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Hay Urban District Council

Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1964

Officials.

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Public Health Inspector.....W.D. Morgans, C.R.S.H.

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 The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 10.1
 The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and
 was higher than the district death rate.

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 and lower than the district birthrate.

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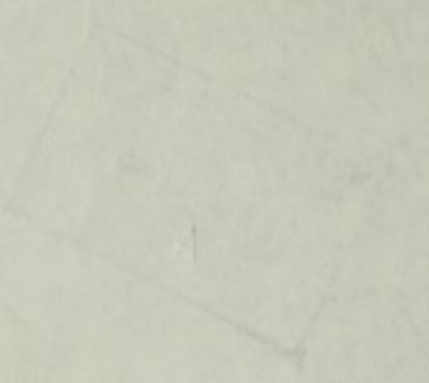
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Infants Dying. There were no deaths registered during the year
 in a child of under one year of age.
 Infant Mortality Rate.....
 Infant Mortality Rate for whole of England and Wales.....

Normal Deaths. 24 deaths during the year could be attributed to
 child birth, which was very satisfactory.
 Normal Mortality Rate.....

Infants Living. The number of illegitimate babies was 26 giving an
 average number of 1.7 persons per home.



The United States Bureau of
 Health
 National Bureau of Health
 for the year 1904

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Hay Urban District

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

1964

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Hay Urban District during the year 1964.

In 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 1/65(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....370 acres.

Population.

Census 1931.....	1509.
Census 1951.....	1452.
Census 1961.....	1321.
Estimated Midsummer 1964.....	1320.

The Registrar General's estimated population for each of the last ten years is shown below:

1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964.

1450. 1440. 1420. 1430. 1420. 1410. 1310. 1310. 1320. 1320.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
Legitimate	15.	7.	22.	
Illegitimate	1.	0.	1.	
	16.	7.	23.	17.4

The corrected birthrate was 21.2

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.4

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also higher than the district death rate.

Illegitimacy. The number of registered illegitimate births was one.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
	17.	9.	26.	19.6

The corrected deathrate was 13.7

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.3

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but lower than the district birthrate.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 live & still births</u>
	0.	0.	0.	0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 16.3

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Infantile Mortality. There were no deaths registered during the year in a child of under one year of age.

Total Mortality Rate.....	0.
Mortality Rate for whole of England and Wales.....	20.9

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

Maternal Mortality Rate.....	0.
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Inhabited Houses. The number of inhabited houses was 493 giving an average number of 2.7 persons per house.

Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....	Nil.
Respiratory tuberculosis.....	Nil.
Other forms tuberculosis.....	Nil.
Cancer.....	One.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths.

Males.....17. Females.....9.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm,uterus.....	0.....	1.....
Vascular lesions,nervous system.....	3.....	2.....
Coronary disease.....	5.....	1.....
Hypertension with heart disease.....	0.....	1.....
Other heart disease.....	5.....	2.....
Other circulatory disease.....	1.....	1.....
Other defined causes.....	2.....	1.....
Motor vehicle accidents.....	1.....	0.....

Mortuary and Post Mortem Facilities. During the year, with the kind co-operation of the County Welfare Committee, a room at Cockcroft house continued to be used. Post mortem examinations can also be carried out in the same building. Hay R.D.C. also use this building for the same purposes. Towards the end of the year, alternative post mortem facilities were discussed.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services.

Public Health Officers. There were no changes in your public health officers during the year, Mr. W.D. Morgens remaining as your Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Hereford, Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea 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 at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Hereford.

All the milk testing was done by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and home nursing services. The County also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics, where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria 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 Hereford Hospital and Brecon War Memorial Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital receive cases of infectious disease.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supplies. The domestic water supply for the town is collected from springs and streams and piped to storage reservoirs, the water is then filtered and chlorinated by drip-feed method and the whole system is by gravitation.

The two sand filters at the Hay Common works were cleaned out twice during the year and clean washed sand added.

1964 was a very dry year, the rainfall being well below average and this necessitated turning off the Hay Common supply at nighttime from 21st. July until 1st. November. The quantity in storage dropped to a very low level in October and pumping was carried out with equipment loaned by Cardiff Corporation and this prevented daytime restrictions being imposed.

