelvis ...	—
Hæmorrhage, ante and post partum ...	6
Prolonged, obstructed and labour inertia ...	7
Malpresentation or Malposition ...	3
Other illnesses during pregnancy ...	2
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes ...	3
Ruptured perineum ...	8
Unsatisfactory condition of mother ...	4
Pyrexia ...	1
Premature Labour ...	—
Albuminuria ...	1
Breech ...	2
Phlebitis ...	—
Ante-Natal—re position ...	—
Post Maturity ...	—
Oedema of Feet and Ankles ...	1
Oedema of Legs and Ankles ...	—

Oedema of Face and Legs	... --
Oedema of Face and Hands	... --
Prolapsed Cord	... --
Hypertension	... --
Hydramnios	... --
Mastitis	... --
No Foetal Heart heard	... --
Patients nervous condition	... --
Head on Perineum and no advance	... --
Foetal Distress	... --
Still Birth	... --
Episiotomy Suturing	... --

FOR THE CHILD—

Premature or feebleness	... 1
Deformity or abnormality	... --
Eye Infections	... 2
Unsatisfactory Conditions	... 2
Skin Condition	... --
Jaundice	... --
Cyanosis	... --
Nasal Obstruction	... --
Melaena	... 1
Spina Bifida	... 1
Convulsions	.. 1
White Asphyxia	... --
Tight Foreskin	... --
Blue Asphyxia	... --

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

Fees of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29(2).

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms	} 6
Total amount of Claims paid	... £17 6s. 9d.

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

Administration of Analgesics.

21 Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care. The authority has supplied apparatus to all these midwives. Only one midwife employed by the local health authority is not qualified to administer gas and air analgesia—she is considered unsuitable for training on account of age.

1. Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Boards:—

(a) Domiciliary	...	22	
(b) In Institutions	...	6	
		—	
	Total	...	28
			—

2. Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—

(a) Gas and Air	...	124	
(b) Trilene	...	40	

3. Number of midwives trained in the year ... —

4. Total number of sets of Minnitt's Gas and Air Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 27

5. Number of cases in which Pethedine was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year ... 28

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

Owing to the difficulty of sparing staff, no midwives have undergone refresher courses.

Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year: Live Births 602; Still Births 6; making a total of 608.

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County	297; Border	2...	299
Private Midwives: County	7, Border	0	...
			7
Hospital and Institutional Midwives			...
			302

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1955 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births, 862; (b) Still Births, 14; (c) Total, 876.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 18 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses and/or district nurses; 8 of these nurses perform duties of Health Visitors under dispensation by the Minister of Health.

The Health Visitors visit monthly children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two-year-olds are visited more frequently. Health visitors were also called upon to investigate cases requiring domestic help to ease the strain of this work on the Domestic Help Supervisor, who is also the County Superintendent Nursing Officer.

In addition to health visiting of expectant and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitor for the area giving the diagnosis, treatment and recommendation as to further treatment. In some instances the health visitor, being also the district nurse, undertakes any practical nursing required.

The Council has in the past offered scholarships to suitable candidates who are prepared to train for the Health Visitors Certificate, this grant is now £250 per annum. Training is generally undertaken as a combined training under the auspices of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or at some other recognised course.

Grants were made to one nurse during the year and the candidate commenced training at the Welsh School of Medicine in 1955.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

No Health Visitor on the staff attended a refresher course during 1955, though two Health Visitors attended a two-day conference on Tuberculosis nursing in Cardiff.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

Section 25—Home Nursing.

A wholtime nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 4 whole-time and 21 part-time nurses, giving an equivalent of 13·7 full-time nurses. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent and work in conjunction with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing service does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention

is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

Figures of cases of home visits paid and cases attended are given below:—

1. Number of visits paid by Home Nurses ... 45,525
2. Number of cases attended by Home Nurses ... 2,044

Classification and Proposition of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.

During the year, 2,044 patients were nursed in the homes and 45,525 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

	Patients.	Visits.
Medical	... 1249	33312
Surgical	... 662	9295
Infectious Diseases	... 5	12
Tuberculosis	... 32	1874
Maternal Complications	5	23
Others	... 91	1009

Further analysis of the above figures shows that 737 patients were over 65 years of age, and 360 were under 5 years, and that 16,922 and 1345 visits were made respectively to these patients.

Of the patients visited 360 received more than 24 visits during the year and 16,524 visits were actually made to these older patients.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 22.2 visits each.

Section 26—Vaccination and Immunisation.

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for vaccination to be carried out by general practitioners and for immunisation against diphtheria by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having the children vaccinated.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner. Furthermore, the parent of each child is sent an individual notice at about the child's eighth month urging the mother to take advantage of the facilities available. Boosting injections of diphtheria prophylactic are given at five years and again at ten years. These last two boosting injections are usually given at schools or school clinics.

(a) Vaccination—

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents, and practitioners who have expressed a wish to undertake this work are supplied with lymph free of charge on request to the appropriate Public Health Laboratory, and record cards are supplied from the Health Department on which to enter the necessary particulars, these cards being returned to the County Medical Officer for statistical purposes and for payment to the General Practitioner.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.

Figures of persons vaccinated each year from 1948 to 1955 are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1948	89	17
1949	112	16
1950	141	25
1951	215	69
1952	170	36
1953	191	30
1954	252	44
1955	160	40

Figures of Persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1955.

Age at 31st Dec., 1955 i.e., born in year ...	Under 1 1955	1 (1954)	2 to 4 1951 to 1953	5 to 14 1941 to 1950	15 or over (before 1940)	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	140	4	1	3	12	160
Number Re-Vaccinated	..	..	..	4	36	40

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme is working most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries, and record cards are provided by the Health Department. Completed records are returned for statistical purposes.

Number of children immunised during the year 1955 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

District	Primary Immunisation		Totals	Re-inforcing Dose
	Under 5	5—14		
Brecon Urban	44	5	49	178
Brynmawr Urban	30	53	83	123
Builth Urban	12	5	17	35
Hay Urban	22	10	32	32
Llanwrtyd Urban	15	1	16	27
Brecon Rural	55	4	59	70
Builth Rural	24	..	24	27
Crickhowell Rural	76	61	137	150
Hay Rural	38	..	38	77
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	26	1	27	28
Ystradgynlais Rural	100	17	117	136
Totals, 1955	442	157	599	883
Totals, 1954	596	238	834	1496

On the 31st December, there were 7,679 children in the County who had completed a course of Immunisation at any time before that date. The number of children thus protected represents 60.5 per cent. of the estimated child population.

The following table shows the children in age groups who were immunised at the 31st December, 1955.

Age @ 31-12-55, i.e., born in years	Under 1 1955	1-4 1954-1951	5-9 1950-1946	10-14 1945-1941	Total
Number Immunised	25	1950	3206	2498	7679

Immunisation against Whooping Cough.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation, Section 26, has been extended to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Proposals were submitted by the Health Committee to the Ministry of Health on the 13th May, 1954, and on the 19th July, 1955, approval was granted by the Ministry to the amendment of the Council's original scheme by the substitution of the following.

- (a) Arrangements will be made for the inoculation of children against whooping cough at infant welfare centres or other suitable centres as will make these facilities as readily

accessible as possible to all who wish to use them and will ensure that arrangements are made with sufficient frequency and at such hours as will meet local requirements.

- (b) The Council will give an opportunity to every practitioner providing general medical services in the area to undertake vaccination against whooping cough in his own surgery or at the home of the patient. Medical practitioners taking part in the Council's arrangements will be required to furnish particulars for record purposes in such standard form as may be recommended by the Ministry and the Council will keep records in a manner that will enable them to furnish such returns to the Ministry as may be required. Fees will be paid to the practitioners on the basis of the receipt of records as agreed with the profession.
- (c) The County Medical Officer will be responsible for deciding the antigen(s) to be used and made available to practitioners.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertusis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

Section 27—Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Services in the County are undertaken by the St. John's Welsh Home Ambulance Service Association who act as sole agents for the County.

Eight ambulances are used in the service—four provided directly by the authority and four provided by St. John's. All are, however, under the direct control of St. John's for operational purposes. The day to day administration is the responsibility of the County Medical Officer on behalf of the local health authority. The ambulance arrangements remain as follow:—St. John Ambulance Stations are established at Brecon, Builth, Crickhowell, Hay, Brynmawr, and Ystradgynlais.

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.
2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz., the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Disserseth, Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfaredd and Cregrina, Glas-cwm and Colva. Radnorshire, on their part will cover for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llysdinam, Llanfihangel

Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.

3. Hay Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts, together with the Radnorshire District of Painscastle Rural and villages of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.
4. Crickhowell Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach, and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances owned by the local health authority in this area operate within the framework of the County Ambulance Service, are controlled by St. John's and are subject to the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee act as sole agents of the Authority for the above areas of the County and operates the Brecon, Builth, Hay, Crickhowell, Brynmawr, and Ystradgynlais ambulances on terms mutually agreed and as may be approved by the Minister of Health from time to time. The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee is responsible for the operation and maintenance of an efficient ambulance service in these areas.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follow:—

- (a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.
- (b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontsticill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and the Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border counties have worked satisfactorily and the various difficulties which periodically arise are always smoothed out without any trouble. I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.

A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets regularly, and includes representatives of the County Council, the Ystradgynlais District Ambulance Association, the Regional Hospital Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies, together with the Welsh Home Service Ambulance Association, who operate the service.

The ambulances are mainly situated at garages under contract agreements between St. John and the proprietors, with the exception of the Ystradgynlais ambulances which are housed in a County Council garage at which three whole-time drivers are employed by St. John. It must be pointed out that in the Ystradgynlais area the ambulances also undertake the conveyance of all sitting case patients as well as those requiring ambulance transport.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to the Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

Sitting Car Service.

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases whereby reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shews the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4/55. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients was formerly for only one year, but this has now been extended by the Committee for a period of three years. The present contracts will thus remain in operation until 31st March 1958. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulances since whole-time personnel are employed. Cefn Coed and Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, present no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and a few isolated cases are conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons... 1, George St., Brynmawr.	Brynmawr, Darenfelen, and Clydach.
2.	W. F. Price, Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell	Llangynidr, Bwlch and Cwmdu.
3.	W. F. Price, .. Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell.	Crickhowell, Gilwern, Grwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr, Llangattock, Llangenny, Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd.,.. Watton, Brecon.	Borough of Brecon, Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, St. David's Without, Glyn, Modrydd, Can- tref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llansantraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llan- gasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo, and Llanfigan (excepting Tor- pantau) and Llandetty (excepting Pons- ticill and Dolygaer).
5.	E. Haydn Williams, .. Haulfryn, Sennybridge.	Parishes of Llandeilorfan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Ysclydach, Traian- mawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Maescar, and Penpont.
6 and 7.	No Contractors	Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte.
8.	W. R. Powell, .. The Garage, Llanwrtyd.	Urban District of Llanwrtyd, and Parishes of Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Pen- bualt, Gwarafof, Llanafanfychan, Llan- lleonfell, Llanafanfawr, Llanfihangel Abergwessin, Llandewi Abergwessin, Treffis.
9.	Weale Bros., .. Hay Road Garage, Builth Wells.	Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maes- mynis, Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltmawr.
10.	H. T. Price Ltd. .. Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb & Sons,.. Lion Garage, Hay-on-Wye.	Urban District of Hay, and Parishes of Hay Rural, Llanigon, and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	A. H. P. Davies, .. New Inn, Talgarth.	Talgarth, Llanellieu, Llandefalle (Southern half), Bronllys, Aberlynfi and Pipton.
13.	Davies & Son, .. Wye Garage, Llyswen.	Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llande- falle (Northern half).

No tenders were received in respect of Districts No. 6 and 7—Vaynor, Penderyn, and Ystradfellte — but the Sub-Committee understand that the firm providing the cars for this service are prepared to continue on terms which differ very little from the foregoing contracts.

The Sub-Committee would point out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in that district.

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health, with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24-hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors.

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed under the new contracts and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.

Doctors and hospitals are from time to time reminded of economy and letters have been repeatedly written to hospitals requesting them to change times of appointments in order to fit in more than one patient in a car proceeding to the hospital.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully for any irregularities. Apart from the above, there were no difficulties encountered.

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1955 are given below:—

Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ'ys	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Accidents
		Str'tchr	Sitting			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Brecon ...	323	353	67	420	14387	48
Brynmawr ...	230	225	46	271	4727	26
Builth ...	237	252	48	300	9348	15
Crickhowell ...	211	242	31	273	6758	20
Hay ...	110	120	31	151	6630	19
Ystrad'lais ...	1200	698	4077	4775	48689	61
Totals ...	2311	1890	4300	6190	90539	189
1954 ...	2418	2368	4321	6689	96848	215
1953 ...	1990	1813	2868	4681	79568	151
1952 ...	1775	1518	2582	4100	72231	161
1951 ...	1697	1331	2403	3734	72684	129
1950 ...	1395	—	—	2913	67874	129
1949 ...	1216	—	—	2475	52668	90

Sitting Car Service—1955.

Month.	Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
January ..	466	855	11566
February ..	473	1012	15559
March ..	417	993	14794
April ..	385	840	12021
May ..	489	1089	16288
June ..	431	912	14234
July ..	459	1037	15429
Augut ..	563	1010	14202
September ..	458	925	13082
October ..	497	988	12663
November ..	523	1004	14933
December ..	434	863	13680
Total ..	5595	11528	168473
1954 ..	5075	10740	148295
1953 ..	4610	9786	132060
1952 ..	4223	8693	119638
1951 ..	3577	5804	107172
1950 ..	2690	2736	84205
1949 ..	2064	2129	63045

Section 28.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority, as was the case previously, is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local health authority, and applicants for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent, then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisites of a minor nature are provided free in all cases.

(1) **Tuberculosis** — The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Regional Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. I. Williams, 2, Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 54.		
Brecon	.. Tuesdays	.. 9.30 a.m.—Clinic. 11 a.m.—Consultations (Brecon Hospital). 2 p.m. Contacts Domiciliary Visits
	Fridays	.. 10 a.m.—New and old patients. 2 p.m.—Contacts.
Builth Hospital Builth Wells	.. Mondays	.. 10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultation.
The Hospital Llandrindod	.. Mondays	.. 2 p.m. — Clinic and Consultation A.P. Refills.
Ystradgynlais— at Adelina Patti Hospital	.. Wednesdays Thursdays	2 p.m.—Clinic .. 2 p.m.—Contacts. 3 p.m.—A.P. Clinic.

**2. Dr. A. E. Aslett, "Hawthorns," Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil—
Telephone 129.**

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.

Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil	.. Monday	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Wednesday	.. 9.30—Contacts (by appointment).
	Wednesday	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Thursday	.. 2 p.m.—A.P. Refill.
	1st Friday in month..	2 p.m.—Non - Pulmonary Consultation Clinic.

For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.

42, Cannon Street, Aberdare	.. Mondays & Thursdays	.. 10 a.m. — New and old patients, Contacts
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**3. Dr. R. G. Prosser Evans, "Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Road, Neath.
Telephone, Neath 278.**

For Pontneathvaughan.

"Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Rd., Neath	.. Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Old and New Cases New Cases by Appointment only
	Tuesdays & Thursdays	2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
	Saturday	.. 9-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Domiciliary Visits, etc.
	Wednesdays, 2 p.m. .. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.	B.C.G. Contact Clinic After Care Clinic (Orthopaedic)

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
4. Dr. F. W. Godbey, "Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith.		
<u>Telephone—Blackwood 3281.</u>		
"Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith	.. Mondays	.. 10 a.m. Old and New Cases 2.30 p.m. A.P. Clinic
	Tuesdays	.. 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Tomography Clinic
Blaina and District Hospital, Nantyglo—Tuesdays, 11 a.m. New and Old Patients.		
5. Dr. M. I. Jackson, Chest Clinic, 129, Stow Hill, Newport.		
<u>Telephone, Newport 66781.</u>		
Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny.	Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.	New and old patients (By appointment only).

B.C.G. Vaccination.

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.

