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Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1965.

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Hay Rural District Council

#### Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Hay Rural District for the year 1965.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included comments on all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/66 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Inhabited Houses. The number of inhabited houses was 1027 giving an average number of 3.5 persons per house.

Population.

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last ten years are shown below: -

1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1963.	1963.	1964.	1965.
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The corrected birthrate was 20.3. The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.0. The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also higher than the district deathrate.

Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.
	39.	35.	74.	21.3.

The corrected deathrate was 9.5. The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.5. The district rate was therefore lower than the national average and also lower than the birthrate.

Still Births. There were no still births registered during the year. The national still birth rate was 15.7 per 1000 live and still births.

Maternal Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to childbirth which was very satisfactory.

Maternal Mortality Rate ..... 0.

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Respiratory tuberculosis
Other forms tuberculosis 0.
Cancer

Causes of Deaths.	Males	Females 35.
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Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1.
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Malignant neoplasm, uterus		
Other malignant neoplasms		
Diabetes		
Vascular lesions, nervous system		
Coronary disease	13	•••••
Other heart disease		
Other circulatory disease		1.
Preumonia.		
Bronchitis		
Other diseases, respiratory diseases		
Ulcer stomach	0	
Gastritis	0	
Nephritis		
Other defined causes	0	
Motor Vehicle accidents		
All other accidents		

# Section 2. General Provisions of Health Service.

Public Health Officers. There were no changes in your public health officers, Mr. W.D. Morgans remaining as your Public Health Inspector. Owing to the absence from illness of Mr. W.D. Morgan for the greater part of the year, valuable assistance was given by Mr. Davies, Surveyor and the P.H.I's of Brecknock R.D.C.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea, Aberystwyth and Brecon. All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Cardiff.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and nursing facilities. The County also administer the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, eye, dental and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all diseases apart from infectious disease are provided by the Brecon War Memorial Hospital. A certain number of cases are also admitted to Hereford Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital and Hereford Isolation Hospitals receive cases of infectious disease.

For the treatment of smallpox arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.

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## Section 4 - Sanitary Circumstances

### Water Supplies

The Council own 10 water supplies serving the villages and hamlets of the district. There are 8 private supplies which serve some 6 properties or more and there are 182 supplies which serve 5 properties or less, and of these 96 are piped supplies; the remainder being either wells, springs or pumps.

Owing to the rainfall being above average during the summer no restrictions on consumption were necessary on any of the supplies.

The position in each parish is as follows: -

#### Aberllynfi Parish

The northern half of this village is supplied with water from springs near Lodge Farm; the water is untrooted and is supplied by gravitation.

The southern half of the village is supplied from the reservoir at V-Jinder via Gwerny fed Supply. The water is filtered and chlorinated. Seven samples were taken during the year: 4 samples being unsatisfactory and 3 satisfactory.

#### Bronllys Parish

There are two public supplies in this parish. One is owned by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board and serves the Sanatorium and houses belonging thereto. The other is owned by the Hay R.D.C. and serves most of the remaining properties in the parish.

The water is collected from springs to a small service reservoir, the whole being by gravitation. The supply is augmented from the Talgarth supply when required.

There are 13 other small private supplies in the parish serving individual farms from springs and wells.

No samples were taken during the year.

#### Talgarth Parish.

There are three main public supplies in this parish.

One is owned by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board and serves the Mid-Wales Mental Hospital and houses belonging thereto. The other two supplies are owned by the Council.

The larger of the Council's supplies serves 412 properties in Talgarth; this being received as an overflow from the Mental Hospital and is filtered and chlorinated.

The smaller of the Council's supplies serves the hamlet of Trefecca of 29 dwellings. The water is collected from springs to a small service reservoir and is chlorinated by the drip-feed method.

In addition to the above there are 41 private supplies in the parish of which some 33 are piped serving individual farms. Five samples were taken during the year; two being unsatisfactory and three satisfactory. 8 samples were taken from private sources in connection with proposed new piped supplies.

#### Llanelieu Parish

There are 16 properties in this parish; 11 being in the Wye Valley and 5 in the Usk Valley, and all have private supplies from various sources.