Number of inspections to water supplies.....	11.
Number of samples taken.....	39.
Number of samples satisfactory.....	22.
Number of samples suspicious.....	4.
Number of samples unsatisfactory.....	13.
Number of houses in the district.....	493.
Number of houses supplied with Council water.....	491.

Hay and Painscastle Area Water Scheme. Tenders were received for Contract 1 for this scheme which included Exploratory Works at the various sites of the proposed pumping stations and reservoirs and along the routes of the water main. The work was carried out and report submitted to the Council by the Consulting Engineers. Plans and schedules of boreholes were forwarded to the Brecon and Radnor County Councils, Post Office Telephones Department and Electricity Board and approval for this work was received from these authorities. The plan showing farm supplies at Llanbwchllyn Lake was also submitted and the positions of drinking troughs etc. had been agreed with farmers concerned.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government gave approval to the obtaining of tenders for the whole of the scheme and the Consulting Engineers invited tenders for the Treatment Plant at Llyswen and Llandilo-Graban. Tenders were also invited and obtained for laying of the mains and constructions of reservoirs and pumping stations.

The Radnorshire County Council have granted planning permission for the reservoirs, pumping stations and treatment plant in the Painscastle Rural District.

Drainage and Sewerage. Hay Sewage Disposal Scheme.

A Public Inquiry was held during the year into the Council's proposal to construct a Sewage Disposal Works on land in the parish of Cusop near the River Wye. This dealt with planning objections, Compulsory Purchase and Engineering details. The Minister of Housing and Local Government gave approval to the scheme and further engineering details are being prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers.

Public Cleansing. Twice weekly collection of house and trade refuse is carried out in the town. This service is undertaken by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with Hay R.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector. The refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Hay and Clyro refuse tips.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1964.

<u>Nuisances.</u>	
Number of complaints received.....	18.
Number of complaints investigated.....	18.
Number of premises inspected.....	16.
Number of premises revisited.....	7.
Number of Preliminary Notices served:-	
Sanitary defects.....	3.
Structural defects.....	3.
Number of Abatement Notices served.....	1.

Drainage.
Number of visits to drainage work.....20.

Offensive Trades.
There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses.
There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises.

There are 8 licensed premises, 2 licensed clubs and 3 off licence shops in the district.
 Number of visits by Public Health Inspector.....11.
 Improvements to the sanitary accommodation at one licensed premises were carried out in 1964 following the issue of preliminary notice.

Shops.

Number of inspections made.....17.
 Number of Preliminary Notices served.....1.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. Employers have submitted details of their premises under this Act and particulars were forwarded to the Fire Authority.

Number of Notices received.....31.

Caravan Sites.

There is no Licensed Caravan Site in the district.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Number of visits.....1.
 Number of Notices issued.....1.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases were investigated during the year.

Rodent Control. One full-time operator is engaged by the Council jointly with Hay R.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. and works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected during 1964.....269.
 Number of premises found infested.....80.
 Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....59.
 Number of premises treated by occupier.....21.
 Estimated number of rats killed.....555.
 Number of dead rats picked up.....122.

A total of 15 sewer manholes were treated during the year and 8 showed evidence of rat infestation. Eight road gullies were also treated and 6 showed infestation.

Legal Proceedings.

No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council during the year.

Section 4. Housing. There were 33 applicants on the Council's "Waiting List" for houses at 31st. December, 1964; and these could be housed as follows:-

6 in one bedroom flats or bungalows
 18 in two bedroom houses
 6 in three bedroom houses
 3 in four bedroom houses.

None of these applicants were living in rooms, but 16 were living in houses which are considered to be unfit.

Housing Grants.

There were no applications for Discretionary Grants received in 1964. Standard Grants for 3 houses were approved during the year.

Number of house to house inspections made in 1964.....38.

Housing Act 1957.

1. Number of houses demolished.....0.
 2. Number of unfit houses closed.....0.
 3. Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.....5.
 4. Number of unfit houses in temporary use.....0.
 5. Number of houses unfit at the end of the year.....80.

Section 5. Inspection of Meat and Supervision of Food.