Since 1951 the following numbers have been vaccinated:—

	By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Staff of County Council.
1951	99	Nil
1952	43	Nil
1953	72	Nil
1954	92	Nil
1955	104	126

Under the Council's Amended Scheme which included the B.C.G. Vaccination of school children between their 13th and 14th birthdays, which was approved by the Welsh Board of Health on 16th March, 1954, the Medical Officers of the Authority carried out this work at Gwernyfed Modern Secondary School and Maesydderwen Comprehensive School during 1955. In view of the fact that a case of tuberculosis occurred in Gwernyfed School, the age range for skin testing was extended to cover all the pupils and not merely those in their thirteenth year.

Details of this work are as follows:—

School.	No. Given. Skin Test.	Results.		No. Given. B.C.G. Vaccination.
		Positive.	Negative.	
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec.				
Pupils	117	34	81	27
Staff	17	14	3	—
Ystradgynlais Comp.				
Pupils	111	8	99	99

MASS RADIOGRAPHY (WELSH REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD).

The Mass Radiography Unit again visited the County during 1955.

In Brynmawr, the general population, factory workers, and school children over 13 years of age were examined as part of a routine survey.

The Unit visited the Gwernyfed Mod. Sec. School and the Brecon County Grammar Schools at the request of this Authority, due to cases of tuberculosis occurring in these schools, and all the pupils and staff were given the opportunity of being examined. In Gwernyfed the mass radiography was done in conjunction with skin testing and B.C.G. vaccination.

On the occasion of the Unit's visit to Brecon, children from the other town schools over 13 years of age were given the opportunity of being examined and, in addition, certain pupils from the Llandefalle V.P. School were brought in to Brecon for X-ray as possible contacts with a case of tuberculosis.

Summary of Mass Radiography Survey

Carried out in Breconshire during 1955.

District, etc.	Total No. Exam'd	Total No. found to be abnormal	Classification of Abnormal Cases	
			No. referred to Chest Physician	Other Abnormalities
Brynmawr General ...				
Population ...	594	145	12	133
Factories—				
Dannimac ...	124	9	1	8
John Webb ...	134	15	3	12
Brynmawr Bootmakers ...	81	6	...	6
Everwear Candlewick ...	257	22	2	20
Coopers & Co. ...	130	14	...	14
Brynmawr School Children ...	323	8	...	8
Staff ...	30	...	...	...
Brecon Town Schools and Llandefalle V.P. School Children ...	632	21	6	15
Staff ...	37	3	2	1
Gwernyfed Modern Secondary School Children ...	207	9	6	3
Staff ...	18	1	1	...
TOTALS ...	2567	253	33	220

(2) Illness Generally—

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients in accordance with a scale of assessment, but such items as air rings, bedrests, etc., are issued on loan free of charge. Items are loaned through St. John's, when the local health authority pay the loan charges, and also items have been purchased and loaned direct by the authority. As well as meeting the actual loan charges for the nursing equipment and apparatus, the local health authority has assisted the St. John's Association by allowing the use of suitable premises for storage if possible.

During the year the following action was taken by the local health authority in regard to applications received for assistance. There is no doubt that the St. John's Association meet quite a number of requests for assistance by direct arrangements between the Association and the applicant, and the local health authority has no knowledge of this.

No of Cases.	Article supplied or action taken.
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| 11. | Air Rings. |
| 1. | Hospital type bed with Dunlopillo mattress. |
| 2. | Bed Pans. |
| 1. | Higginson's syringe. |
| 10. | Bed Rests. |
| 4. | Bed Cradles. |
| 6. | Rubber Sheeting. |
| 2. | Air Beds. |
| 2. | Periods at convalescent home. |
| 1. | Admission to Papworth Colony. |
| 17. | Extra nourishment. |
| 2. | Wheel Chair (temporary). |
| 2. | Urinals. |
| 1. | Applications withdrawn. |
| 3. | Over scale. |
| 7. | Referred to appropriate authority, i.e.,
National Assistance Board, Hospital, etc. |

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

Orthopædic Work.

The treatment of orthopædic cases is undertaken and the services of Mr. A. O. Parker, the orthopædic specialist, Prince of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, and Mr. J. G. H. James, orthopædic specialist, Neath Hospital, who are officers of the Regional Hospital Board, are available. A full-time orthopædic sister, Miss I. B. Leefe, is on the staff of the local health authority.

Miss Leefe works in the fullest co-operation with the Hospital Service and assists at Mr. Parker's operation sessions at Brecon Hospital; the Hospital Management Committee re-imburse the local health authority for her services. Mr. James attends the Ystradgynlais Clinic.

Primarily the scheme for orthopædic treatment affords treatment for school children since before the National Health Service Act, it was a scheme sponsored by the Education Committee for school children. This is gradually including adults which are referred to the orthopædic sister by general practitioners though the treatment and supervision of adults must of necessity remain a very small proportion in view of the demands already made upon Miss Leefe's services by the school and under school age children.

The Surgeons pay special visits to the clinics arranged by the authority as required and during 1955 the following centres were visited showing the cases referred:—

CENTRE	Ystradg'lais 12-1-55	Ystradg'lais 16-3-55	Ystradg'lais 15-6-55	Ystradg'lais 21-9-55	Ystradg'lais 14-12-55	Brynmawr 20-5-55	Brynmawr 1-7-55	Brecon 30-9-55
1. Number of Children called up for Examination ...	44	41	43	42	41	47	35	68
2. Number of Children Present and Examined ...	35	40	41	38	37	41	35	63
3. Number found not to require Treatment...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Number found to require Domiciliary or Clinic Treatment ...	29	26	27	24	29	29	28	47
5. Number found to require Hospital Treatment ...	1	5	1	1	1	5	...	4
6. For Further Observation ...	...	9	11	11	2	6	7	10
7. For X-Ray ...	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	...

VENEREAL DISEASES—

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them to keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford General Hospital, Royal Gwent

Hospital, Newport, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

The number of V.D. Cases from Breconshire who were known to have been treated during the year is as given below:—

Hospital.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhoea.	Other Con- ditions.
Mount Pleasant, Swansea ...	1	—	7
County Hospital, Hereford ...	—	—	1
Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil ...	—	—	1
V.D. Clinic, Belmont, Shrewsbury ...	—	—	1
	—	—	—
Total ...	1	—	10

No information has been received from the other hospitals as to the number of persons dealt with, etc.

CANCER.—During the year 98 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 1.75 per 1,000 population, as compared with 113 and a death rate of 2.03 in 1954.

Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

The upward trend of expenditure shows no signs of coming to a stop and it is obvious that the whole scheme is really even now in its infancy. It is capable of almost unlimited expansion and requires a firm hand to keep it under control, while at the same time giving the public a just measure to what they are entitled.

One of the great difficulties is that of conveyance of the domestic helps to and from their work in the rural areas and unless car transport is allowed, the need just cannot be met.

Supervision of the service is a problem which has not yet been solved. In hours worked per week you have the equivalent of forty whole-time people working in the County and though we know that many of these people are doing fine work and often doing it under difficulties, the fact remains that it is a personal service which cannot really be run from a central office without someone to contact the home and the domestic help and act as a "liaison Officer" between the two. Supervision was formerly in the hands of the Superintendent Nursing Officer who found it quite impossible to take on this duty in addition to her nursing work, and latterly a very great deal of the domestic help supervisory work has had to be left to the Health Visitors, who have been very good about doing what they can though they do not relish the job.

The cost of the Service to date is over £17,000 a year and patients' contribution are insignificant. The scheme has worked

well but it is dependent entirely upon the number of women throughout the country offering their services and this has not always been adequate to the demands in some areas.

The authority employs no whole-time domestic helps.

No. of Domestic Helps on roll at 31/12/55:—

(a) Whole-time	... Nil
(b) Part-time	... 189

Number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with the yearly figures since 1951 for comparison:—

	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
Confinement Cases (including illness of Expectant Mothers)	21	31	25	35	41
Tuberculosis Cases	9	6	4	5	3
Chronic sick, including Aged and Infirm	164	154	115	94	89
Others	29	26	31		
Totals	223	217	175	134	133

Section 51.—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

In accordance with the proposals under Section 51 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the responsibility in respect of mental illness and mental defectiveness has been assumed by the Mental Health Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Health Committee, as follows:—

(1) Administration.

(a) Committee responsible for Service.
Mental Health Sub-Committee.

(b) Number and Qualifications of Staff employed in the Mental Health Service.

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, is responsible for the work of ascertainment of mental defectives and administration. Dr. R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., C.P.H., D.P.H., and Dr. C. M. Evans, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., are approved by the Council to act as approved doctors in the certification of mental defectives

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) who also gives part of her services to Breconshire patients. Breconshire, Radnorshire, and Montgomeryshire, together with the Regional Hospital Board, have an agreement whereby each contributes a proportion of the salary of this officer, and her clerical assistant.

Five Duly Authorised Officers, residue of the Relieving Officer staff prior to 1949, are engaged throughout the County, and these work in the five areas as follows:—

- (1) Brecon and Sennybridge.
- (2) Brynmawr and Crickhowell.
- (3) Builth and Talgarth.
- (4) Ystradgynlais.
- (5) Vaynor and Penderyn.

These officers give part-time service only and they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths

Although these officials only give part-time service in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officials of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and Ystradgynlais are only part-time officials.

- (c) Co-ordination with Regional Hospital Boards and Hospital Committees.

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed in conjunction with the Board's Hospital Management Committee.

Doubtful cases of mental deficiency are referred to the psychiatrist. In this connection the Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Mental Hospital gives every possible help.

Patients on trial from Mental Hospitals are supervised by the Psychiatric Social Worker, and in some instances patients on licence from institutions for mental defectives are also visited by her. Visits are also made by the health visitors for the area to mental defectives on licence.

- (d) Duties of the Local Health Authority under the Mental Treatment Act, Lunacy Acts and Mental Deficiency Acts, are carried out directly by officers of the Council, no duties being delegated to voluntary associations.
- (e) Training of Staff.
No arrangements exist for the training of staff.

(2) Account of Work Undertaken in the Community.

- (a) Section 28, National Health Service Act, 1946.

No occasion has arisen whereby the function of Section 28 has been necessary on account of mental illness or mental defectiveness. The services of domestic helps have, however, been allowed on account of the presence of a mental defective in the household.

- (b) Under Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, by Duly Authorised Staff.
 - (i) During the year the duly authorised officers carried out the necessary duties under Section 14 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, to effect the certification of patients under Section 16 and subsequent removal to Mental Hospitals in the following cases:—

Brecon and District	...	6
Brynmawr and Crickhowell Districts		6
Builth and Talgarth Districts	...	4
Ystradgynlais District	...	3

(ii) The following cases were also admitted to hospitals and in all cases the services of the duly authorised officers were available where required:—

Voluntary cases	...	94
Temporary cases	...	1
Urgency orders	...	0
Sect. 20 cases	...	1
Sect. 21 cases	...	4

(iii) Other information—

(a) Cases admitted to and discharged from Mental Hospitals during 1955:—

	Ad- mitted.	Dis- charged	Died.	
Certified Patients under Section 16 Lunacy Act, 1890	...	19	6	8
Voluntary Patients, under Section 1, Mental Treatment Act, 1930	...	94	80	5
Temporary Patients, under Section 5, Mental Treatment Act, 1930	...	1	0	1
Patients under Sect. 20, Mental Treatment Act, 1930	...	1	1	0
Patients under Sect. 21, Mental Treatment Act, 1930	...	4	4	0

(b) **Actual number of Breconshire patients in Mental Hospitals on the 31st December, 1955:—**

	Male.	Female.	Total	
Certified Patients	...	62	91	153
Voluntary Patients	...	27	39	66
Temporary Patients	...	0	0	0
Totals	...	89	130	219

Note.—For names and addresses of Duly Authorised Officers see under heading, National Assistance Act, 1948 (Welfare Services)—Page 47.

(c) **Under Mental Deficiency Act, 1913-1938—**

(1) The ascertainment of mental defectives is undertaken by the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. F. W. Betenson), and the Deputy County Medical Officer (Dr. R. G. Evans), who

have been approved by the Board of Education to undertake the ascertainment of mental defective children in accordance with Section 57(3) of the Education Act, 1944.

Mental defectives under statutory supervision and on licence are visited by the health visitors or in some instances by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

(2) -Guardianship.

There are no patients under guardianship within the administrative county of Breconshire, neither are there any Breconshire cases under guardianship elsewhere.

(3) Arrangements for carrying out the statutory duty to provide occupation and training for defectives in the area.

The local health authority has no occupation or industrial centres for adults nor any method of home teaching. This matter has been under review by the Committee especially in regard to ineducable children, and was still under review at the end of the year.

On the 31st December, 1955, there were registered in the County the following mental defectives:—

	Male.	Female.	Total
(a) Under Statutory Supervision—			
Under 16 years of age ...	5	8	13
Aged 16 years and over ...	43	44	87
(b) In Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age ...	1	1	2
Aged 16 years and over ...	11	20	31
(c) On Licence from Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age ...	0	0	0
Aged 16 years and over ...	1	4	5
(d) Patients certified in the year—			
Under 16 years of age ...	0	0	0
Aged 16 years and over ...	1	2	3

Section 15. M.D. Act, 1913—

During the year it became necessary to seek accommodation for two patients under this section. Places of Safety were found for them in Ely Hospital, Cardiff, and the St. David's Hospital, Brecon, and when certified Orders were obtained detaining the one in Ely Hospital, Cardiff, and transferring the other patient from St. David's Hospital, Brecon, to Hensol Castle, Pontyclun,

Ambulance Services.—

The ambulance service for mentally ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

St. David's Hospital, Brecon, is recognised as a place of safety under Section 15 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913.

Mental Hospital—

The Regional Hospital Board has one hospital in the County, viz., the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

The Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, is recognised as a place of safety under Section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, and patients in need of control can, therefore, be admitted and detained there for not more than three days. The hospital has accommodation for both males and females.

List of Doctors Approved under the Mental Treatment Act, 1930

The following Doctors have been approved by the Welsh Board of Health for the purpose of making recommendations under the provisions of the above Act:—

Section 1 (3) and 5 (3).

- Dr. S. N. Chopra, Dunedin House, Alma Street, Brynmawr.
- Dr. T. L. Davies, Buckingham House, Brecon.
- Dr. G. Diggle, Chancefield, Talgarth.
- Dr. Brian J. Hand, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.
- Dr. D. L. Lees, Cantre Selyff, Lion Street, Brecon.
- Dr. D. Kyle, Glasfryn, Alexandra Road, Brecon.
- Dr. D. F. Cameron, Tyn-y-berllan, Builth Wells.
- Dr. J. K. Pugh, "Maesycoed," Builth Wells.
- Dr. C. M. Fenn, "Meadow Way," Llanwrtyd Wells.
- Dr. N. E. Melling, "Wennetune," Sennybridge.
- Dr. R. F. Jayne, The Cottage, Talgarth.
- Dr. R. C. Humphreys, Pencader, Crickhowell.
- Dr. G. H. Beck, The Grange, Cefn Coed.
- Dr. Margaret Barry, "Avondale," Ystradgynlais.
- Dr. W. Boladz, "Avondale," Ystradgynlais.
- Dr. E. W. Jones, "Brynhelig," Lower Cwmtwrch.

In addition to the above list the following Doctors who live outside the County have been approved for similar purposes:—

- Merthyr Tydfil—Dr. S. Bloom, 108, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil.
- Merthyr Tydfil—Dr. P. E. Cresswell, "Hillside," Dowlais.
- Glamorganshire—Dr. S. D. Stewart, "Cilbrwyn," Godrergraig, Swansea.
- Monmouthshire—Dr. A. Brookes, Penylan, Beaufort.
- Carmarthenshire—Dr. F. W. Richards, "Glen View," Llandovery.

List of Doctors approved by the Mental Health Services Sub-Committee for the certification of Mental Defectives:—

Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913. Section 5 (2).

- Dr. W. F. W. Betenson, County Medical Officer, Brecon.
- Dr. R. G. Evans, Deputy County Medical Officer, Brecon.
- Dr. C. M. Evans, Assistant County Medical Officer, Brecon.
- Dr. D. Kyle, Glasfryn, Alexandra Road, Brecon.
- Dr. D. F. Cameron, Tynyberllan, Builth Wells.
- Dr. J. K. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells.
- Dr. C. M. Fenn, "Meadow Way," Llanwrtyd Wells.
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 Dr. S. Bloom, 108, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil.
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 Dr. E. W. Jones, Brynhelig, Lower Cwmtwrch.
 Dr. W. Boladz, Avondale, Ystradgynlais.
 Dr. S. D. Stewart, Cilbrwyn, Godrergraig, Swansea.
 Dr. G. W. Farrington, The Hermitage, Brynmawr.
 Dr. R. M. Farrington, The Hermitage, Brynmawr.