# Glynfach Parish (and Usk Valley portion of Tregoyd & Velindre Parish)

There are 17 properties in this area and all have private supplies from various sources; 10 being small piped supplies and 7 being springs or wells.

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There are 10 small private supplies in this parish and 8 of these are piped supplies.

No samples were taken from the Council supply during the year.

One sample was taken from a private supply and this was satisfactory.

The Council also own the supply which serves the hamlet of Fford Laes. Water is pumped by Ram from Llwynfilly Farm to a small reservoir and filter tank situated above the hamlet,

No samples were taken from this supply during the year.

#### Llyswen Parish

The Council own the supply serving the village of Llyswen. Water is collected from two spring sources and is chlorinated by the drip-feed method. This supply also serves the village of Boughrood in Radnorshire; water being piped across Boughrood Bridge over the River Wye.

One sample was taken during the year and this was satisfactory.

#### Pipton Parish

There is no Council supply in this parish. There were 11 private supplies serving individual properties of which 8 are piped; the others being either springs or wells.

#### Hay Rural Parish

14 properties in this parish obtain water from the Llanigon Supply. There are 15 private supplies serving individual properties and 9 of these are piped.

#### Tregoyd & Velindre Parish

Most of the properties in this parish are served from the Council's reservoir at Velindre where the water is sand filtered and chlorinated. Water from this reservoir is also supplied to Gwernyfed, Three Cocks and Glasbury, and also augments the Glasbury (Radnorshire) supply in times of shortage. Of the 130 dwellings in this parish, 119 have water laid on.

Seven samples were taken during the year; 4 being unsatisfactory and 3 satisfactory.

Many of the properties in the village of Glasbury (Breconshire) are supplied with water from a private source at Tyruched; part of this supply is augmented by an overflow of the Council's hydraulic ram supply at Llwynfilly Farm in Llanigon Parish.

One sample was taken during the year and this was unsatisfactory.

Three samples from private supplies were taken; one being satisfactory and two unsatisfactory.

#### Hay Area Water Scheme

The contractors appointed for carrying out this scheme were Messrs. Grocock & Day of Leicester who started work during the year. The construction of a number of service reservoirs were undertaken and sections of mains laid in the Hay Rural and Painscastle Rural Districts and satisfactory progress has been maintained. Tenders have been invited for the Treatment Works at Llanbwchllyn Lake and River Wye intakes and exploratory soundings taken of the bed of the Lake. This supply, when completed, will serve all the villages and hamlets in the Council's District.

#### Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board

The Board was formed in August 1965 and will take over all existing and proposed schemes 1st April 1966 when the Rural District Council will cease to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

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Aberllynfi	44	150	0	0
Bronllys	111	388	0	0
Talgarth	441	1543	0	0
Llanelieu	0	0	0	0
Glynfach	0	0	0	0
Llanigon	42	147	0	0
Hay Rural	14	48	0	0
Llyswen	56	195	0	0
Pipton	0	0	0	0
Tregoyd & Velindre	119	415	1	2

The humber of properties served from public mains and population is given in the Table below:-

#### Sewerage and Drainage

#### Talgarth

The Council's Consulting Engineers submitted further plans for the new sewage disposal works for the town of Talgarth which is to be sited on land owned by the Council to the north of the town and will also receive sewage from the village of Bronllys. An Engineering Inquiry was held by the Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing & Local Government into the proposed scheme and further details are now being prepared for submission to the Welsh Office.

Approval to the scheme has been granted by the Breconshire County Council, County Planning Officer and Wye River Authority.

#### Bronllys

The sewage from this village will be piped to the new works to be constructed at Talgarth of which information is given in the preceeding paragraph.

#### Three Cocks

Work on the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this village was started during the Autumn and by the end of the year about one third of the sewers were laid and the sewage works site excavated in preparation for building.

#### Llanigon

The Council's Consulting Engineers submitted plans and particulars of the proposed sewerage and sewage disposal works for this village during the year. These were sent to the Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing & Local Government who have requested further information in order that consideration can be given to the Council's proposals. The County Planning Officer submitted observations on the prospect of future development in the village and the Breconshire County Council agreed to offer no objections to the scheme.