Milk. There are 2 producer/retailers selling milk in the district and these hold licences to sell designated milk. There is one dealer selling T.T. Pasteurised and Sterilized milk operating from a Dairy situated in the town.

Meat. There is one licensed slaughterhouse situated at the rear of No.8 Broad Street.

Number of inspections to slaughterhouse.....145.
 Animals Filled and inspected:- Cattle.....264.
 Calves.....2.
 Sheep.....1342.
 Pigs.....294.

Meat condemned:- 14 sheep) Emergency slaughter
 2 beasts)

81 lbs. liver and 153 lbs. other meat

Other foods condemned:- 102 tins
 (from shops) 46 lbs. weight

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or part

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	264	2	1342	294	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	-	14	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	-	12	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	4.2	-	1.8	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:
 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964
 4, 6, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 3

Other Foods. There are 32 shops dealing in foods in your district and may be tabulated as follows:-

Grocers.....	10.
Greengrocer/Confectioners.....	3.
Grocer/Baker.....	1.
Fishmonger/Greengrocer.....	2.
Confectioner/Tobacconist.....	6.
Restaurants.....	4.
Fish and Chip shops.....	2.
Butchers.....	4.

Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses).

There are 9 such premises in the district as follows:-

4 butchers preparing pressed, pickled or potted meats and sausages.
4 premises where food is prepared in cafes and 1 baking.

Number of inspections made.....15.

No special examination of shop's stock or consignment of food had been necessary during the year.

Ice Cream Premises.

There are 12 retailers of ice cream in your district, 10 of these sell pre-packed ice cream, one is a producer/retailer, and one makes his product by the cold mix.

No samples were submitted for analysis during the year.

Number of inspections made.....12.

Fried Fish Shops.

There are two such premises in the district.

Number of inspections made.....17.

Section 6. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

The following cases of notifiable infectious disease were reported to me during the year:-

Measles.....3 cases.
Scarlet Fever.....1 case.

The district was, therefore, remarkably free from infectious disease. No cases were removed to hospital and no deaths occurred as a result of infectious disease.

Venereal Disease. The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis. The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year.....	12.
Number of fresh cases added during the year.....	3.
Number of cases removed due to death.....	0.
Number of cases removed as recovered.....	1.
Number of cases removed as left district.....	0.
Number of cases left on register at end of year.....	14.

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:-

1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964.

4. 6. 1. 1. 2. 3. 2. 1. 1. 3.

APPENDIX
Factories Acts 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR
1964 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.
Part 1 of the Act

1.- INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	15	11	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	15	11	-	-

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 (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. George,

Medical Officer of Health

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) 2,279 inspections were made by the Council's Inspectors in carrying out their duties under the following headings:- Public Health Acts, Housing Acts, Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, Food and Drugs Act, Building Byelaws, Petroleum Regulations, Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, Refuse Collection and Disposal and Sewage Disposal.

(b) The Number of Notices Served.

(1) Statutory	4
(2) Informal	39

(c) The Result of the Notices Served.

(1) Statutory complied with	4
(2) Informal complied with	35

(d) Housing Acts.

Total number of houses represented as unfit	6
Demolition Orders made	nil
Closing Orders made	nil
Undertakings accepted.	6

(e) New Building.

New houses drained to sewers	40 (+ 45 Council Houses)
New houses drained to septic tanks	5

(f) Conversions and improvements to existing premises.

Earth Closets and privies replaced with W.C's	56
W.C's installed in existing premises, drained to sewers	28
W.C's installed in existing premises, drained to septic tanks	28
Additional W.C's provided to existing premises	24
Existing houses re-drained	10

Before closing my report I must express my thanks to the Officers of the Council for their help so freely given and in particular to the staff of my Department for their assistance during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Senior Public Health Inspector
& Surveyor.

Section 1 of the Act

1. The Government of India may, by order in writing, direct that any person or body of persons shall be deemed to be a person or body of persons to whom this Act shall apply.

Section 2 of the Act

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression—

Section 3 of the Act

3. The Government may, by order in writing, direct that any person or body of persons shall be deemed to be a person or body of persons to whom this Act shall apply.

Section 4 of the Act

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