The report of Miss Gwendoline Morgan the Psychiatric Social Worker is given below:—

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK IN BRECONSHIRE.

For the Year 1st April, 1955 to 31st March, 1956.

During the past year, there has been a regular flow of persons seeking psychiatric treatment at the Mid-Wales Hospital. Of the considerable number admitted, 49 have not previously attended this hospital, and in almost every case, the homes have been visited and relatives interviewed, in order to gain a picture of the family background, and the history of mental and physical defect.

Following the departure from hospital of those sufficiently recovered to attempt life in normal society, the psychiatric social worker has visited regularly where requested, and has assisted with environmental, domestic and occupational problems. The services of other welfare societies and employment officers have been sought and help has readily been given in order to make the process of rehabilitation smooth and untroubled. Use of the psychiatric-clinic has been encouraged, and it has been good to note that patients are becoming more prepared to seek advice and help in the early stages of ill-health.

There is a gradual lessening of embarrassment and fear concerning psychotic disturbance, due to the increase of knowledge and to the heartening factor that many persons who have been temporarily unbalanced have been restored to normal living, after treatment. The education toward this more enlightened attitude has been one of the chief aspirations of the psychiatric social worker and by mixing freely in all groups of society, it has been possible to improve the relationship between the sufferer and his immediate neighbours.

Analysis of actual work undertaken:

Case histories and home enquiries	...	51
After care	...	212
Supervision of defective persons	...	15
Kindred social work	...	23

GWENDOLINE MORGAN,
Psychiatric Social Worker.

April 17th, 1956.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

Section 21 (i) (a)—Homes for the Aged—

There are three Homes for the Aged in the County, as follows:

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	...	15 beds.
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	...	15 beds.
Cockcroft House, Hay-on-Wye	...	60 beds.

At Cockcroft House, an annexe to provide additional ground floor accommodation for 12 infirm residents has been completed, and is now being furnished.

Work has commenced on the adaptations to "The Grove," Ystradgynlais, which, when completed, will provide residential accommodation for 25 elderly people.

The construction of a Home for the Aged at Brynmawr, which will provide accommodation for 36 residents, is nearing completion.

During the year under review, 24 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the County, 11 have been discharged (6 to hospitals). Ten residents have died in the Homes.

At present, there is one Breconshire person being maintained in a Home for the Aged, which is organised by a voluntary association.

Section 21 (i) (b)—Provision of Temporary Accommodation—

Temporary accommodation for persons who are in urgent need thereof, being circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, is provided at Welfare House, Llangattock.

Section 29 (i)—

A scheme for the welfare of handicapped persons, which has been adopted, is developing slowly. At present thirty-two people are so registered. There are five handicapped persons in accommodation provided on behalf of the County Council, by voluntary organisations.

Section 29—Welfare of the Blind, etc.—

A whole-time Welfare Officer and Home Teacher of the Blind is employed under the scheme for the welfare of blind and partially-sighted persons in the County. This officer arranges for the examination by Ophthalmologists of persons who seem to be handicapped by seriously defective vision. Such persons are referred to him by the National Assistance Board, Voluntary Organisations, Medical Officers, relatives, etc., or may be discovered by him.

Cases are only added to the County Registers of Blind and Partially-Sighted persons after examination and certification by Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons. They are examined at suitable centres throughout the County or at the Ophthalmologists Consulting Rooms, or, when necessary domiciliary visits are made by Ophthalmologists. Mr. G. W. Hoare, of Newport, examines the majority of cases, but the services of other Ophthalmologists on the borders of the County are sought as occasion demands.

During the year, the Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed Forms B.D. 8 in respect of 63 persons, certifying as follows:—

Blind.	Partially-Sighted.	Not Blind.
31	29	3

Eleven of these examinations were recommended re-examinations of persons already registered as partially-sighted, and produced no change in registration.

There were no cases of Retrolental Fibroplasia; nor blindness due to Glaucoma without a history of earlier treatment.

The number of Blind and Partially-Sighted Persons on the Register at 31st December, 1955, is given below in districts:

	Blind.		Partially Sighted.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Brecon Borough	... 11	12	2	3
Brynmawr Urban	... 13	12	3	4
Builth Urban	... 1	5	2	3
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	... 1	2	0	0
Hay Urban	... 1	2	2	0
Brecon Rural	... 13	15	2	5
Builth Rural	... 4	2	2	2
Crickhowell Rural	... 16	6	3	6
Hay Rural	... 1	7	1	1
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	... 18	12	2	3
Ystradgynlais Rural	... 13	24	4	6
Total	... 92	99	22	33
	—	—	—	—

The following table indicates that of the 49 cases added to the Register 19 required no treatment, 30 cases required treatment, and of these 19 received treatment during the year.

A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially-Sighted Persons:

- (i) Number of cases registered during the year in respect of which para 7(c) of Form B.D. 8 recommends:

	Causes of Disability.			
	Cataract.	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia.	Others.
(a) No treatment ...	8	2	Nil	9
(b) Treatment (Medical Surgical or Optical)	21	1	Nil	8
(ii) Number of cases at (i) (b) which on follow-up action have received treat- ment ...	11	1	Nil	7

B. Ophthalmia neonatorum—

There were no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified during the year.

Welfare Officers and Duly Authorised Officers in the County.—

- 1 *Brynmawr, Llanelly Hill and Mr. D. J. Davies, Welfare Offices, Crickhowell. Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr.
- 2 Vaynor and Penderyn. Mr. D. W. Chambers, Abertaf, Cefn Coed.
- 3 Ystradgynlais. Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
- 4 *Brecknock and Defynnog. Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon.
- 5 *Hay, Talgarth and Builth. Mr. W. B. Hargest, Mason's Arms, Talgarth.

*Whole-time Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Smallpox Hospitals. — Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patient. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer. The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act, 1946.

Examinations of Staffs—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department are constantly being called upon to undertake, often at short notice, the examination of candidates for various County and Education appointments. This work inter-

feres with the fixed programme and cancellations are frequently having to be made to enable such examinations to be done in order to report the finding to the appropriate Committee.

	Examined.	X-Rayed.
Teachers	... 46	18
College Candidates	... 73	2
Nurses	... 2	0
Canteen Staff	... 13	9
Roadmen	... 61	0
Clerical	... 23	0
Technical	... 19	0
Caretakers	... 9	0
Organisers	... 8	0
Architects' Labour Staff	... 22	0
Child Care Officers	... 4	0
Cooks (Old People's Homes)	... 4	0
Total	... <u>284</u>	<u>29</u>

The cost of X-Ray Examinations is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is one to be paid by the Ministry of Education.

BRECON AND BRYNMAWR DISTRICTS 10/ 1953.

Name of District.	Population estimated to the middle of the year.		Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District				Deaths of Mothers		
			Live Births		Still Births *		At all ages		Under 1 y' of age		Deaths of Infants under 4 wks. of age		Rate per 1,000 Births
			Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number.	Rate per 1000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000	
													Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.
Brecon Urban	6180	96	15.53	1	10.30	94	15.21	5	62.08	4	41.06	..	..
Brynmawr Urban	6380	95	14.89	3	30.61	63	99.87	..	..	..	..	..	..
Builth Wells Urban	1670	26	16.56	..	..	22	14.01	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hay Urban	1450	22	15.17	1	43.47	36	24.82	..	45.45	1	45.45	..	..
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	520	7	13.46	..	..	8	15.38	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brecon Rural	7490	106	14.15	2	18.51	91	12.14	3	28.30	3	28.30	..	..
Builth Rural	3490	64	18.33	..	..	45	12.89	1	15.62	1	15.62	..	..
Criekhowell Rural	7540	119	15.78	1	8.33	83	11.00	4	33.61	2	16.80	..	..
Hay Rural	3680	43	11.68	..	..	72	19.56	1	23.25	..	..	..	..
Waynor and Penderyn Rural	5870	112	19.08	3	26.08	67	11.31	5	44.64	3	26.78	1	23.25
Ystradgynlais Rural	11530	170	14.74	4	22.98	131	11.36	9	25.94	7	41.17	..	..
Brecon County	55700	860	15.70	15	17.14	712	12.78	29	33.72	21	24.41	1	1.14
England and Wales..	..	..	15.0	..	23.1	..	11.7	..	24.9	..	17.3	..	0.64
Brecon County, 1954	55500	818	14.73	18	21.53	718	12.93	24	29.33	18	22.00	3	3.58

*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County.
during the year 1955.

Cause of Death.	URBAN					RURAL					TOTAL	
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn		Ystradgynlais
1 Tuberculosis, Respiratory ...	1	1	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	2	10
2 Tuberculosis, Other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
3 Syphilitic Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7 Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
8 Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	5	4	...	...	...	6	1	2	1	2	2	23
11 Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ...	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	3	14
12 Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	1	..	1	...	...	1	2	1	1	2	...	9
13 Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	1	...	4
14 Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	7	9	1	3	...	5	2	7	2	6	6	48
15 Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	2
16 Diabetes ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	..	1	..	...	1	4
17 Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	13	9	...	6	2	16	1	5	16	6	25	99
18 Coronary Disease, Angina ...	6	5	4	1	3	8	9	12	10	6	18	82
19 Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	2	4	..	...	...	2	...	2	4	...	3	17
20 Other Heart Disease ...	33	11	8	10	2	29	18	24	19	13	20	187
21 Other Circulatory Disease ...	3	1	...	2	...	3	1	4	4	3	11	32
22 Influenza ...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
23 Pneumonia ...	3	2	...	1	...	2	1	2	1	4	6	22
24 Bronchitis ...	5	3	3	...	...	3	1	1	...	4	6	26
25 Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	5	9
26 Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	2	6
27 Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
28 Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	5
29 Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	1	...	..	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
30 Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
31 Congenital Malformations ...	2	...	...	1	..	1	...	1	...	1	...	6
32 Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	5	3	2	8	...	8	2	10	5	9	12	64
33 Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
34 All Other Accidents ...	2	2	1	...	1	...	2	4	2	2	4	20
35 Suicide ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	2	1	9
36 Homicide and Operations of War ...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
Totals ...	94	63	22	36	8	91	45	83	72	67	131	712
Totals, 1954 ...	95	65	32	26	12	83	43	82	87	74	128	718

TABLE IV.—Notifiable Diseases, 1955.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Pneumonia.	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).	Erysipelas.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Abortus Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Measles.	Infective Encephalitis.	Whooping Cough.	Salmonella	Malaria (Contracted Abroad).	Tuber- culosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
																	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary			
Brecon Urban	1	2	..	..	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	105
Brynmawr Urban	..	2	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	122	..	30	..	..	2	11	..	..	..	183
Builth Wells Urban	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	7
Hay Urban	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	9	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	15
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	4	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	47
Brecon Rural	1	..	..	..	..	..	79	1	5	1	..	..	10	10	..	1	102
Builth Rural	1	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	25	1	..	2	2	2	..	..	49
Hay Rural	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Orickhowell Rural	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	51	..	18	1	..	..	1	7	3	1	86
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	..	13	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	12	1	..	1	1	4	..	..	70
Ystradgynlais Rural	2	..	..	..	1	111	..	5	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	128
Totals	..	18	..	2	10	10	3	..	..	1	577	1	104	7	..	8	50	3	1	2	796
Total, 1954	..	26	..	2	12	2	1	1	1	1	3	..	86	1	1	1	50	5	1	2	186

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1955, to 31st December, 1955.

		Notification on Form A.											(Total All Ages).		
		Number of Primary Notifications.													
Age Periods	...	0 to 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65		65 to 75	75 and upwards
Respiratory—Males...	1	..	1	1	1	1	4	4	6	6	2	..	27
" Females	2	...	1	5	4	2	2	1	..	17
Non-Respiratory—Males	1	1	..	1	2	...	..	...	...	..	5
" Females	2	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	1	4
Totals	1	..	2	6	1	4	11	8	8	8	3	1	53

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1955.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID											Totals		
	Pre-Natal Visits		First Visits		Total Visits		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-		Visits to T.B. Households		Others	First Visits Paid to Households during the Year
	First Visits	Total Visits	To Children under 1	Total Visits	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
											Total Visits		To Children under 1	
Brecon Urban and Rural (Part)	..	738	32	182	24	169	138	136	171	1766				
Brynmawr Urban	..	251	4	241	7	297	164	434	91	1589				
Builth Urban and Rural (Part)	..	209	2	308	8	25	72	49	113	827				
Hay Urban and Rural (Part)	..	228	14	148	32	77	53	..	85	667				
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part)	..	160	1	99	6	129	34	105	73	637				
Brecon Rural & Crickhowell Rural (Part)	..	1545	9	1599	5	2098	116	109	412	5989				
Brecon Rural (Devynock, etc.)	..	72	..	72	..	114	41	50	111	503				
Brecon Rural (Part), Merthyr Cynog	..	128	..	53	..	90	11	13	9	327				
Builth Rural and Hay Rural (Erwood and Llyswen)	..	150	..	122	..	243	..	..	41	568		
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl)	..	20	..	17	3	42	3	9	2	106				
Builth Rural (Llwynmadoc)	..	63	..	52	2	83	9	14	26	260				
Builth Rural (Llyfodinam, etc.)	..	23	..	21	..	42	..	1	14	107				
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gilwern)	..	113	4	35	2	49	88	69	61	456				
Crickhowell Rural (Glynfach)				
Crickhowell Rural (Darenfelin)	..	55	4	30	..	26	10	39	12	190				
Hay Rural & Brecon Rural (Talgarth etc.)	..	249	1	71	..	102	101	14	234	830				
Hay Rural (Glasbury and Llanigon)	..	223	20	101	45	59	10	1	108	616				
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	..	470	5	266	12	532	291	108	349	2149				
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part)	..	1111	5	789	1	398	229	401	913	3972				
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave)	..	625	..	376	2	368	80	162	282	1981				
Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren)				
Relief Nurses	..	125	..	80	1	96	33	73	14	456				
TOTALS	79	6558	101	4662	150	5034	1483	1777	3121	28936				

Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22, of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

(a) Numbers provided with Dental Care:—

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	76	74	92	62
Children under Five ...	54	52	52	27

(b) Forms of Dental Treatment Provided:—

	Scalings and Gum Treatment	Fillings	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Crowns or Inlays	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Dentures Provided		Radio-graphs
							Full Upper or Lower	Partial Upper or Lower	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	22	68	...	...	221	15	35	24	...
Children under Five ...	...	19	...	...	73	7	...	...	...

Table VIII.—Analysis of Premature Births (Live and Still) belonging to the County, 1955.

Premature babies born during the year (whose mothers normally reside in the area) including babies born in maternity homes and hospitals in or outside the County.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS.												Premature Still Births						
	* Born in Hospital			Born at Home and Nursed entirely at Home			Born at Home and Transferred to Hospital on or before 28th Day			Born in Nursing Home and Nursed entirely there			Born in Nursing Home and Transferred to Hospital on or before 28th Day			Born in Hospital	Born at Home	Born in Nursing Home	
	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days				
3 lb. 4 ozs. or less	11	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	—
Over 3 lb. 4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 6 ozs. ...	15	—	14	6	1	5	2	—	2	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Over 4 lb. 6 oz. up to and including 4 lb. 15 ozs. ...	15	—	15	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Over 4 lb. 15 oz. up to and including 5 lb. 8 oz. ...	29	1	27	9	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ...	70	6	60	17	2	14	4	1	1	3	—	2	1	1	—	—	7	—	—

* The Group under this heading includes cases born in one Hospital and transferred to another.

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Table IX—Telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County.

