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H E A L T H R E P O R T
FOR THE YEAR 1954



Medical Officer of Health:

EVAN RICHARDS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor:

PHILLIP VAUGHAN DAVIES, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

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HEALTH REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1904

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Rees and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ended 31st December 1954.

The health of the population remained generally good throughout the year.

Again there were no cases of infectious diseases, other than tuberculosis, notified. Three cases of tuberculosis were notified as against two in the previous year and once again there were no deaths from this disease.

The population figures showed a slight increase (11) on the previous year. There were 12 fewer births and 5 fewer deaths than in the previous year. Deaths from cancer were 2 more than in the previous year.

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EVAN RICHMOND,

District Medical Officer of Health.

DOLGELLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Urban District in Acres	1,127
Rateable Value	£11,847
Population (Registrar General's figures)	2,530
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£45.18.7
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	1,007

Comparability Factors:

Births	1.02
Deaths	0.95

VITAL STATISTICS

Nett Births (Live and Still)	37
Births (Live)	37
Births (Still)	NIL

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 14.62

Live Births: 37.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	14	23
Legitimate	13	22
Illegitimate	1	1

Illegitimate Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births) = 5.4

Deaths:

Total Number	28
Males	Females
14	14
Rate per 1,000 population	11.07
1953 figures	13.10

Deaths of Infants under one Year :

Total	NIL	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	-	-
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births) Nil
1953 figures 83.34

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Live Births) Nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality per 1,000 live births) Nil

Compiled by the County Medical Department
and young children included as Infants

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1,187
211,847
2,880
448,187
1,007

Area of Urban District in Acres
Rateable Value
Population (Registrar General's Figures)
and represented by a Penny Rate
Number of inhabited houses (According to
the Rate Books) at end of year

Commutability Figures.

Deaths 1.02
Births 0.92

VITAL STATISTICS.

Still Births (Still) 37
Deaths (Live) 37
Deaths (Still) 37

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 14.68

Live Births 37

Males		Females	
14	23	13	22
1	1	1	1

Estimated Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births) = 8.4

Infants.

Total Number		Rate per 1,000 Population	
14	22	11.07	12.10
14	22	11.07	12.10

Number of Infants under one Year.

Total		Rate per 1,000 Population	
111	111	11.07	12.10
111	111	11.07	12.10

Deaths of Infants under 4 Weeks:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	NIL	NIL
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-

Maternal Mortality:

Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy NIL

Deaths from Cancer:

Total	6
Rate per 1,000 population	2,37

Deaths from Tuberculosis:

Total	NIL
Rate per 1,000 population	NIL

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority:

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Sanitary Inspector- holding appointment of Sanitary-Inspector-Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Water and Milk samples. Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.
Chemical analysis of Water. The Public Analyst, Chester.

(3) Ambulance Facilities:

County Council Ambulance Depot situated in Dolgelley
3 Ambulances.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics:

Held twice monthly at the Wesleyan Chapel Vestry.

(5) Ante Natal Clinics:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(7) Tuberculosis Clinic:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(8) Diphtheria Immunisation:

Carried out by the County Medical Department.
Babies and young children immunised at Infants' School.

<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 Weeks</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>
1911	2.37
1912	2.37

Deaths from Tuberculosis:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>
1911	1.11
1912	1.11

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

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 One Medical Officer of Health.
 One Sanitary Inspector holding appointment of Sanitary-Inspector-Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory Facilities:

Water and Milk analyses. Public Health Laboratory, Adaravayy.
 Chemical analysis of water. The Public Analyst, Chasser.

(3) Ambulance Facilities:

County Council Ambulance Depot situated in Dolgellau.
 2 Ambulances.

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(5) And Maternal Clinics:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgellau Cottage Hospital.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinics:

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(7) Tubercular Clinics:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgellau Cottage Hospital.

(8) Diphtheria Immunizations:

Carried out by the County Medical Department.
 Babies and young children immunized at Infants' School.

(9) Hospitals.

One fully equipped Cottage Hospital.

(10) Infectious Diseases.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year	NIL
Scarlet Fever	NIL
Bacillary Dysentery	NIL
Whooping Cough	NIL
Measles	NIL
Infantile Paralysis	NIL

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases

Pulmonary:	Total 2.		
	Males 1.	Females 1.	
Non-Pulmonary:	Total 1		
	Males NIL	Females 1	

Tuberculosis Deaths

Pulmonary:	Total NIL		
	Males -	Females -.	
Non-Pulmonary:	Total NIL		
	Males -	Females -	

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1954 in age groups.

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>			
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0						
1						
2						
5						
10				1		
15						
20						
25		1				
35						
45						
55	1					
65						
75						
Total	1	1	1			

(a) Hospital.