#### Ffordlaes

The Council have decided not to proceed with a sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for this small hamlet for the time being.

#### Trefecca

Improvements to this small sewage disposal works have been carried out by direct labour during the year.

#### Llyswen

The sewerage and sewage disposal works in this village have been working satisfactorily throughout the year.

The Council's workmen have undertaken modifications and repairs to the sewage disposal works at "Wyelands" Llyswen.

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#### General

A sewage works maintenance team employed by the Council comprises two workmen with a small van and these carry out similar duties for Hay U.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. Regular inspections and maintenance is carried out to all village sewage works and the small septic tank units serving the Council's housing estates.

#### Public Cleaning

Refuse is collected once weekly in Talgarth, Bronllys, Llyswen, Pipton, Aberllynfi, Tregoyd & Velindre, Llanigon and the parish of Hay Rural. Some of the outlying properties of the district have a monthly collection including Pengenffordd and Capel-y-ffin.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping in the Council's tip near Talgarth Mental Hospital.

The service is undertaken by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with Hay U.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

#### Sanitary Inspection of the area

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1965:-

#### Nuisances

Number of	complaints received
Number of	complaints investigated28.
Number of	premises inspected
Number of	premises re-visited
	Preliminary Notices served - Sanitary Defects
Number of	Abatement Notices served0.

Offensive Trades There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

#### Caravan Sites

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district, one is situated at Bronllys and the other at Llyswen.

The site at Bronllys is licensed for holiday caravans and up to a maximum of 14 residential caravans. Part of the site is also used as a camping site for tents.

The site at Llyswen is licensed for a maximum of 23 holiday caravans but it has not been brought into use.

Number of visits to caravan sites .....12.

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## Rent Control

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Number of premises	inspected during 1965	526.
Number of premises	found infested	167.
Number of premises	treated by the Rodent Operator	131.
Number of premises	treated by the Occupier	36.
Estimated number of	f rats killed in 19651	754.
Number of dead rate	s picked up in 1965	639.

The sewers in Talgarth, Bronllys, Trefecca, Velindre and Llyswen were test baited in June but "no takes" were recorded.

#### Section 5 - Housing

At the 31st December 1965 there were 80 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses or bungalows as follows:-

Parish	Number of Applicants	Number of Bungalows	bedrooms 2	required 3
Aberllynfi	19	10	4	5
Bronllys	13	2	7	4
Llanigon	6	3	i	2
Llyswen	5	3	2	0
Talgarth	32	12	11	9
Velindre .	5	2	1	2
	80	32	26	22

12 of the above applicants were living in rooms and 4 in caravans.

There are 205 Council houses in the district.

There were 5 private houses erected in 1965 making a total of 57 since 1945.

#### Future Housing Programme

The Council have on hand proposals to erect the following Council houses and bungalows:-

Planning permission has been granted for all the sites. The Council own the land at Velindre and Gwernyfed Park and were in the process of purchasing the land at Llanigon and Talgarth. A tender was approved for the dwelling at Velindre and Gwernyfed Park and it is anticipated that erection will be commenced early in 1966. Tenders were also expected to be submitted for the dwellings at Llanigon and Talgarth at an early date so that construction could proceed during 1966.

The Council also propose to erect houses and bungalows in the village of Bronllys but this has been held up pending an Appeal to the Minister against a condition imposed by the Breconshire County Council on the proposed means of access to the site.

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# Housing Grants

4 Discretionary Grants were approved during the year for a total of £1,170. One Standard Grant was approved for a maximum of £155.

#### Housing Act 1957

	Number of houses demolished	
2).	Number of unfit houses closed	2.
3).	Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied	0.
4).	Number of unfit houses in temporary use	0.
5).	Number of houses unfit at the end of 1965	40.

## Section 6

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

Milk There are two dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurised and sterilised milk and these operate from dairies outside the district; one being in the Hay Urban District and the other in Brecon Borough.