	AMBULANCE AREAS.		
	1st Call (a)	Alternative Calls (b)	(c)
(a) Brecon and District.—Including Sennybridge, Cray, Trallong, Llanfhangel Nantbran, Defynock, Llan-spyddid, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Llechaen, Llanhamlach, Merthyr Cynog, Llandefaelog, Llanddew, Battle, Aberyscwr, Tallyllyn, Langorse, Llanfillo, etc.	Brecon 23	Crickhowell 97	Hay 19
(b) Builth and District.—Including, Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llanafan, Garth, Abergwessin, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llangammarch Wells, etc.	Builth 3147	Llandrindod 2232	Hay 19
(c) Crickhowell and District.—Including, Bwlch, Llan-gynidr, Cwmdu, Gilwern, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangattock, etc.	Crickhowell 97	Brecon 23	Brynmawr 238
(d) Hay and Talgarth.—Including, Llanigon, Velindre, Tregoyd, Llandefalle, Bronllys, Pipton, etc.	Hay 19	Brecon 23	Kington 18 or Crickhowell 97
(e) Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Penrhos, Cwmtwrch, etc.	Glantawe 2113	Gorseinon 412	Brecon 23
(f) Brynmawr, Clydach, Darenfelen, and Llanelly Hill, etc.	Brynmawr 238	Crickhowell 97	Caerleon 283
(g) Cefn Coed, Vaynor and Pontsticill	Merthyr 715	Merthyr 475	Merthyr 674 during Office hours only— 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. & 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Mondays to Fridays), and 9 a.m. to 12 noon (Saturdays).
(h) Hirwaun, Penderyn and Ystradfellte	Treforest 2236	—	—
(i) Pontneathvaughan	Neath 2213	—	—
(j) Carmarthen	Llandoverly 35	—	between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays.
	Llandoverly 30	—	At other times, if not successful, ask for Car-marthen Ambulance Control Centre.
(k) Llandrindod	Llandrindod 2232	Rhayader 3	—

N.B.—These telephone numbers are not necessarily those exhibited in Post Office Telephone Exchanges for Emergency Calls, and all persons making emergency calls are advised to carry out the instructions in Kiosks and Telephone Directories.

To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire County Council.

I have the honour to submit my Twenty-fifth Annual Report with vital statistics and sanitary conditions of Breconshire for the year 1956.

The Death Rate was 12.29, which is still slightly higher than that for England and Wales which is 11.7. The Infant Mortality Rate of 26.66, although lower than for 1955, is higher than that for England and Wales which was 23.8.

There were no deaths of mothers on account of Pregnancy, childbirth or abortion, during the year.

Nursing Services.—There were at the end of the year still five nurses on the staff on extended service and although at the 31st December, 1956, there were only two relief vacancies on the staff the indications are that the problem will be extremely acute in the succeeding year owing to sickness of nurses during this year, pending termination of appointments, coupled with the fact that five nurses are over retiring age and due to be replaced.

Welfare Foods.—There are still seven main distribution points from which Welfare Foods are distributed by the County Council Officer employed for this purpose. The scheme appears to be functioning very smoothly and thanks are due to the voluntary distributors who carry out the distribution of Welfare Foods from shops and private houses.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

(i) **Immunisation against Diphtheria.**—It is gratifying to note that the percentage of children under 15 years of age who are protected against diphtheria on the 31st December, 1956, shows a slight increase over the previous year, the figure for 1956 being 65.9% and that for 1955 being 60.5%. It will also be noted that 1,013 children were immunised during the year compared with 599 during the previous year. Re-inforcing doses given also rose from 833 during 1955 to 1,361 during 1956.

(ii) **Vaccination against Smallpox.**—All vaccination against Smallpox in the County is done by the General Medical Practitioners under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act. Health Visitors stress the importance of vaccination during their visits, but whether this accounts for the increase in vaccination during the year is difficult to say. However, during the year figures rose from 160 Primary Vaccinations and 40 Re-Vaccinations during 1955 to 270 and 64 respectively during 1956.

(iii) **Whooping Cough Vaccination.**—Generally the vaccination against Whooping Cough is carried out as a combined vaccination for Diphtheria/Pertussis, and the actual number of children who have been inoculated for whooping cough is not known since

separate figures have not been maintained in respect of General Medical Practitioners' cases. There were 288 children inoculated against whooping cough combined with diphtheria immunisation by the Council's Medical Officers during the year. It is hoped to be possible to give separate figures of children who received inoculation for whooping cough during 1957.

Ambulance Services.—No major changes have occurred in the ambulance services and details of the work undertaken will be found under Section 27, Ambulance Services, in the body of this report.

Dental Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children.—The School Dental Officers still devote one-eleventh of their time to this work. Details of the work undertaken will be found in Table VII. It will be observed that 87 mothers were treated whereas only 71 were examined. This number treated is greater due to the "carry-over" of cases from the preceding year.

Domestic Help Scheme.—The cost of this scheme is still on the £16,000 mark and the demand seems to be increasing. There are still no whole-time Domestic Helps working for the Authority and we have no less than 205 part-time workers on the roll, and of these 126 were employed at the end of the year. The supervision of Domestic Helps still presents a problem and the work is carried out with the help of the Nurses and the Superintendent Nursing Officer. During the year consideration was given to the appointment of a Domestic Help Supervisor and Dr. A. E. Herbert, of the Welsh Board of Health, visited the County at the invitation of the Health Committee to put forward the case for such an appointment. At the end of the year no decision had been reached by the Committee.

Poliomyelitis.—Only two cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year—these occurred during the first month and appeared to be the tail-end of the small epidemic which occurred during the latter part of 1955. No further cases were notified.

I have to thank the Medical, Nursing and Clerical Staff for their work over the year. The Medical Staff have often had to do their clinical work with shortage of nurses owing to the manifold requirements with which a depleted nursing service has to try and cope. The Nurses have given all the help they can in relieving other districts and it is only right that their work should be acknowledged, and I must pay just tribute to the help afforded by the Chief Clerk and the willing assistance provided all through by the Clerical Staff under him.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

W. F. W. BETENSON,
County Medical Officer.

25th July, 1957.

Constitution of the Committees concerned with matters of Public Health, during the year 1956/57.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Ald. J. G. Eadie, Fronheulog, Builth Wells.

MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL:

Coun. John Thomas, Saladin House, Llangynidr, Nr. Crickhowell.

BRECON DISTRICT:

Coun. E. D. Morgan, Fennyfach, Brecon.

Coun. W. J. Bevan, 17, Trenewydd, Llanfaes. Brecon.

BRYNMAWR DISTRICT:

Ald. James Pritchard, 4, Clydach Street, Brynmawr.

Coun. T. R. Jones, The Daren. Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr.

BUILTH DISTRICT:

Ald. J. G. Eadie (Chairman). Fronheulog, Builth Wells.

Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.

CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT:

Coun. Lady Glanusk, Penmyarth, Crickhowell.

Coun. Col. J. G. Rees, D.S.O., Glannant, Crickhowell.

DEVYNOCK DISTRICT:

Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiew, Trecastle.

Coun. David Lewis. M.B.E., Padest, Sennybridge.

HAY AND TALGARTH DISTRICT:

Coun. J. V. Like, Skynlais House, Church Street, Hay-on-Wye.

Coun. T. Havard, Little Lodge, Three Cocks, Brecs.

VAYNOR DISTRICT:

Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 33, The Copse, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.

Coun. O. M. Evans, Coedowen, Cwmtaff, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil.

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT:

Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Llwynnoyadd Farm, Llandefalle, Nr. Brecon.

Coun. L. F. Saunders, 41, Aneurin Place, Brynmawr.

Coun. E. W. McIntosh, Dinas View, Clydach, Nr. Abergavenny.

Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Lletty Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.

Coun. F. D. Jones, 38, Station Road, Hirwaun, Nr. Aberdare.

Coun. E. C. Watkins, Maesyrfhaf, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

County Ambulance Service Transport Sub-Committee.

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

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Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd,
Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES.

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

E. A. Watts, Esq., Bryn-y-gaer, Alexandra Road, Brecon.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

John de Winton, Alexandra Road, Brecon.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Lt.-Col. D. R. H. Gwynne, Trefecca Fawr, Talgarth

TRANSPORT OFFICER.

C. H. Smith, Esq., W.H.S.A. Department, Priory House, 4, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

BUILTH STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mrs. Violet Bond, White House, Hay-on-Wye.

CRICKHOWELL STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. R. G. Jones, Castle Garage, Crickhowell.

BRECON STATION REPRESENTATIVE

HAY STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mrs. Wilson, 13, Broad Street, Hay-on-Wye.

YSTRADGYNLAIS AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. William Lewis, Maes-y-llan, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
Mr. J. T. Rees, 6, Glanrhyd Road, Ystradgynlais (Deceased).

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Coun. W. J. Millichap, Llwynnoyadd Farm, Llandefalle, Nr. Brecon.

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Coun. W. J. Millichap, Llwynnoyadd Farm, Llandefalle, Nr. Brecon.

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

LADY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Coun. Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Llety Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

County M.O.H. and Principal School M.O.	W. F. W. Betenson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Deputy C.M.O.H. and School M.O.	R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., C.P.H., D.P.H.,
Assistant C.M.O.H. and School M.O.	C. M. Evans, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

DENTAL.

Principal Dental Officer:	Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe, L.D.S.
Assistant Dental Officer:	Mr. P. G. George, L.D.S.
Dental Attendant.	Miss M. Anthony.
" "	Miss W. A. P. Mills.

NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

	Area Covered.
Miss E. Bestford Dunn, Brecon. (Tele.—Brecon 214). (Resigned 31/1/57).	Whole County.
Miss J. K. Wenborn—	Temporary S.N.O. since 9/3/56.

Health Visitors (and School Nurses).

Miss E. G. Morgan, Brynmawr.	Brynmawr Urban.
Miss S. M. Thickers, Cefn Coed.	Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedycymmer), Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Torpantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part), Vaynor (Cefncoedycwmmmer), Vaynor (Gelly and Duffryn), Dolegaer, Cwmtaff, Vaynor (Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn), Llandetty (Pontsticill).
Mrs. C. M. Bowen, Llangattock.	Ffawyddog, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Cwmdu, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangrwyney, Grwynefechan, Tretower, Partrishow, Forest Coalpit (Part), Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen).
Miss C. Williams, Ystradgynlais.	Abercrave, Penycae, Caehopkin Colbren, Penwyllt, Onllwyn, Seven Sisters (Part). Glyntawe, Cwmtwrch.
Mrs. A. R. Evans, Ystradgynlais.	Ystradgynlais, Ynisedwyn, Gurnos, Cynlais, Cwmgiedd, Penrhos, Glanrhyd.
Mrs. M. A. Francis, Brecon.	Brecon Urban (Except Llanfaes, Dering Lines and Dorlangoch), Cathedine, Bwlch, Llangasty Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog, Llansantffraed, and Pennorth.

District Nurses/Midwives/Health Visitors—Continued.

	Area Covered.
District Nurses/Midwives/Health Visitors.	
Area Covered.	
Miss M. L. Evans, 28, Penpentre, Talybont-on-Usk. (Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk 265).	Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelly, Cross Oak, Llanfeigan, Cantref (Part), Llandetty, Llangynidr, Duffryn Crawnon.
Miss A. M. R. Isitt, 50, Orchard Street, Brecon. (Tele.—Brecon 38).	Aberyscir, Battle, Castlemadoc, Cradoc, Merthyr Cynog, Felinfach, Llanddew, Llandefaelog, Pontfaen, Fennyfach, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Talachddu, Garth- breny, Dering Lines, and Dorlangoch.
Mrs. D. O. Hathaway, Brecon. (Resigned 31/10/56).	General Nursing and Midwifery: St. David's Without, Glyn, Modrydd, Dinas, Libanus, Cantref, Penpont (Part), Maes- car, Llanspyddid. Health Visiting: St. David's Without, Glyn Modrydd, Dinas, Libanus, Sennybridge, Defynock, Cray, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Llandilofane, Ciliene, Trecastle, Ysclydach, Aberpedwr, Trallong, Aberbran, Penpont, Pentrefelin, Traianglas, Llanspyddid.
Mrs. F. M. Bound, Fir Tree Cottage, Talgarth. (Tele.—Talgarth 66).	Talgarth, Bronllys, Pungenffordd, Ponty- bat, Llanfillo, Llandefalle, Colebrook, Trefecca, Trefeinon, Llanelieu.
Mrs. G. Jones, Glanavon, Castle St., Builth Wells. (Tele.—Builth Wells 2165).	Builth Wells, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llan- ganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Rhosferig, Alltmawr, Cilmery.
Miss S. Morgan, 10, Lion Street, Hay-on-Wye. (Tele.—Hay-on-Wye 39).	Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural.
Mrs. I. M. Williams, 42, Lansbury Road, Brynmawr. (Tele.—Brynmawr 367).	Darenfelen, Llanelly Hill, Brynmawr (West).
Mrs. M. Allen, 2, Ffynnon Dewi, Llanfaes, Brecon. (Tele.—Brecon 405).	Brecon (Llanfaes), St. David's Within.
Mrs. E. J. Davies, The Warren, Three Cocks, (Tele.—Glasbury 60).	Llanigon, Glasbury, Velindre, Three Cocks, Pipton, Tregoyd, Pontithel, Hay Rural (Part), Aberllynfi.
Miss F. M. Davies, Dolfari, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells. (Tele.—Llangammarch 212).	Garth, Llwynmadoc, Llanafanfawr, Llan- llenofel, Llanfihangel-Abergwessin, Part of Treffis, Beulah, Llanafanfychan.
Mrs. A. Messer, Apflegarth, Erwood, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Erwood 214).	Llyswen, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Erwood Llaneglwys.

District Nurses/Midwives/ Health Visitors.

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| Miss E. R. Page,
3, Trawscoed Villas,
Llanwrtyd Wells.
(Tele.—Llanwrtyd 223). | Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llandewi-Aber-
gwessin, Penbualt, Treflis, Llangammarch,
Gwarafog, Part of Llanfihangel-Aber-
gwessin. |
| Mrs. S. Marsh,
9, Lynden,
Gurnos,
Lower Cwmtwrch. | Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch. |

District Nurses/Midwives.

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| Miss E. T. Thomas,
18, Plasderwen,
Llangattock,
Crickhowell.
(Tel. Crickhowell 83). | Llangattock, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Cwmdu
(Part), Tretower, Grwynefechan, Par-
trishow, Llangrwyney, Forest Coalpit
(Part), Crickhowell. |
| Mrs. M. Sier,
2, Crabtree Walk,
Trefechan, Cefn Coed,
Nr. Merthyr Tydfil.
(Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil 852). | Cefn Coed, Gelly, Pontsticill, Dolygaer,
Pontsarn. |
| Miss D. G. Berry,
2, George Street,
Brecon.
(Tele.—Brecon 431). | Brecon Urban (Except Llanfaes, Dering
Lines, and Dorlangoch). |
| Miss M. Jones,
10, Tudor Avenue,
Hirwaun
(Tele.—Hirwaun 291). | Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn, Ystradfellte
Pontneathvaughan. |
| Miss A. E. Williams,
Tyclyd,
Sennybridge
(Tele.—Sennybridge 47). | Sennybridge, Defynock, Pentrefelin, Cray
Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane
Traianglas, Traianmawr, Ciliene, Trecastle,
Ysclydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aber-
bran, Senny. |
| Mrs. A. M. Daniel,
Caemaen, Penycae.
(Tele.—Abercrave 254). | Colbren, Penwyllt, Onllwyn, Seven Sisters
(Part) Abercrave, Penycae, Caehopkin,
Glyntawe. |
| Miss M. A. Davies,
Brynteg,
Bwlch, Brecs.
(Tele.—Bwlch 240). | Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdu, Llan-
gorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty-
Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog
Llanhamlach, Llansantfraed, Pennorth. |

District Midwives.

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| Mrs. J. Smith,
Glanrhyd Farm,
Glanrhyd,
Ystradgynlais.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3167). | Cwmtwrch, Ystradgynlais. |
| Mrs. I. E. Chilton,
Colindale Bungalow,
Brynmawr.
(Tele.—Brynmawr 330) | Brynmawr (East). |
| Mrs. I. M. Jenkins,
9, Danycoed,
Clydach.
(Tele.—Gilwern 242). | Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen). |

District Nurses.

- Nurse S. E. H. Paige, Ystradgynlais.
30, Heolmeurig,
Lower Cwmtwrch.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3294).
- Nurse C. Hughes, Brynmawr Urban.
63, Garn Road,
Nantyglo, Mon.
(Tele.—Brynmawr 296).

Relief Nurses/Midwives.