One fully equipped Cottage Hospital.

(b) Infectious Diseases.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year

WIL
WIL
WIL
WIL
WIL
WIL

Scarlet fever
Diphtheria
Whooping cough
Measles
Infectious Parotitis

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases

Primary: Total M. Males F.
Non-Primary: Total M. Males F.

Tuberculous Deaths

Primary: Total M. Males F.
Non-Primary: Total M. Males F.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1924 in age groups.

New Cases Deaths

Age Period	New Cases		Deaths	
	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory
0				
1-4				
5-9				
10-14				
15-19				
20-24				
25-29				
30-34				
35-39				
40-44				
45-49				
50-54				
55-59				
60-64				
65-69				
70-74				
75-79				
80-84				
85-89				
90-94				
95-99				
Total				

CAUSES OF DEATH 1954

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-
Cancer Stomach.....	3	2
" Lung	-	-
" Breast	-
" Other sites	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	2	1
Coronary disease, angina.....	3	-
Hypertension with heart disease.....	-	1
Other heart diseases.....	1	2
Other circulatory disease.....	-	1
Influenza.....	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-
Bronchitis.....	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum.....	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.....	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents.....	-	-
All other accidents.....	-	1
Suicide.....	-	-
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms.....	-	1
Diabetes.....	-	-
Congenital malformations.....	1	-
TOTAL:	14	14

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action found necessary during 1954.

CAUSES OF DEATH 1984

N.	M.	
-	-	Tuberculosis Pulmonary
-	-	Acute Polyomyelitis
2	3	Cancer Stomach
-	-	" Lung
-	-	" Breast
-	-	" Other sites
1	2	Vascular lesions of nervous system
-	3	Coronary disease, angina
1	-	Hypertension with heart disease
2	1	Other heart diseases
1	-	Other circulatory diseases
-	-	Influenza
-	-	Pneumonia
1	2	Bronchitis
-	-	Other diseases of respiratory system
-	1	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
-	-	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
2	-	Hepatitis and nephrosis
2	1	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
-	-	Motor vehicle accidents
1	-	All other accidents
-	-	Grades
1	-	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms
-	-	Diabetes
-	1	Congenital malformations
		TOTAL
		14

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action found necessary during 1984.

GENERAL.HOUSING.

During the year 1954, two Council Houses on the Froheulog Site were completed and occupied by tenants previously living under unsatisfactory conditions.

Construction was commenced on four new dwellings at the Arddfawr Site, the Council have been unable to proceed during the year with their major scheme for housing at Penycaeau owing to difficulties that have arisen in the acquisition of the necessary land from the Hospital Authorities.

One private dwelling was completed and occupied during the year.

A large number of applications for housing are in hand, many are from persons living in unsatisfactory conditions within the Urban District.

Housing Act, 1949, Section 20. Grants for Improvement and Conversion

Three applications for grant for improvement works were received during the year and approved at the rate of 50% of the approved cost, two are in respect of owner occupied dwellings and one by an owner in respect of a tenanted dwelling.

Particulars of other action taken are given below:-

Defects or nuisances found	85
Number abated	51
In most defects not abated causes are due to inherent defects in old premises.	
Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal notices	13

Proceedings under Public Health Act.

Statutory notices served	NIL
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Proceedings under the Housing Acts.

No. of properties regarding which notices of Time and Place under Section 11 were served	2
Voluntary undertaking accepted	2
Dwelling rendered fit before reletting	NIL

In one case a dwelling in respect of which notice had been served and voluntary undertaking accepted in 1953, was reoccupied subject to repairs being effected and other conditions complied with.

Housing Management.

General maintenance and painting work has been carried out on all Council Houses during the year by direct labour.

REPAIRS

During the year 1964, two Council Houses on the Troon Road were completed and occupied by tenants previously living under unsatisfactory conditions.

Construction has commenced on four new dwellings at the Ardross. Also, the Council have been unable to proceed during the year with their major scheme for housing at Troon owing to difficulties that have arisen in the acquisition of the necessary land from the Local Authorities.

The private dwelling was completed and occupied during the year.

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Three applications for grants for improvement works were received during the year and approved at the rate of 50% of the approved cost. Two were in respect of owner occupied dwellings and one by an owner in respect of a tenanted dwelling.

Particulars of other action taken are given below:-

85	Defects or nuisances found
81	Removal notices
	In cases where the local authority are the owners of the premises, the relevant notices are issued in the
13	Number of dwellings concerned in the
	enforcement of internal notices

Proceedings under Public Health Act

Nil	Statutory notices served
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Proceedings under the Housing Act

	No. of properties regarding which notices
	of time and place under Section 11 were
3	served
3	Voluntary undertakings accepted
Nil	Dwellings rendered fit before receiving

In one case a dwelling in respect of which notice had been served and voluntary undertaking accepted in 1963, was reoccupied subject to repairs being effected and other conditions complied with.