#### Meat

There is one slaughterhouse situated at Cross House, Talgarth, and owned by Mr. W.J. George.

Animals killed and inspected :-

Cattle	 210
Calves	 1.
Sheep	 880.
Pigs	 332.

Foods condemned (from shops):-	26 lbs cooked meat. 28 tins (miscellaneous foods)
	3 frozen chickens 7 chicken portions (in bags)

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in part

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	210	l	880	332	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	1	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	0	18	4	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	4.2	0	2.04	1.5	0
Tuberculosis only Cysticercosis only			one		

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Crewestion of Meat and Other Foods

There are two dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. perteurised and stardlised milk and these operate from dairies outside the district; one being in the Hey. Urban District and the other in Brecon Borough.

Ment There is one slaughterhouse situated at Stons House, Telgarth, and ouncd by Hr. W.J. George. Number of impections to the slaughterhouse

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For Preparation Rooms	(including bak	ehouses).					
Number of inspections n	made	•••••				9.	
Ice-cream Premises							
Number of inspections . There are 20 retailers is carried out in the d	selling pre-pa						rioem
Fried Fish Shops						-	
Number of inspections .					•••••	9.	
There is only one fried	i rish and chip	snop in	the disci	trict.			
Shops. There are 26 sho be classified as		in food i	n the dis	strict ar	d these	may	
Grocers Grocers/Confecti Confectioners/To Bakers	ioners obacconists		3. 4.				
Cafes			5.				
Greengrocers Butchers							
Fish and Chips		••••••	1.				
Number of inspections n Preliminary notices set							
During the year no case	es of notifiabl	e infecti	ous disea	ase were	reported	l to me.	
	County Council Hospital, Swan						
tracing of contacts and County Council.							
Tuberculosis. The follo 1965 and	owing details s recent years.	how the p	position	as regar	ds tuber	culosis	in
Number of cases on regi	ister at commen	cement of	year			30.	
Number of fresh cases r Number of cases removed	notified during	the year	•••••	•••••		2.	
Number of cases removed	d due to removal	l from dia	strict			0.	
Number of cases removed Number of cases left or							
			-	_			
The number of cases not	tified during r	ecent yea	rs is she	own below	r: -		
1955. 1956. 1957.	1958. 1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.
31 10. 2.	13. 12.	8.	6.	6.	3.	3.	2.
Both of the fresh cases	were transfer	s from oth	her dist	ricts.			
		APPENDIX					
	Factories	Acts 193	7 to 1959	9			
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ME THE RURAL DISTRICT OF H					E TEAR	1903 POR	
Prescribed Particulars	on the Adminis	tration of	f the Fac	ctories A	ct, 193	2	

Grocers.....10. Proliminary motions served ..... Dovies sectors Rusher of freeh eases nothiled Suring the year ....... Mumber of cases left on register at end of year .....??. .8

## Hay Rural District

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

1.	INSPECTIONS for purpos	es of provisions	as	to health	(including	inspections
	made by Public Health	Inspectors.				

	Number on			
Premises	Register	Inspect ions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	13	5	-	-
<pre>iii.Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)</pre>	-	-	-	-
Total	16	8	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars	Number	of cases were for	in which und Referr		Number of cases in which prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.M.	By H.M. Inspector	were instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	ı	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)	-	_	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	1	1	_	1	_
<ul><li>(a) Insuitable or defective</li></ul>	1	1	_	_	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	-	1	-
There was no out-work don	e during ·	the year	Т.	rs faithful C.R. GEORG	Ε,

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			(4)		
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14. Partories not included in (1) witch Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority				-	
111.Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- terdare)	-	-		-	
			-	-	

2. Cases in which DEFETS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more

no environce sampled							
					presecutions		
	Found			By H.E. Inspector			
			Inspector	Inspactor			
				101			
Want of cleantinens(8.1)				-			
		-					
Unreastanble tamparature(S. 3)							
		-					
ventiletion(S.L)					-		
(a) Tisturfort	1	1	-				
(b) Unsultable or							
			-				
(a) Not asparate for							
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Tours faithfully,							