- Miss M. M. Jones, Relief Nurse, Northern Area: Builth, Llan-
Westlyn, Garth Road, wrtyd, Erwood, Llwynmadoc, etc.
Builth Wells.
(Tele.—Builth Wells 3121).
- Vacancy. Relief Nurse, South Western Area: Ystrad-
gynlais, etc.
- Vacancy. Relief Nurse, South Eastern: Brecon,
Crickhowell, Hay, Talgarth, Brynmawr,
etc.
- Vacancy. Relief Nurse, Southern: Cefn and Vaynor
Defynock, etc.

ORTHOPAEDIC.

- Orthopaedic Nurse. Miss I. B. Leefe,
Honddu House, Castle Street, Brecon.

MENTAL WELFARE.

- Duly Authorised Mr. H. G. Edwards,
Officers. 13, The Watton, Brecon
(Tele. Brecon 240).
- Mr. D. J. Davies,
Welfare Office, Lower Bailey St., Brynmawr
(Tele. Brynmawr 254).
- Mr. W. B. Hargest,
c/o Mason's Arms, Talgarth
(Tele. Talgarth 50).
- Mr. D. W. Chambers,
Abertaff, Cefn Coed, Nr. Merthyr Tydfil
(Tele. Merthyr Tydfil 386).
- Mr. Wm. T. Davies,
Peglers Buildings, Ystradgynlais
(Tele. Glantawe 3104).

CLERICAL.

- Chief Clerk. Mr. R. I. Jones.
Senior Clerk. Mr. R. E. Page.
Mr. I. Lewis.
Mr. T. Jones.
Miss F. J. Thorogood
Mrs. S. J. Wall.
Miss S. José (Resigned 7/7/56).
Miss E. Lewis
Mrs. Margaret Powell.
Mr. Norman Tovey.
Miss L. R. Morgan (Commenced 8/10/56).
Mr. R. W. Price (Commenced 29/10/56).
- Welfare Foods Clerk. Mr. D. W. Foster

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban; and Rural:	}	Dr. T. C. R. George, Guild Hall, Brecon (Tel.: Brecon 26).
Builth Urban; and Rural:		
Hay Urban; and Rural:		
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban:		
Brynmawr Urban:	}	Dr. J. Tate, Crossley House, Great Oak Road, Crickhowell. (Tel.: Crickhowell 123).
Crickhowell Rural:		
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural:		
Ystradgynlais Rural:		

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban:	Mr. S. Jinks, C.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Municipal Offices, Steeple Lane, Brecon.
Brynmawr Urban:	Mr. D. A. Jones, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.H., A.I.Hsg., Council Offices, Bryn- mawr.
Builth Wells Urban:	Mr. G. H. Llewellyn, M.R.S.H., Clovelly, Garth Road, Builth Wells.
Hay Urban:	Mr. Garfield G. Evans, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Council Offices, Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye.
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban:	Mr. H. Longden, M.R.S.H., War Memorial Institute, Llanwrtyd.
Brecon Rural:	Mr. W. J. Rees, M.R.S.H., M.R.I.P.H.H., M.S.I.A., Oxford House, The Watton, Brecon.
Builth Rural:	Mr. J. C. Bowen, M.R.S.H., Wye- side, Castle Street, Builth Wells.
Crickhowell Rural:	Mr. R. A. Jackson, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.H., R.D.C. Offices, Crick- howell.
Hay Rural:	Mr. Garfield G. Evans, M.R.S.H., Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye.
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural:	Mr. S. P. Harris, M.S.I.A., A.R.S.H. 47a, High Street, Bank Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil.
Ystradgynlais Rural:	Mr. W. Emlyn Jones, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Council Offices, Ystrad- gynlais.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	733
Area (Acres)	...	469,281
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
„ (1939 Census)	...	54,357
„ (1951 Census)	...	56,508
„ estimated to Middle of 1956	...	56,300
Rateable Value (1st April, 1955)	...	£516,975
Sum represented by a 1d. rate, 1955/56	...	£1,243

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Section 21.—Health Centres: Again it has not been possible to make any progress in the provision of Health Centres but the matter is still before the Committee.

Section 22. — Care of Mothers and Young Children: This Section covers the following activities: — (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants, (h) Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

Care of Premature Infants, i.e., babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth, irrespective of period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority.

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance would be given to arrange accommodation.

During 1956 the number of notifications of premature births in the County, after correction, was as follows—

(1) **Premature Live Births.**

(a) Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	68
(b) Number of Premature Live Births at Home	... 22
* (c) Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes	... 0
(d) Number of Premature Live Births in Hospitals	... 46

(2) Premature Still Births.

(a) Total Number of Premature Still Births in the Area	14
(b) Number of Premature Still Births at Home	... 3
* (c) Number of Premature Still Births in Private Nursing Homes	... 0
(d) Number of Still Births in Hospitals	... 11

*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Service and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Home.

During the year all cases of premature births have been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the numbers of infants who survived 28 days.

Complicated Maternity Cases.

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:—(1) the general practitioner, (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife, or (4) the patient herself. In each individual case, a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this is in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help, though the extent to which this help can be given depends on the domestic helps available and the accessibility of the home. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book the case for accommodation.

Three hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital	... 2 beds.
Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital	... 7 beds
Builth Cottage Hospital	... 3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Hereford County Hospital.
 Blaina and District Hospital.
 St. James Hospital, Tredegar.
 Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, Merthyr Tydfil.
 St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil.
 Neath General Hospital.
 Abergavenny Cottage Hospital (occasionally).
 Llandrindod County Hospital (occasionally).

In numerous instances it is necessary for a patient to be conveyed 20 miles or more to the nearest hospital where accommodation can be found and possibly the patients from Brecon Town and the surrounding countryside fare worse in this respect because of the added distance to any of the larger hospitals in the above lists.

It will be noted from the following figures that the admissions to hospitals for confinement still continue to increase and have risen by 3% since 1952. The percentage of births being taken in Hospital was 64.5% for the year under review.

The figures for the past five years are as follows:—

		Total Births in County.	No. of Births in Hospital.	Percentage of Births in Hospital.
1952	...	859	528	61.4%
1953	...	880	540	61.3%
1954	...	829	513	61.8%
1955	...	876	570	65.1%
1956	...	843	544	64.5%

Generally speaking, cases are not selected by the local health authority for admission to hospitals on social grounds. The local health authority selections are primarily made on account of unsuitable housing conditions. Very frequently, however, practitioners succeeded in obtaining accommodation for their patients by arrangements direct with the hospital; this particularly applies in the Builth and Crickhowell areas, though other hospitals have tightened up their procedure for admission and have requested a report by the local Health Authority before consideration can be given to the cases.

During 1956, the following cases were admitted to hospital through the Health Department on account of bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Brecon, 34; Neath General, 6; St. Tydfil's (Merthyr Tydfil), 4; Crickhowell, 26; Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, 19; St. James, Tredegar, 2; Hereford County Hospital, 1; Amman Valley, 23; Builth Cottage Hospital, 2; Beresford Nursing Home, 1; Aberdare Hospital, 5; Morryston Hospital, 14; Gorseion Hospital (Swansea), 2; Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea, 2.

Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall ..	2nd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ...	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ...	1st and 3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
4 Builth Wells—Park House, Park Road Builth Wells ...	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ...	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Church Hall ...	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Market Hall Clinic ...	4th Thursday in month at 1-30 p.m.
8 Owmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall ...	4th Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
9 Devynock—Reading Room, Sennybridge	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Gilwern—Church Hall ...	4th Thursday in month at 1-30 p.m.
11 Hay—Wesley Hall, Oxford Road ...	4th Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
12 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry ...	Tuesdays fortnightly.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Mem. Institute	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Talgarth—Town Hall ...	4th Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Ystradgynlais—School Clinic ...	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Tirabad—Village Hall ...	2nd Friday in month at 10 a.m.
17 Llangammarch Wells—Church Institute ...	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from the Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire Health Visitor attends regularly.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority at the following centres where one of the Assistant Medical Officers is in attendance. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

1. Abercrave: 2nd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. Brynmawr, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Cefn Coed, 3rd Mondays, a.m.
4. Ystradgynlais, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
5. Devynock: 3rd Tuesday, at 11 a.m.
6. Brecon: 3rd Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
7. Hirwaun: Bethel Church Vestry, fortnightly, Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m.

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall, one converted dwelling house, and one church vestry, which are all hired premises, one school, and three permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

The clinic at Hirwaun is now conducted fortnightly by the Glamorgan County Council and persons from the Hirwaun and

Penderyn portion of Breconshire attend under a joint arrangement between the two authorities.

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Post-Natal Clinics.

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

Specialist Clinics.

There are no specialist clinics held under the auspices of the local health authority.

Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.

Assistance is not normally given at clinics held in general practitioners' own premises apart from the district nurse/midwives attending at surgeries with their patients when requested to do so.

Blood Testing.

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, or the Family Planning Association.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work in return for grant paid, the Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and for a period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee. A grant of £100 is also given to the Association.

During the year arrangements were made for the accommodation of two mothers at Cwmdonkin Shelter, Swansea.

Mothercraft Training.

No special clinics are held for this purpose since all advice is given by the health visitors in the course of their rounds.

Maternity Outfits.

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack, supplied by a manufacturer of surgical dressings.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.

There are none in the County. The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Number of cases in 1956 in which

(a) vision was unimpaired	... Nil
(b) vision impaired	... Nil
(c) vision lost	... Nil
(d) patient died	... Nil
(e) patient still under treatment at end of year	... Nil
(f) patient removed from district	... Nil
(g) classification under above heads cannot be made	... Nil

Maternal Deaths.

There were no deaths of mothers during the year.

Supply of Dried Milk.

The Supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics. The demand for the various brands is so small that stocks would deteriorate before being used. In parts of the County there is a system of chits being used which enable Cow and Gate or Ostermilk to be purchased from the local chemists at a slightly cheaper rate. This scheme is dependent on the readiness of the local chemists to honour these vouchers or even to stock the brand of milk. Many chemists consider that the demand is so small that they do not feel it justifies them taking part in any such scheme. The majority of children in the county are fed on National Dried Milk.

The local health authority has arranged for the supply of Scots Twin Pack cereal at clinics. This is sold at a cheap rate.

The sale of proprietary foods at clinics has never been successful in this County and sale of twin packs, which was undertaken as an experiment, has proved no exception.

Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's Scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme continues to function with 7 main Distribution Centres and 29 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings. During the year 4 new distributors undertook the work.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose and from the following times of distribution it will be seen that his time is fully taken up by these centres, and leaves little opportunity for other work. These main Centres are as follows and open on the days and times stated.

<u>District.</u>	<u>Address of Centre.</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Builth Wells	.. The Clinic, Park House, Builth Wells	Monday	10 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Llanwrtyd Wells	.. Memorial Institute, Llanwrtyd Wells	Monday	2.30 p.m. 4 p.m.
Brynmawr	.. The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	Tuesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Ystradgynlais	.. The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye	.. Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye	Thursday	10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Crickhowell	.. The Clinic, Market Hall, Crickhowell	Thursday	2 p.m. 4 p.m.

The voluntary distributors in Crickhowell area have been increased to 8 by the end of the year, and Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern, continues to give his services free and delivers Welfare Foods to these voluntary distributors from the main centre at Crickhowell. Much useful work is done by Mr. Morgan in assisting the small shopkeepers to check stores and complete their returns. For this service Mr. Morgan is merely re-imbursed for mileage covered in his car.

The thanks of the department are again offered to all volunteers who have helped during the year in making the scheme run smoothly.

The amount of Welfare Foods distributed is not large but the nature of the County makes it necessary that some centres issuing small amounts must remain open to provide the necessary service.

The following items were issued during 1956:—

National Dried Milk	...	45,663
Orange Juice	...	32,598
Cod Liver Oil	...	5,714
Vitamin Tablets 'A' and 'D'		1,819

Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years of age by the School Dental Staff at the following clinics: Brecon, Brynmawr, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, and Ystradgynlais.

The figures in Table VII show that 87 expectant and nursing mothers were treated during the year; 71 were examined and of these, 70 were found to require treatment; 59 mothers were made dentally fit. The figures show an increase in the number of fillings and extractions carried out and a slight decrease in the number of dentures provided compared with 1955.

The figures for children under 5 years show little variation.

One eleventh of the dental officers' time is allotted to the work.

Detailed figures of patients examined and the treatment carried out are shown in Table VII.

Section 23—Midwifery Service—

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority has fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. To this end the Authority had in its employ on the 31st December, 1956, 1 whole-time and 22 part-time midwives, giving an equivalent whole-time staff of 7.91 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were 4 private midwives and 14 hospital midwives practising in the County during 1956, the total number practising midwives during the year being 41.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority, and visits made to midwives not employed by the local health authority.

Tables dealing with midwifery, notification of births, etc., are given below:—

Supervision of Midwives—

Forty-five Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, viz., 41 resident and 4 border midwives.

Of the above—

14 were resident in Institutions.

4 were in independent practice.

27 were employed by the County Council: County, 23,
Border, 4.

Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with these patients whenever required to do so, at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notification of birth being received. This has been arranged at the instigation of the Local Medical Committee.

Notification from Midwives during 1956—

117 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:—103 for mothers and 14 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

FOR THE MOTHER—

Miscarriage, Abortion, actual or threatened ...	4
Contracted Pelvis ...	—
Hæmorrhage, ante and post partum ...	14
Prolonged, obstructed and labour inertia ...	14
Malpresentation or Malposition ...	2
Other illnesses during pregnancy ...	4
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes ...	8
Ruptured perineum ...	34
Unsatisfactory condition of mother ...	3
Pyrexia ...	2
Premature Labour ...	3
Albuminuria ...	—
Breech ...	1
Phlebitis ...	2
Ante-Natal—re position ...	—
Post Maturity ...	—
Oedema of Feet and Ankles ...	1
Oedema of Legs and Ankles ...	—
Toxaemia ...	1
Uterine Inertia ...	1
Multiple Birth ...	1

Miscellaneous	...	2
Oedema of Face and Legs	...	—
Oedema of Face and Hands	...	—
Prolapsed Cord	...	—
Hypertension	...	—
Hydramnios	...	—
Mastitis	...	—
No Foetal Heart heard	...	1
Patients nervous condition	...	1
Head on Perineum and no advance	...	—
Foetal Distress	...	5
Still Birth	...	—
Episiotomy Suturing	...	—

FOR THE CHILD—

Premature or feebleness	...	—
Deformity or abnormality	...	—
Eye Infections	...	2
Unsatisfactory Conditions	...	1
Skin Condition	...	—
Jaundice	...	1
Cyanosis	...	2
Oedema of Leg and Abdomen	...	1
Melaena	...	—
Spina Bifida	...	2
Convulsions	...	—
White Asphyxia	...	2
Tight Foreskin	...	—
Blue Asphyxia	...	2
B.C.G.	...	1

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

Fees of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29(2).

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms	} 2
Total amount of Claims paid	... £6 6s. 0d.

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

Administration of Analgesics.

22 Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care. The authority has supplied apparatus to all these midwives. Only one midwife employed by the local health authority is not qualified to administer gas and air analgesia—she is considered unsuitable for training on account of age.

1. Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Boards:—

(a) Domiciliary	...	23
(b) In Institutions	...	6
		—
Total	...	29
		—

2. Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—

(a) Gas and Air	...	132
(b) Trilene	...	51

3. Number of midwives trained in the year ... —

4. Total number of sets of Minnitt's Gas and Air Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 27

5. Number of cases in which Pethedine was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year ... 58

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

Owing to the difficulty of sparing staff, no midwives have undergone refresher courses. It is hoped to make arrangements for nurses to attend courses during 1957.

Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year: Live Births 565; Still Births 13; making a total of 578.

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County	285; Border	1... 286
Private Midwives: County	13; Border	0 ... 13
Hospital and Institutional Midwives		... 279

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1955 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births, 822; (b) Still Births, 21; (c) Total, 843.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 18 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses and/or district nurses; 8 of these nurses perform duties of Health Visitors under dispensation by the Minister of Health.

The Health Visitors visit monthly children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two-year-olds are visited more frequently. Health visitors were also called upon to investigate cases requiring domestic help to ease the strain of this work on the Domestic Help Supervisor, who is also the County Superintendent Nursing Officer.