General Management

General maintenance and painting work has been carried out on all Council Houses during the year by direct labour.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Twice weekly collections of household refuse were made on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year. Tipping was continued at the site leased by the Council at Coed Ffriddarw. Owing to the fact that it is open to the public considerable nuisance and unsightliness has arisen due to unauthorised indiscriminate tipping by private individuals. Negotiations are in hand with the lessor for fencing the tip to facilitate control.

The scheme for the hiring of refuse bins was discontinued during the year owing to difficulties in administration, in particular in recovering rentals.

Verminous Premises.

One dwelling was disinfested during the year.

Public Conveniences.

The Council continue to provide Public Conveniences for both sexes at the Gae Marian Park and a urinal for males only near the County Hall. These are cleansed daily.

Owing to persistent damage and abuse and in view of the proximity of alternative accommodation the Trustees of the Marian Mawr have during the year demolished the urinal previously provided by them and maintained by arrangement with the Council.

Sewerage.

The sewerage system of the town continues to function generally satisfactorily, a considerable number of blockages have however occurred on the new sewer provided in connection with the Council's Housing Site at Ffriddarw. The main sewers have been periodically inspected baited for rats and flushed during the year.

Meat and Food Inspection.

Carcases, Part Carcases and Organs Condemned.

	<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Carcases including all organs	1	-	7	4	12
Part hindquarters	1	-	1	-	2
Heads only	1	-	-	1	2
Organs (various)	1	-	5	-	6

Diseases.

	<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Emaciation	1	-	1	-	2
Abscesses	2	-	-	-	2
Extensive Bruising	3	-	-	-	3
Urticaria	-	-	-	5	5
Actinomyccosis	1	-	-	-	1
Cedemia	1	-	-	-	1
Dropsy	1	-	-	-	1

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Weekly collection of household refuse was made on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year. Tipping was continued as the site owned by the Council at Good Field. Owing to the fact that it is now in the public ownership and maintenance and cleanliness has been improved by the Council's refuse collectors. The refuse collectors are in contact with the Council for the purpose of maintaining control.

The scheme for the hiring of refuse bins was discontinued during the year owing to difficulties in administration, in particular in recovering rentals.

Refuse Premises

The building was disinfected during the year.

Public Conveniences

The Council continues to provide Public Conveniences for both sexes at the Old Market Park and a special for males only near the Gully Hill. These are cleaned daily.

Owing to persistent damage and also in view of the proximity of the Public Conveniences to the houses of the Old Market Park, the Council has decided to provide a special for males only near the Gully Hill. The year detailed the actual provision provided by them and compared by arrangement with the Council.

General

The average number of the year continues to fluctuate generally but a considerable number of bicycles have however been reported as having been parked in connection with the Council's Refuse Site at Good Field. The main causes have been periodically inspected during the year and reported during the year.

Gas and Fuel Installation

Gas, Water, Port, Gas, and Organ Connections.

	Gas	Water	Port	Organ	Total
Gas	1	-	-	-	1
Water	1	1	-	-	2
Port	1	1	-	-	2
Organ	1	1	-	-	2
Total	4	2	-	-	6

Refuse

	Gas	Water	Port	Organ	Total
Gas	1	-	-	-	1
Water	1	1	-	-	2
Port	1	1	-	-	2
Organ	1	1	-	-	2
Total	4	2	-	-	6

Food and Drugs Act 1938.

Condemnation of other foodstuffs unfit for human consumption.

The following were condemned and removed for destruction.

129 tins Assorted Fruits.	55lbs Cooked Meat.
23 tins Soup.	10 lbs Black Pudding.
60 tins. Assorted Vegetables.	44 tins. Assorted Fish.
12 lbs. Apples.	2 stone Kippers.
11 Jars. Pickles.	1 Box Herrings.
26 tins. Meat.	7 Packages Cooking Fats.

Water Supply.

The supply has been adequate, a total of 96.84 ins of rainfall being recorded during the year.

The supply is obtained mainly from a lake (Llyn Cynwch top water level 732 OD), there is in addition a supplementary source which collects mountain spring water from the slopes of Moel Offrwm into a small covered reservoir (top water level 464 OD).

During the year 68 bacteriological samples of water were taken as follows:-

Llyn Cynwch	17
Service Reservoirs	17
Supplementary Source	15
Consumer taps	19

During the year the lake supply has shown absence of B.Coli and Faecal coli except after heavy rainstorms, at such times chlorination has been effected. From consumer taps all samples were found to be satisfactory. The chlorination arrangements are not entirely satisfactory and necessitate very frequent attention when in operation.