In addition to health visiting of expectant and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitor for the area giving the diagnosis, treatment and recommendation as to further treatment. In some instances the health visitor, being also the district nurse, undertakes any practical nursing required.

The Council has in the past offered scholarships to suitable candidates who are prepared to train for the Health Visitors Certificate, this grant is now £250 per annum. Training is generally undertaken as a combined training under the auspices of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing or at some other recognised course.

No Grants were made to nurses during the year, but one candidate completed her training at the Welsh School of Medicine in 1956, was successful in the examination for the H.V. Certificate, and subsequently taken on the staff.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

No Health Visitor on the staff attended a refresher course during 1956, though arrangements are being made for some to attend in 1957.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

Section 25—Home Nursing.

A wholtime nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 3 whole-time and 22 part-time nurses, giving an equivalent of 13.25 full-time nurses. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent and work in conjunction with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing service does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention

is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

Figures of cases of home visits paid and cases attended are given below:—

1. Number of visits paid by Home Nurses ... 49,442
2. Number of cases attended by Home Nurses 2,041

Classification and Proposition of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.

During the year, 2,041 patients were nursed in the homes and 49,442 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

	Patients.	Visits.
Medical ...	1375	37047
Surgical ...	563	9995
Infectious Diseases ...	9	32
Tuberculosis ...	17	1292
Maternal Complications ...	11	43
Others ...	66	1033

Further analysis of the above figures shows that 658 patients were over 65 years of age, and 202 were under 5 years, and that 16,451 and 1,356 visits were made respectively to these patients.

Of the patients visited 354 received more than 24 visits during the year and 19,735 visits were actually made to these older patients.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 24.2 visits each.

Section 26—Vaccination and Immunisation.

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for vaccination to be carried out by general practitioners and for immunisation against diphtheria by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having the children vaccinated.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner. Furthermore, the parent of each child is sent an additional notice at about the child's fourth month urging the mother to take advantage of the facilities available. Boosting injections of diphtheria prophylactic are given at five years and again at ten years. These last two boosting injections are usually given at schools or school clinics.

(a) Vaccination—

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents, and practitioners who have expressed a wish to undertake this work are supplied with lymph free of charge on request to the appropriate Public Health Laboratory, and record cards are supplied from the Health Department on which to enter the necessary particulars, these cards being returned to the County Medical Officer for statistical purposes and for payment to the General Practitioner.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.

Figures of persons vaccinated each year from 1948 to 1956 are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1948	89	17
1949	112	16
1950	141	25
1951	215	69
1952	170	36
1953	191	30
1954	252	44
1955	160	40
1956	270	64

Figures of Persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1956.

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	214	15	12	10	19	270
Number Re-Vaccinated	..	..	..	9	55	64

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme is working most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries, and record cards are provided by the Health Department. Completed records are returned for statistical purposes.

Number of children immunised during the year 1956 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

District	Primary Immunisation		Totals	Re-inforcing Dose
	Under 5	5—14		
Brecon Urban ...	127	9	136	189
Brynmawr Urban ..	74	20	94	146
Builth Urban ..	33	...	33	67
Hay Urban ...	20	5	25	40
Llanwrtyd Urban ...	7	...	7	27
Brecon Rural ...	109	14	123	128
Builth Rural ...	49	20	69	64
Crickhowell Rural ...	105	53	158	141
Hay Rural ..	32	17	49	131
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural ...	63	23	86	148
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	184	49	233	280
Totals, 1956 ...	803	210	1013	1361
Totals, 1955 ...	442	157	599	883

On the 31st December, 1956, there were 8,308 children in the County who had completed a course of Immunisation at any time before that date. The number of children thus protected represents 65.9 per cent. of the estimated child population.

The following table shows the children in age groups who were immunised at the 31st Decemebr, 1956.

Age @ 31-12-56, i.e., born in years	Under 1 1956	1—4 1952—1955	5—9 1947—1951	10—14 1942—1946	Total
Number Immunised	130	1912	3392	2874	8308

Immunisation against Whooping Cough.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation, Section 26, has been extended to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Proposals were submitted by the Health Committee to the Ministry of Health on the 13th May, 1954, and on the 19th July, 1955, approval was granted by the Ministry to the amendment of the Council's original scheme by the substitution of the following.

- (a) Arrangements will be made for the inoculation of children against whooping cough at infant welfare centres or other suitable centres as will make these facilities as readily

- accessible as possible to all who wish to use them and will ensure that arrangements are made with sufficient frequency and at such hours as will meet local requirements.
- (b) The Council will give an opportunity to every practitioner providing general medical services in the area to undertake vaccination against whooping cough in his own surgery or at the home of the patient. Medical practitioners taking part in the Council's arrangements will be required to furnish particulars for record purposes in such standard form as may be recommended by the Ministry and the Council will keep records in a manner that will enable them to furnish such returns to the Ministry as may be required. Fees will be paid to the practitioners on the basis of the receipt of records as agreed with the profession.
- (c) The County Medical Officer will be responsible for deciding the antigen(s) to be used and made available to practitioners.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertussis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

(c) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The Vaccination and Immunisation Scheme under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, was extended to include vaccination against Poliomyelitis in accordance with Circular 2/56 from the Welsh Board of Health.

The Minister's formal approval was granted on the 23rd March, 1956 (L.S. 3/222/1) to the extension of the Council's existing proposals by the addition of the following paragraph:—

“The Council proposes also to make arrangements for offering to persons in its area or any groups of such persons, vaccination or immunisation against any other disease in respect of which authority is sought from or given by the Minister of Health. The Medical Officer will be responsible for keeping records directed towards assessing the value of any such form of vaccination or immunisation.”

The Minister proposes at this stage, that vaccination against Poliomyelitis should be made available on a voluntary basis for children born between 1947 and 1954 inclusive, and accordingly 6,600 notices were sent out to parents of children born between these years. 2929 parents consented and these children were therefore registered with the Local Health Authority.

Vaccination consists of offering to each child selected, two injections of vaccine each of 1 c.c., the interval between these injections being not less than three weeks. Vaccination commenced on the 1st May, 1956, on those children in the age groups selected by the Ministry and by the end of June, when vaccination was discontinued, 349 children had received two in-

jections and a further 75 children had received only one injection. During December 1956, when vaccination was recommenced, a further 52 children received a second injection.

Circular 22/56, dated 12th December, 1956, from the Welsh Board of Health proposed that General Medical Practitioners are to be given an opportunity to take part in the scheme, when larger supplies of vaccine become available.

The Minister realised that the time in which to plan and carry out the vaccinations is extremely limited, and that in consequence, a very heavy burden is being placed on the local Health Authority, but he has thought it right to make available immediately all the vaccine which can be produced and he urges authorities to do their utmost to see that the maximum use is made of these limited supplies. To this end it may well be necessary for the Medical Officer to defer some of their other routine work.

Section 27—Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Services in the County are undertaken by the St. John's Welsh Home Ambulance Service Association who act as sole agents for the County.

Eight ambulances are used in the service—four provided directly by the authority and four provided by St. John's. All are, however, under the direct control of St. John's for operational purposes. The day to day administration is the responsibility of the County Medical Officer on behalf of the local health authority. The ambulance arrangements remain as follow:— St. John Ambulance Stations are established at Brecon, Builth, Crickhowell, Hay, Brynmawr, and Ystradgynlais.

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.
2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz., the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Dissersh, Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfaredd and Cregrina, Glas-cwm and Colva. Radnorshire, on their part will cover for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llysdinam, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.
3. Hay Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts, together with the Radnorshire District of Painscastle Rural and villages of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.

4. Crickhowell Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach, and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances owned by the local health authority in this area operate within the framework of the County Ambulance Service, are controlled by St. John's and are subject to the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee act as sole agents of the Authority for the above areas of the County and operates the Brecon, Builth, Hay, Crickhowell, Brynmawr, and Ystradgynlais ambulances on terms mutually agreed and as may be approved by the Minister of Health from time to time. The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee is responsible for the operation and maintenance of an efficient ambulance service in these areas.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follow:—

- (a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.
- (b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontsticill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and the Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border counties have worked satisfactorily and the various difficulties which periodically arise are always smoothed out without any trouble. I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.

A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets regularly, and includes representatives of the County Council, the Ystradgynlais District Ambulance Association, the Regional Hospital

Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies, together with the Welsh Home Service Ambulance Association, who operate the service.

The ambulances are mainly situated at garages under contract agreements between St. John and the proprietors, with the exception of the Ystradgynlais ambulances which are housed in a County Council garage at which three whole-time drivers are employed by St. John. It must be pointed out that in the Ystradgynlais area the ambulances also undertake the conveyance of all sitting case patients as well as those requiring ambulance transport.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to the Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

Sitting Car Service.

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases whereby reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shews the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4/55. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients was formerly for only one year, but this has now been extended by the Committee for a period of three years. The present contracts will thus remain in operation until 31st March 1958. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulances since whole-time personnel are employed. Cefn Coed and Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, present no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and a few isolated cases are conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons... 1, George St., Brynmawr.	Brynmawr, Darenfelen, and Clydach.
2.	W. F. Price, Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell	.... Llangynidr, Bwlch and Cwmdr.
3.	W. F. Price, Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell.	.. Crickhowell, Gilwern, Grwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr, Llangattock, Llangenny, Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd.,... Watton, Brecon.	Borough of Brecon, Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, St. David's Without, Glyn, Modrydd, Can- tref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llansantfraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llan- gasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo, and Llanfigan (excepting Tor- pantau) and Llandetty (excepting Ponts- ticill and Dolygaer).
5.	E. Haydn Williams, .. Haulfryn, Sennybridge.	Parishes of Llandeilorfan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Ysclydach, Traian- mawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Maescar, and Penpont.
6 and 7.	No Contractors	Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte.
8.	W. R. Powell, The Garage, Llanwrtyd.	.. Urban District of Llanwrtyd, and Parishes of Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Pen- buallt, Gwarafog, Llanafanfegan, Llan- lleonfel, Llanafanfawr, Llanfihangel Abergwessin, Llandewi Abergwessin, Treffis.
9.	Weale Bros., Hay Road Garage, Builth Wells.	.. Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maes- mynis, Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltmawr.
10.	H. T. Price Ltd. Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	.. Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb & Sons, . Lion Garage, Hay-on-Wye.	Urban District of Hay, and Parishes of Hay Rural, Llanigon, and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	A. H. P. Davies, New Inn, Talgarth.	.. Talgarth, Llanelieu, Llandefalle (Southern half), Bronllys Aberllynfi and Pipton.
13.	Davies & Son, Wye Garage, Llyswen.	.. Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llande- falle (Northern half).

No tenders were received in respect of Districts No. 6 and 7—Vaynor, Penderyn, and Ystradfellte — but the Sub-Committee understand that the firm providing the cars for this service are prepared to continue on terms which differ very little from the foregoing contracts.

The Sub-Committee would point out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in that district.

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health, with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24-hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors.

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed under the new contracts and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.

Doctors and hospitals are from time to time reminded of economy and letters have been repeatedly written to hospitals requesting them to change times of appointments in order to fit in more than one patient in a car proceeding to the hospital.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully for any irregularities. Apart from the above, there were no difficulties encountered.

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1956 are given below.—

Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ'ys	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Accidents
		Str'tchr	Sitting			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Brecon ...	309	336	88	424	13303	53
Brynmawr ...	240	276	15	291	4369	34
Builth ...	246	278	42	320	11240	14
Crickhowell ...	170	192	1	193	4502	20
Hay ...	105	110	17	127	4771	26
Ystrad'lais ...	1234	758	4798	5556	52523	54
Totals ...	2304	1950	4961	6911	90708	201
1955 ...	2311	1890	4300	6190	90539	189
1954 ...	2418	2368	4321	6689	96848	215
1953 ...	1990	1813	2868	4681	79568	151
1952 ...	1775	1518	2582	4100	72231	161
1951 ...	1697	1331	2403	3734	72684	129
1950 ...	1395	—	—	2913	67874	129
1949 ...	1216	—	—	2475	52668	90

Sitting Car Service—1956.

Month.	Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
January ..	541	1117	13985
February ..	533	1137	14486
March ..	623	1258	16403
April ..	470	980	12219
May ..	564	1194	16278
June ..	415	908	13424
July ..	499	1080	13675
August ..	453	932	12456
September ..	415	918	11178
October ..	479	1071	13833
November ..	482	1122	14146
December ..	369	817	10500

Total .. 5843 12462 162583

1955 ..	5595	11528	168473
1954 ..	5075	10740	148295
1953 ..	4610	9786	132060
1952 ..	4223	8693	119638
1951 ..	3577	5804	107172
1950 ..	2690	2736	84205
1949 ..	2064	2129	63045

Section 28.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority, as was the case previously, is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local health authority, and applicants for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent, then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisites of a minor nature are provided free in all cases.

(1) **Tuberculosis** — The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Regional Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
<u>1. Dr. D. I. Williams, 2, Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 54.</u>		
Brecon	Tuesdays	.. 9.30 a.m.—Clinic. 11 a.m.—Consultations (Brecon Hospital). 2 p.m. Contacts Domiciliary Visits
	Fridays	.. 10 a.m.—New and old patients. 2 p.m.—Contacts
Builth Hospital Builth Wells	.. Mondays	.. 10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultation.
The Hospital Llandrindod	.. Mondays	.. 2 p.m. — Clinic and Consultation A.P. Refills.
Ystradgynlais--	.. Wednesdays	2 p.m.—Clinic
at Adelina Patti Hospital	Thursdays	.. 2 p.m.—Contacts. 3 p.m.—A.P. Clinic.
<u>2. Dr. A. E. Aslett, "Hawthorns," Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil— Telephone 129.</u>		

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.

Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil	.. Mondays	.. 10 a.m.—Old Cases. 2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Wednesdays	.. 9.30—Contacts (by appointment).
	Wednesdays	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Fridays	.. 2 p.m.—A.P. Refill.
	1st Friday in month..	2 p.m.—Non - Pulmonary Consultation Clinic.
	Saturdays	.. 9.30 a.m. Asthma cases.

For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.

42, Cannon Street, Aberdare	.. Mondays & Thurs- days	.. 10 a.m. — New and old patients, Contacts
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Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
3. <u>Dr. R. G. Prosser Evans, "Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Road, Neath.</u> <u>Telephone, Neath 278.</u>		

For Pontneathvaughan.

"Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Rd., Neath	.. Mondays, Wednes- days & Thursdays	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Old and New Cases New Cases by Ap- pointment only
	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
	Saturday ..	9-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Domiciliary Visits, etc.
	Wednesdays, 2 p.m. .. 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.	B.C.G. Contact Clinic After Care Clinic (Orthopaedic)
	Tuesdays ..	Mass Radiography Sessions. 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon— Females. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.—Males.

4. <u>Dr. F. W. Godbey, "Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith.</u> <u>Telephone—Blackwood 3281.</u>		
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"Ennisclare," Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith	.. Mondays	.. 10 a.m. Old and New Cases 2 p.m. A.P. Clinic.
	Tuesdays	.. 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Tomography Clinic

Blaina and District Hospital, Nantyglo—Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
New and Old Patients.

5. <u>Dr. M. I. Jackson, Chest Clinic, 129, Stow Hill, Newport.</u> <u>Telephone, Newport 66781.</u>		
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Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny.	Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.	New and old patients (By appointment only).
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B.C.G. Vaccination.

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.

Since 1951 the following cases have ben vaccinated:—

	By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Medical Officers of County Council.
1951	99	Nil
1952	43	Nil
1953	72	Nil
1954	92	Nil
1955	104	126
1956	81	104

Under the Council's Amended Scheme which provided for the B.C.G. Vaccination of school children between their thirteenth and fourteenth birthdays, which was approved by the Welsh Board of Health on 16th March, 1954, the Medical Officers of the Authority carried out this work at the Brynmawr County Grammar and Modern Secondary Schools, the Builth County Secondary School and the Vaynor and Penderyn Bilateral School during 1956. The children who were found to show a negative reaction on skin testing were given B.C.G. vaccination, and arrangements were made for the positive reactors to have chest X-rays at the nearest Chest Clinic. A further visit was paid to each school at least seven weeks after B.C.G. Vaccination was done, when all those children who had been vaccinated were further skin tested to see if they had converted to positive. Details of this work during 1956 are as follows:—

SCHOOL	No. given skin test	Results		No. given B.C.G. Vacc. †	No. re-skin tested	No. converted to positive
		Positive	Negative			
Brynmawr Cty. Gram. and Mod. eSc. ...	60	10	50	50	42	42
Vaynor and Penderyn Bilat. ...	33	6	27	27	23 4 absent	21 2 absent
Builth County Sec. ...	32	5	27	27	... re-visited	... in 1957
Totals ...	125	21	104	104	63	63

Chest X'Ray.

Brynmawr Cty. Gram. & Mod. Sec.	.. 6	— all satisfactory.
Vaynor & Penderyn Bilateral	.. 6	— all satisfactory.
Builth Cty. Sec.	.. 2	— all satisfactory.

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Total .. 14

MASS RADIOGRAPHY (Welsh Regional Hospital Board).

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the County during 1956.

The general population at Llanwrtyd Wells, Builth Wells, Sennybridge, Brecon, Talgarth and Ystradgynlais and the factory workers at Ystradgynlais and Abercrave were examined as part of a routine survey.

In addition, school children over 13 years of age in the following schools were examined:—

Builth County Sec.
Sennybridge C.P.
Ystradgynlais Comp.
Cefn County Sec.

Summary of Mass Radiography Survey carried out in Breconshire during 1956.

District, etc.	Total No. Exam'd	Total No. found to be abnormal	Classification of Abnormal Cases	
			No. referred to Chest Physician	Other Abnormalities
Anglo-Celtic Watch Co., and Enfield Clock Co., Ystradgynlais	1129	62	7	55
Perry Chain Co., Abercrave ...	301	43	4	39
General Population, Talgarth ...	132	5	2	3
General Population, Llanwrtyd ...	105	22	3	19
General Population and School-children, Builth Wells ...	564	55	10	45
General Population and School-children, Sennybridge ...	106	22	2	20
General Population, Brecon ...	1119	99	9	90
General Population, Ystradgynlais	851	129	11	118
SCHOOLS				
Builth County Secondary ...	161	9	4	5
Sennybridge C.P. ...	12	2	1	1
Ystradgynlais Comp. ...	448	5	...	5
Cefn County Secondary ...	171	3	1	2
TOTALS ...	5099	456	54	402

(2) Illness Generally—

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients direct by the local health authority in accordance with a scale of assessment but the smaller items such as air rings, bed rests, etc., are issued on loan free of charge. Items are also loaned by the St. John's Ambulance Association where the local health authority pays the loan charges. As well as meeting the actual loan charges for the nursing equipment and apparatus, the local health authority has assisted the St. John's Association by allow-

ing the use of suitable premises for storage if possible, and by grants. In Crickhowell, the British Red Cross have set up a Comforts Depot for which we have provided the necessary storage space and purchased the equipment.

During the year, in addition to the items which have been loaned to patients direct and by St. John and the British Red Cross, the following action has been taken to assist patients:—

<u>No. of cases.</u>	<u>Action taken.</u>
16.	Extra nourishment.
1.	Admission to Papworth Colony.
3.	Referred to appropriate authority, i.e., National Assistance Board, Hospital, etc.
3.	Over scale.

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

Orthopædic Work.

The treatment of orthopædic cases is undertaken and the services of Mr. A. O. Parker, the orthopædic specialist, Prince of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, and Mr. J. G. H. James, orthopædic specialist, Neath Hospital, who are officers of the Regional Hospital Board, are available. A full-time orthopædic sister, Miss I. B. Leefe, is on the staff of the local health authority.

Miss Leefe works in the fullest co-operation with the Hospital Service and assists at Mr. Parker's operation sessions at Brecon Hospital; the Hospital Management Committee re-imburse the local health authority for her services. Mr. James attends the Ystradgynlais Clinic.

Primarily the scheme for orthopædic treatment affords treatment for school children since before the National Health Service Act, it was a scheme sponsored by the Education Committee for school children. This is gradually including adults which are referred to the orthopædic sister by general practitioners though the treatment and supervision of adults must of necessity remain a very small proportion in view of the demands already made upon Miss Leefe's services by the school and under school age children.

The Surgeons pay special visits to the clinics arranged by the authority as required and during 1956 the following centres were visited showing the cases referred:—

CENTRE	Ystradgynlais				Brecon
	21-3-56	20-6-56	19-9-56	28 11-56	6-7-56
1. Number of Children called up for Examination ...	49	46	47	44	59
2. Number of Children Present and Examined ...	42	41	45	39	55
3. Number found not to require Treatment...	2	1	1	4	...
4. Number found to require Domiciliary or Clinic Treatment ...	34	33	35	32	55
5. Number found to require Hospital Treatment ...	2	3	3	1	...
6. For Further Observation ..	4	1	2	1	...
7. For X-Ray ...	...	3	4	1	...

VENEREAL DISEASES—

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them to keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford General Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

The number of V.D. Cases from Breconshire who were known to have been treated during the year is as given below:—

Hospital.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhoea.	Other Con- ditions.
Mount Pleasant, Swansea ...	—	—	2

No information has been received from the other hospitals as to the number of persons dealt with, etc.

CANCER.—During the year 106 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 1.88 per 1,000 population, as compared with 98 and a death rate of 1.75 in 1955. Of the 106 there were 20 cases of lung cancer.

Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

The upward trend of expenditure still continues and it is obvious that the whole scheme is really even now in its infancy. It is capable of almost unlimited expansion and requires a firm hand to keep it under control, while at the same time giving the public a just measure to what they are entitled.

One of the great difficulties is that of conveyance of the domestic helps to and from their work in the rural areas and unless car transport is allowed, the need just cannot be met.

Supervision of the service is a problem which has not yet been solved. In hours worked per week you have the equivalent of forty whole-time people working in the County and though we know that many of these people are doing fine work and often doing it under difficulties, the fact remains that it is a personal service which cannot really be run from a central office without someone to contact the home and the domestic help and act as a "liaison Officer" between the two. Supervision was formerly in the hands of the Superintendent Nursing Officer who found it quite impossible to take on this duty in addition to her nursing work, and latterly a very great deal of the domestic help supervisory work has had to be left to the Health Visitors, who have been very good about doing what they can though they do not relish the job.

The cost of the service in 1955/56 was over £16,000 and patients' contributions are insignificant. The scheme has worked well but it is dependent entirely upon the number of women throughout the country offering their services and this has not always been adequate to the demands in some areas.

The authority employs no whole-time domestic helps.

No. of Domestic Helps on roll at 31/12/56:—

(a) Whole-time	...	Nil
(b) Part-time	...	205
No. of Domestic Helps employed at end of year...		126

Number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with the yearly figures since 1952 for comparison:—

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Confinement Cases (including illness of Expectant Mothers) ..	21	21	31	25	35
Tuberculosis Cases ..	6	9	6	4	5
Chronic sick, including Aged and Infirm ..	198	164	154	115	94
Others ..	30	29	26	31	
	<u>225</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>134</u>

Section 51.—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

In accordance with the proposals under Section 51 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the responsibility in respect of mental illness and mental defectiveness has been assumed by the Mental Health Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Health Committee, as follows:—

(1) Administration.

(a) Committee responsible for Service.

Mental Health Sub-Committee.

(b) Number and Qualifications of Staff employed in the Mental Health Service.

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, is responsible for the work of ascertainment of mental defectives and administration. Dr. R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., C.P.H., D.P.H., and Dr. C. M. Evans, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., are approved by the Council to act as approved doctors in the certification of mental defectives

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) who also gives part of her services to Breconshire patients. Breconshire, Radnorshire, and Montgomeryshire, together with the Regional Hospital Board, have an agreement whereby each contributes a proportion of the salary of this officer, and her clerical assistant.

Five Duly Authorised Officers, residue of the Relieving Officer staff prior to 1949, are engaged throughout the County, and these work in the five areas as follows:—

- (1) Brecon and Sennybridge.
- (2) Brynmawr and Crickhowell.
- (3) Builth and Talgarth.
- (4) Ystradgynlais.
- (5) Vaynor and Penderyn.

These officers give part-time service only and they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths

Although these officials only give part-time service in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officials of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and Ystradgynlais are only part-time officials.

(c) Co-ordination with Regional Hospital Boards and Hospital Committees.

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed in conjunction with the Board's Hospital Management Committee.

Doubtful cases of mental deficiency are referred to the psychiatrist. In this connection the Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Mental Hospital gives every possible help.

Patients on trial from Mental Hospitals are supervised by the Psychiatric Social Worker, and in some instances patients on licence from institutions for mental defectives are also visited by her. Visits are also made by the health visitors for the area to mental defectives on licence.

(d) Duties of the Local Health Authority under the Mental Treatment Act, Lunacy Acts and Mental Deficiency Acts, are carried out directly by officers of the Council, no duties being delegated to voluntary associations.

(e) Training of Staff.

No arrangements exist for the training of staff.

(2) Account of Work Undertaken in the Community.

(a) Section 28, National Health Service Act, 1946.

No occasion has arisen whereby the function of Section 28 has been necessary on account of mental illness or mental defectiveness. The services of domestic helps have, however, been allowed on account of the presence of a mental defective in the household.

(b) Under Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, by Duly Authorised Staff.

(i) During the year the duly authorised officers carried out the necessary duties under Section 14 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, to effect the certification of patients under Section 16 and subsequent removal to Mental Hospitals in the following cases:—

Brecon and District	... 2
Brynmawr and Crickhowell Districts	... 5
Builth and Talgarth Districts	... 5
Ystradgynlais District	... 5
Vaynor and Penderyn District	... 1

(ii) The following cases were also admitted to hospitals and in all cases the services of the duly authorised officers were available where required:—

Voluntary cases	... 121
Tempororay cases	... 1
Urgency orders	... —
Sec. 20 cases	... 8
Sect. 21 cases	... 3

(iii) Other information—

(a) Cases admitted to and discharged from Mental Hospital during 1956:—

	Ad- mitted.	Dis- charged.	Died.
Cerified Patients under Section 16 Lunacy Act, 1890 ...	18	8	10
Voluntary Patients, u n d e r Section 1, Mental Treatment Act, 1930 ...	121	92	10
Temporary Patients, u n d e r Section 5, Mental Treatment Act, 1930 ...	1	—	1
Patients under Sect. 20 Mental Treatment Act, 1930 ...	8	8	—
Patients under Secs. 21, Mental Treatment Act, 1930 ...	3	3	—

(b) Actual number of Breconshire patients in Mental Hospitals on the 31st December, 1956:—

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Certified Patients ...	64	89	153
Voluntary Patients ...	39	45	84
Temporary Patients ...	—	—	—
Totals ...	103	134	237

Note.—For names and addresses of Duly Authorised Officers see under heading, National Assistance Act, 1948 (Welfare Services)—Page 49.

(c) Under Mental Deficiency Act, 1913-1938—

(1) The ascertainment of mental defectives is undertaken by the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. F. W. Betenson), and the Deputy County Medical Officer (Dr. R. G. Evans), who have been approved by the Board of Education to undertake the ascertainment of mental defective children in accordance with Section 57(3) of the Education Act, 1944.

Mental defectives under statutory supervision and on licence are visited by the health visitors or in some instances by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

(2) Guardianship.

There are no patients under guardianship within the administrative county of Breconshire, neither are there any Breconshire cases under guardianship elsewhere.

(3) Arrangements for carrying out the statutory duty to provide occupation and training for defectives in the area.

The local health authority has no occupation or industrial centres for adults nor any method of home teaching. This matter has been under review by the Committee especially in regard to ineducable children.

This question was considered by the Mental Health Committee who decided to approach Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire, and Radnorshire County Councils with a view to the provision of Residential accommodation being made for "ineducable children." Representatives of the four Authorities met in Llandrindod Wells in December, 1955, and again in January, 1956, when it was resolved that the respective County Authorities should be recommended to take steps as they might feel disposed in regard to the appointment of peripetitic teachers, pending the holding of a further conference, when a report could be considered as to what each Authority had been able to do.

The question was further considered by the Mental Health Committee, but owing to the scattered nature of the County, the long distances to be travelled by such a teacher, and the limited time which could be given to each case the Committee were of the opinion that the cost of providing such a service far outweighed any benefits likely to be derived by one or two patients. Most reluctantly therefore they were compelled to defer any action as originally envisaged or even in any modified form.

On the 31st December, 1956, there were registered in the County the following mental defectives:—

	Male.	Female.	Total
(a) Under Statutory Supervision—			
Under 16 years of age ...	7	8	15
Aged 16 years and over ...	42	40	82
(b) In Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age ...	2	1	3
Aged 16 years and over ...	12	19	31
(c) On Licence from Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age ...	0	1	1
Aged 16 years and over ...	1	3	4
(d) Patients certified in the year—			
Under 16 years of age ...	2	0	2
Aged 16 years and over ...	1	0	1

Section 15. M.D. Act, 1913—

During the year it became necessary to seek accommodation for one patient under this section. A place of safety was found for him in Eryri Hospital, Caernarvon, and when certified an Order was obtained detaining him at that hospital.

St. David's Hospital, Brecon, is recognised as a place of safety under Section 15 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913.

Ambulance Services.—

The ambulance service for mentally ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

Mental Hospital—

The Regional Hospital Board has one hospital in the County, viz., the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

The Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, is recognised as a place of safety under Section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, and patients in need of control can, therefore, be admitted and detained there for not more than three days. The hospital has accommodation for both males and females.

List of Doctors Approved under the Mental Treatment Act, 1930

The following Doctors have been approved by the Welsh Board of Health for the purpose of making recommendations under the provisions of the above Act:—

Section 1 (3) and 5 (3).

Dr. S. N. Chopra, Dunedin House, Alma Street, Brynmawr.

Dr. T. L. Davies, Buckingham House, Brecon.

Dr. G. Diggle, Chancefield, Talgarth.

Dr. Brian J. Hand, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

Dr. D. L. Lees, Cantre Selyff, Lion Street, Brecon.

Dr. D. Kyle, Glasfryn, Alexandra Road, Brecon.

Dr. D. F. Cameron, Tyn-y-berllan, Builth Wells.

Dr. J. K. Pugh, "Maesycoed," Builth Wells.

Dr. C. M. Fenn, "Meadow Way," Llanwrtyd Wells.

Dr. N. E. Melling, "Wennetune," Sennybridge.

Dr. R. F. Jayne, The Cottage, Talgarth.

Dr. R. C. Humphreys, Pencader, Crickhowell.

Dr. G. H. Beck, The Grange, Cefn Coed.

Dr. Margaret Barry, "Avondale," Ystradgynlais.

Dr. W. Boladz, "Avondale," Ystradgynlais.

Dr. E. W. Jones, "Brynhelig," Lower Cwmtwrch.

In addition to the above list the following Doctors who live outside the County have been approved for similar purposes:—

Merthyr Tydfil—Dr. S. Bloom, 108, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil.

Merthyr Tydfil—Dr. P. E. Cresswell, "Hillside," Dowlais.

Glamorganshire—Dr. S. D. Stewart, "Cilbrwyn," Godrergraig,
Swansea.

Monmouthshire—Dr. A. Brookes, Penylan, Beaufort.

Carmarthenshire—Dr. F. W. Richards, "Glen View," Llandovery.

List of Doctors approved by the Mental Health Services Sub-Committee for the certification of Mental Defectives:—

Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913. Section 5 (2).

- Dr. W. F. W. Betenson, County Medical Officer, Brecon.
 Dr. R. G. Evans, Deputy County Medical Officer, Brecon.
 Dr. C. M. Evans, Assistant County Medical Officer, Brecon.
 Dr. D. Kyle, Glasfryn, Alexandra Road, Brecon.
 Dr. D. F. Cameron, Tynyberllan, Builth Wells.
 Dr. J. K. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells.
 Dr. C. M. Fenn, "Meadow Way," Llanwrtyd Wells.
 Dr. N. E. Melling, "Wenentune," Sennybridge.
 Dr. R. F. Jayne, The Cottage, Talgarth.
 Dr. A. Brookes, Penylan, Beaufort.
 Dr. R. C. Humphreys, Pencader, Crickhowell.
 Dr. H. Beck, The Grange, Cefn Coed.
 Dr. S. Bloom, 108, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil.
 Dr. P. E. Cresswell, Hillside, Dowlais.
 Dr. Margaret Barry, "Avondale," Ystradgynlais.
 Dr. E. W. Jones, Brynhelig, Lower Cwmtwrch.
 Dr. W. Boladz, Avondale, Ystradgynlais.
 Dr. S. D. Stewart, Cilbrwyn, Godrergraig, Swansea.
 Dr. G. W. Farrington, The Hermitage, Brynmawr.
 Dr. R. M. Farrington, The Hermitage, Brynmawr.