The Supplementary source has from sampling been found to be very liable to surface contamination and for this reason for the greater part of the year has been shut off from the main supply.

During the year the main laid by the Dolgelley Rural District Council to supply Penmaenpool was completed and a bulk supply commenced from the Urban District Undertaking.

Following complaints that properties in elevated parts of the district were only receiving intermittent supply the mains pressure has been increased so as to ensure a satisfactory supply.

During the year additional precautions to safeguard the source of Llyn Cynwch were taken and a number of notice boards erected along the public path leading along the north side of the lake.

Two properties in the outlying part of the Urban District and one in the district of the Dolgelley Rural District Council all hitherto supplied from a private source were connected to the Council's mains during the year.

Additional stand pipes were provided for the hamlet of Pandyrodyn near the western boundary of the district.

Condensation of other materials which for human consumption. The following were contained and removed for destruction.

150 lbs. Assorted Fruit.	50 lbs. Assorted Fruit.
25 lbs. Soup.	10 lbs. Assorted Fruit.
60 lbs. Assorted Vegetables.	44 lbs. Assorted Fruit.
12 lbs. Apples.	2 cans Apples.
11 lbs. Apples.	1 box Apples.
28 lbs. Apples.	7 packages Cooking Potatoes.

Water Supply.

The supply has been abundant, a total of 28.84 lbs of water being recorded during the year.

The supply is obtained mainly from a lake (Llyn Gwynn) top water level 732 OD. There is in addition a supplementary source which collects mountain spring water from the slopes of Moel Gwynn into a small covered reservoir (top water level 402 OD).

During the year 28 meteorological samples of water were taken as follows:-

17	Llyn Gwynn
18	Services Reservoir
19	Supplementary Reservoir
20	Conwy Reservoir

During the year the water supply has shown abundance of B.Coli and faecal coli counts were very low. At such times chlorination has been effected. From numerous taps all samples were found to be satisfactory. The chlorination arrangements are not strictly satisfactory and necessitate very frequent attention when in operation.

The supplementary source has from sampling been found to be very liable to surface contamination and for this reason for the greater part of the year has been shut off from the main supply.

During the year the main tank in the Dolgellau Rural District Council's supply reservoir was completed and a main supply connection from the Urban District Undertaking.

Following complaints that properties in elevated parts of the district were only receiving intermittent supply the main pressure has been increased so as to ensure a satisfactory supply.

During the year additional precautions to safeguard the supply of Llyn Gwynn were taken and a number of notice boards erected along the public path leading along the north side of the lake.

Two properties in the outlying part of the Urban District and one in the district of the Dolgellau Rural District Council all supplied from a private source were connected to the Council's main supply during the year.

Additional stand pipes were provided for the hamlet of Penybryn near the western boundary of the district.

Milk Supply.

Dealers licenced to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	1
Persons licenced to carry on the trade of Milk Distributors.	2

Ice Cream Premises.

No. of manufacturing retailers registered	3
No. of other retailers registered	1
No. of new applications (sale only)	1

Rodent Control.

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No. of properties inspected	468
No. of properties found infested	46
Treated by the Local Authority	46
No. of block control scheme carried out	6

Factories.

No. of premises registered within the district under the Factories Act	<u>52</u>
No. inspected re sanitary conveniences	21
No. inspected re cleanliness	10
No. inspected re means of escape in case of fire	5
Defects found	7
Defects remedied	7

Cemetery.

During the year the Council assumed control of the Dolgelly Cemetery.

During the year there were 24 interments.

River Pollution.

The rivers Arran and Odyn which flow through the district are polluted by the illicit dumping of garden and house refuse by private individuals. An approach has been made to the Gwynodd River Board without success with a view to securing co-operative action to prevent further pollution.

Milk Supply

1 Dealers licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk
2 Farmers licensed to carry on the trade of
Milk Distributors.

Ice Cream Factories

3 No. of manufacturing retailers registered
4 No. of other retailers registered
5 No. of new applications (sale only)

Robent Control

Report for twelve months ending 31st March 1955

489 No. of properties inspected
45 No. of properties found infected
45 Treated by the Local Authority
8 No. of black control schemes carried out

Factories

No. of premises registered within the district
under the Factories Act

52
21
10
5
7
7

No. inspected to sanitary arrangements
No. inspected to cleanliness
No. inspected to means of escape in case of fire
Defects found
Defects remedied

Comptrol

During the year the Comptrol examined control of the Deficiency
Comptrol.

During the year there were 24 inspections.

River Pollution

The Rivers Act and other legislation through the districts are
enforced by the District Council, Gwynedd and various other
authorities. An approach has been made to the Gwynedd River Board
without success with a view to securing co-operative action to
prevent further pollution.