The report of Miss Gwendoline Morgan, the Psychiatric Social Worker, is given below:—

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL
 WORK IN BRECONSHIRE FOR THE YEAR**

April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957.

Although there has been an increase in the number of admissions to the Mid-Wales Hospital during the year, there has been a corresponding increase in the numbers who improved sufficiently to return to their home environments. A considerable percentage of those entering hospital are recurrent cases, i.e., patients who experience periodic attacks of mental ill-health, but who, with the help of treatment are able to live fairly normal lives between breakdowns.

After care has been provided whenever ex-patients have indicated a desire for help, companionship or advice concerning domestic and employment problems. During the year, constant use has been made of the Ministry of Labour Rehabilitation Scheme: the Group Rehabilitation Officer has regularly visited the hospital to discuss cases and interview patients who are preparing to return home. One young male patient with a poor home background has been accepted for the Rehabilitation Course—a scheme in which he will be taught a new trade, provided with accommodation and pocket money and finally settled in permanent work.

Matrimonial and personal difficulties have received attention, often with the help of Church Ministers and kindred social services.

The availability of consultation at the Brecon Clinic has often relieved worry and fear and patients are making increasing use of the facilities provided.

Analysis of Work for the Year.

New admissions (of which 15 were certified)	...	37
Patients re-admitted (recurrent cases)	...	25
Patients receiving after care	...	59
Cases referred by other agencies, i.e., Welfare Authorities, Min. Nat. Ins., etc.	...	8
		Visits
Interviews with relatives for the purpose of compiling Case Histories	...	46
After care for psychotic and defective patients	...	315
Matrimonial and Kindred Social Work	...	75
	Total	436

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I am indebted to the Welfare Department for supplying information of work under the National Assistance Act.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

Section 21 (i) (a)—Homes for the Aged—

There are four Homes for the Aged in the County, as follows:—

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	...	15 beds
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	...	15 beds
Cockcroft House, Hay-on-Wye	...	60 beds
Crawshay House, Brynmawr	...	36 beds

At Cockcroft House, an annexe to provide additional ground floor accommodation for 12 infirm residents has been furnished and occupied. Crawshay House, Brynmawr, a specially built Home for the Aged, has been completed, and arrangements for the appointment of staff, admission of residents, etc., are in hand.

Good progress has been made on the adaptations to "The Grove," Ystradgynlais, which, when completed, will provide accommodation for 26 elderly people.

During the year under review, 24 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the County, 8 have been discharged (3 to hospitals). Five residents have died in the Homes.

At present, there is one Breconshire person being maintained in a Home for the Aged, which is administered by a voluntary association.

Section 21 (i) (b)—Provision of Temporary Accommodation—

Temporary accommodation, for persons who are in urgent need thereof, being circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, is provided at Welfare House, Llangattock.

Section 29 (i)—

A scheme for the welfare of handicapped persons, which has been adopted is developing slowly. At present, thirty-four people are so registered. There are three handicapped persons in accommodation provided on behalf of the County Council, by voluntary organisations.

Section 29—Welfare of the Blind, etc.

A whole-time Welfare Officer and Home Teacher of the Blind, and an Uncertificated Assistant, are employed under the scheme for the welfare of blind and partially-sighted persons in the County. The Welfare Officer Home Teacher arranges for the examination by Ophthalmologists of persons who seem to be handicapped by seriously defective eyesight. Such persons are referred to him by the National Assistance Board, Voluntary Organisations, Medical Officers, relatives, etc., or may be discovered by him.

Cases are only added to the County Register of Blind and Partially-sighted Persons after examination and certification by Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons. They are examined at suitable centres throughout the County, or at the Ophthalmologist's consulting rooms, or, when necessary, domiciliary visits are made by Ophthalmologists. Mr. G. W. Hoare, of Newport, examines the majority of cases, but the services of other Ophthalmologists on the borders of the County are sought as occasion demands.

During the year, the Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed Forms B.D. 8 in respect of 66 persons, certifying as follows:—

Blind.	Partially-Sighted.	Not Blind.
33	28	5

Seven of these examinations were recommended re-examinations and produced no change in registration.

There were no cases of Retrolental Fibroplasia reported nor blindness due to Glaucoma without a history of earlier treatment.

The number of Blind and Partially-sighted persons on the Registers as at 31/12/1956 is given below in districts:—

	Blind.		Partially-Sighted.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Brecon Borough ...	10	10	5	3
Brynmaur Urban ...	18	16	5	6
Builth Urban ...	2	4	3	2
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban ...	1	3	—	—
Hay Urban ...	1	2	—	1
Brecon Rural ...	11	15	3	3
Builth Rural ...	2	2	3	2
Crickhowell Rural ...	12	7	3	6
Hay Rural ...	2	7	2	1
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural...	17	11	1	1
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	12	26	5	10
Residing outside the County	3	3	—	—
Totals ...	91	106	30	35

The following table indicates that of the 54 cases added to the Registers, 14 required no treatment, 40 cases required treatment, and of these 30 are known to have received treatment during the year.

A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially-Sighted Persons:

(i) Number of cases registered during the year in respect of which para 7(c) of Form B.D. 8 recommends:

	Causes of Disability.			
	Cataract.	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia.	Others.
(a) No treatment ...	5	3	Nil	7
(b) Treatment (Medical Surgical or Optical)	27	6	Nil	7

(ii) Number of cases at (i) (b) which on follow up action have received treatment ...

18	6	Nil	6
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B. Ophthalmia neonatorum—

There were no cases of Ophthalmia neonatorum notified during the year.

Welfare Officers and Duly Authorised Officers in the County.—

1	*Brynmaur, Llanelly Hill and Crickhowell.	Mr. D. J. Davies, Welfare Offices, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmaur.
2	Vaynor and Penderyn.	Mr. D. W. Chambers, Abertaf, Cefn Coed.
3	Ystradgynlais.	Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
4	*Brecknock and Defynnog.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon.
5	*Hay, Talgarth and Builth.	Mr W. B. Hargest, Mason's Arms, Talgarth.

*Whole-time Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Smallpox Hospitals. — Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patient. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer. The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act, 1946.

Examinations of Staffs—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department are constantly being called upon to undertake, often at short notice, the examination of candidates for various County and Education appointments. This work interferes with the fixed programme and cancellations are frequently having to be made to enable such examinations to be done in order to report the finding to the appropriate Committee.

	Examined.	X-Rayed.
Teachers	... 46	37
College Candidates	... 69	—
Nurses	... 4	1
Nursery Assistant	... 1	1
Canteen Staff	... 11	8
Roadmen	... 34	1
Clerical	... 48	2
Technical and Administrative	... 24	—
Caretakers, Drivers and Manual Workers	... 6	3
Staff of Old People's Homes	... 9	3
Warden — Community Centre	... 2	—
Total	... 254	56

The cost of X-ray Examinations is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is paid by the Ministry of Education.

Table 1.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1956.

Name of District	Population estimated to the middle of the year.		Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District				Deaths of Infants under 4 wks of age		Deaths of Mothers	
	Number	Rate	Live Births		Still Births*		Number	Rate	Under 1 y' of age		Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	Rate per 1000 Births
			Number	Rate	Number	Rate			Number.	Rate per 1000 Live Births				
Brecon Urban	6190	14.53	1	10.98	93	15.02	4	4.44	3	3.33	..	..	..
Brynmawr Urban	6350	15.43	4	39.21	80	12.59	4	4.08	3	3.06	..	..	..
Builth Wells Urban	1566	12.17	1	50.00	20	12.82	1	5.26	1	5.26	..	..	..
Hay Urban	1440	15.96	1	41.66	25	17.96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	520	13.46	2	125.00	12	23.07	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brecon Rural	7440	11.69	1	11.36	93	12.50	2	2.29	2	2.29	..	..	..
Builth Rural	3490	13.75	..	..	41	11.74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crickhowell Rural	8070	14.68	2	16.66	67	8.30	3	2.54	1	0.84	..	..	..
Hay Rural	3680	11.95	..	..	78	21.19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waynor and Penderyn Rural	5980	17.72	1	9.34	72	12.04	2	1.88	2	1.88	..	..	..
Ystradgynlais Rural	11580	15.11	5	27.77	134	11.57	6	3.42	4	2.28	..	..	..
Brecon County	56300	14.65	18	21.35	715	12.29	22	26.66	16	19.39	..	..	..
England and Wales	..	15.7	..	23.0	..	11.7	..	23.8	..	16.9	..	..	..
Brecon County, 1955	56700	15.70	15	17.14	712	12.78	29	33.72	21	24.41	1	1.14	1.14	

*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

Table II.—Vital Statistics.
Causes and Ages at Death during Year 1956.
WHOLE COUNTY.

CAUSES OF DEATH.		All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and under 75 years.	75 and over
ALL CAUSES—Males		417	15	4	...	6	18	97	107	170
Females		298	7	1	3	1	10	54	64	158
Totals		715	22	5	3	7	28	151	171	328
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	6	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	...
2	Tuberculosis, Other	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
3	Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Whooping Cough	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Meningococcal Infections	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Measles	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	18	...	...	...	...	1	7	7	3
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	20	...	...	...	...	2	12	3	3
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	9	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	2
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	5	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	54	...	...	...	...	4	13	16	21
15	Leukaemia: Aleukaemia	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...
16	Diabetes	8	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	3
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	100	...	...	...	...	4	14	28	54
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	99	...	...	...	...	...	23	43	33
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	13	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	7
20	Other Heart Disease	179	...	...	...	1	2	16	31	129
21	Other Circulatory Disease	25	...	...	...	...	1	6	5	13
22	Influenza	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
23	Pneumonia	17	2	...	...	...	2	2	2	9
24	Bronchitis	34	...	...	...	...	...	10	8	16
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	5	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	...
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Congenital Malformations	12	7	2	1	...	...	2	...	...
32	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	48	10	...	...	1	1	16	6	14
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	...	1	...	2	4	1	1	...
34	All Other Accidents	12	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	6
35	Suicide	8	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	1
36	Homicide and Operations of War	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	—

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County.
during the year 1956.

Cause of Death.	URBAN					RURAL						TOTAL
	Brecon	Brynnawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgynlais	
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tuberculosis, Other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Syphilitic Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	1	3	5	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ...	4	5	...	...	...	2	..	2	...	2	5	20
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	2	1	1	...	..	3	...	...	2	...	..	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	5
Other Malignant and Lym- phatic Neoplasms ...	9	3	1	...	1	10	1	6	4	9	10	54
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	2	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	..	3
Diabetes ...	1	2	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	3	8
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	11	10	...	6	2	13	6	10	14	10	18	100
Coronary Disease, Angina ...	11	5	4	2	3	9	3	11	10	17	24	99
Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	1	4	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1	2	13
Other Heart Disease ...	30	16	11	8	2	27	20	16	26	9	14	179
Other Circulatory Disease ...	2	...	...	2	...	4	1	1	4	2	9	25
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	1	...	...	2
Pneumonia ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	2	5	2	...	2	17
Bronchitis ...	3	14	...	...	...	5	...	2	2	4	4	34
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	8	9
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	2	...	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	5
Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	8
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations ...	2	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	5	12
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	2	9	1	4	1	3	2	2	6	9	9	48
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	...	1	1	...	..	2	...	2	1	...	2	9
All Other Accidents ...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	2	3	12
Suicide ...	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	..	..	2	8
Homicide and Operations of War ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	..	2
Totals ...	93	80	20	25	12	93	41	67	78	72	134	715
Totals, 1955 ...	94	63	22	36	8	91	45	83	72	67	131	712

TABLE IV.—Notifiable Diseases, 1956.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Pneumonia.	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).	Erysipelas.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Abortus Fever.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Measles.	Infective Encephalitis.	Whooping Cough.	Salmonella	Malaria (Contracted Abroad).	Tuber- culosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
																Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary				
Brecon Urban	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	10
Brynmawr Urban	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	9	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	40
Builth Wells Urban	1	..	..	..	1
Hay Urban	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	8
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
Brecon Rural	30	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	47
Builth Rural	24	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	26
Hay Rural	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	6
Crickhowell Rural	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	11	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	46
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	22
Ystradgynlais Rural	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	5	..	..	2	8	6	1	..	30
Totals	..	30	..	..	14	2	5	..	..	1	38	1	83	..	..	8	34	18	3	4	241
Total, 1955	..	18	..	..	10	10	3	..	..	1	577	1	104	7	..	8	50	3	1	2	795

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1956, to 31st December, 1956.

		Notification on Form A.											(Total All Ages).		
		Number of Primary Notifications.													
		0 to 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65		65 to 75	75 and upwards
Age Periods	...	0 to 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 to 75	75 and upwards	(Total All Ages).
Respiratory—Males...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	6	5	1	1	1	18
" Females	...	...	1	...	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	12
Non-Respiratory—Males	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	4
Totals ...	...	...	1	4	1	3	5	5	10	6	1	1	1	1	38

Table V.—Summary of the notification of the Health Authorities during the year 1956

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1956.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID											Totals		
	Pre-Natal Visits		First Visits		Total Visits		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-5		Visits to T. B. Households		Others	First Visits Paid to Households during the Year
	First Visits.	Total Visits.	To Children under 1	To Children under 1	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
											First		Total	
Brecon Urban and Rural (Part)	16	8	132	698	10	323	1	312	138	220	44	1902		
Brynmawr Urban	..	3	94	347	26	193	43	312	164	622	1	1805		
Builth Urban and Rural (Part)	..	..	28	180	..	227	5	31	46	99	55	671
Hay Urban and Rural (Part)	..	8	27	246	4	102	2	77	65	1	94	637		
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part)	..	..	29	236	2	159	4	203	55	148	80	916
Brecon Rural & Crickhowell Rural (Part)	2	1	132	1267	10	1216	9	1480	139	149	281	4686		
Brecon Rural (Devynock, etc.)	2	..	27	65	3	69	7	142	45	79	72	501		
Brecon Rural (Part), Merthyr Cynog	1	..	20	208	2	121	4	179	7	23	..	565		
Builth Rural and Hay Rural (Erwood and Llyswen)	..	..	12	145	..	130	2	281	36	45	55	706
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl)	..	..	3	29	..	39	1	45	1	9	3	180
Builth Rural (Llwynradoc)	..	..	12	119	1	49	..	91	14	12	36	334
Builth Rural (Llysdinam, etc.)	..	..	2	19	..	26	..	56	..	..	5	120
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gilwern)	2	..	4	..	1	1	1	1	15	1	..	26		
Crickhowell Rural (Capel-y-fyn)	..	..	3	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	11
Crickhowell Rural (Darenfelen)	..	..	4	31	5	29	..	17	15	29	16	146
Hay Rural & Brecon Rural (Talgarth etc.)	16	138	38	361	2	131	1	134	156	6	277	1260		
Hay Rural (Glasbury and Llanigon)	7	..	32	193	26	132	35	69	84	6	94	679		
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	17	18	163	684	5	388	1	684	222	93	675	2856		
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part)	4	1	96	910	7	666	6	530	160	443	523	3246		
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren)	19	8	72	635	..	306	..	627	137	382	275	2460		
Relief Nurses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	18
TOTALS	97	185	931	6377	105	4197	124	5273	1499	2390	2496	28674		

Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22, of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

(a) Numbers provided with Dental Care:—

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	71	70	87	59
Children under Five	37	35	35	16

(b) Forms of Dental Treatment Provided:—

	Scalings and Gum Treatment	Fillings	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Crowns or Inlays	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Dentures Provided		Radio-graphs
							Full Upper or Lower	Partial Upper or Lower	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	23	76	1	...	320	16	19	32	...
Children under Five	...	25	42	7

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