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B O R O U G H O F P E M B R O K E

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1956.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Corporation of the
Borough of Pembroke.

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Kemp and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1956.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1956.....
.....13,760.....

There is an increase in the population of 50,
compared with the estimated figure for 1955, which was
13,710.

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	130	108	238
Illegitimate	2	5	7
Total Births	132	113	245

Birth Rate

This was 17.8 per 1,000 of the population,
compared with 16.3 for the County of Pembroke and 15.7
for the whole of England and Wales. The birth rate for
1955 was 18.8.

Still Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	1	nil	1
Total	3	3	6

Still Birth Rate

This was .44 per 1,000 of the population, or
24.5 per 1,000 live births, compared with 23.4 per 1,000
live births in the County of Pembroke and 23.0 per 1,000
total still and live births in the whole of England and
Wales.

Infant Mortality

There were 10 deaths of infants under one year of
age, of which 8 were under four weeks old. The infant
mortality rate was 40.8 per 1,000 live births, compared
with 32.5 for the County of Pembroke and 23.8 for the
whole of England and Wales. The infant mortality rate
thus shows an increase of 17.8 on the figure for 1955,
which was 23.0.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE

YEAR 1922

To His Worship the Mayor, and Corporation of the
County of London.

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Kemp and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1922.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1922.....

.....15,760.....

There is an increase in the population of 20,
compared with the estimated figure for 1921, which was
15,740.

Live Births

Year	Males	Females	Total
1922	100	108	208
1921	92	101	193

Still Births

This was 17.8 per 1,000 of the population,
compared with 16.7 for the County of London and 15.7
for the whole of England and Wales. The birth rate for
1922 was 16.0.

Still Deaths

Year	Males	Females	Total
1922	2	3	5
1921	1	1	2

Still Birth Rate

This was 14.6 per 1,000 of the population, or
21.7 per 1,000 live births, compared with 13.5 per 1,000
live births in the County of London and 12.0 per 1,000
live births in the whole of England and
Wales.

Infant Mortality

There were 10 deaths of infants under one year of
age, of which 6 were under five weeks old. The infant
mortality rate was 40.6 per 1,000 live births, compared
with 35.5 for the County of London and 21.8 for the
whole of England and Wales. The infant mortality rate
was 38.0 per 1,000 live births in the County of London and
21.8 for the whole of England and Wales.

Of the 10 deaths of infants under one year, 3 were due to prematurity, 2 to congenital heart disease, 1 to gastro-enteritis, 2 to congenital malformations, 1 to heart failure, and 1 to spasm of the gut.

Deaths

The total number of deaths from all causes was 150. The death rate was therefore 10.9 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 11.34 in the County of Pembroke and 11.7 in the whole of England and Wales. The rate in 1955 was 12.0.

The causes of death were :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>TOTAL</u> (All causes)	67	83
Respiratory tuberculosis	1	1
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	1	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	3	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	2
Other malignant lymphatic neoplasms	2	12
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	8
Coronary disease, angina,	12	5
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2
Other heart disease	10	24
Other circulatory disease	5	2
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
All other accidents	1	3

Approximately 54% of the total deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, including 25.3% over 80 years of age.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	10	Erysipelas	1
Measles	9	Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	79	Polio-myelitis	1
Pneumonia	14	Food Poisoning	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and two were transferred from other areas. Two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis also occurred. One case of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were admitted to hospital.

Of the 10 deaths of infants under one year, 5 were due to pneumonia, 2 to congenital heart disease, 1 to gastro-enteritis, 2 to congenital malformations, 1 to heart failure, and 1 to spasms of the larynx.

Deaths

The total number of deaths from all causes was 150. The death rate was therefore 10.9 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 11.3% in the County of Pembroke and 11.7% in the whole of England and Wales. The rate in 1925 was 12.0.

The causes of death were :-

Causes	Male	Female	TOTAL (All causes)
Respiratory tuberculosis	1	1	2
Religious diseases of stomach	1	1	2
Religious diseases of liver, pancreas	1	1	2
Religious diseases of breast	1	1	2
Other religious infectious diseases	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular diseases of nervous system	10	10	20
Coronary disease, cardiac	12	12	24
Hypertension	1	1	2
Other circulatory diseases	1	1	2
Intestinal diseases	1	1	2
Renal diseases	1	1	2
Uterine diseases	1	1	2
Religious diseases of prostate	1	1	2
Hypertension of prostate	1	1	2
Genital malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	10	20
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	1	1	2

Approximately 5% of the total deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, including 25.3% over 80 years of age.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	Number
Bacterial Erythema	10
Scarlet Fever	9
Diphtheria	10
Whooping Cough	10
Measles	10

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and two were transferred from other areas. Two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis also occurred. One case of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified to hospital.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination

The B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers has now been carried out in the Borough since the autumn term in 1955, and during the year of 1956, 291 children were skin tested and of these 152 were vaccinated.

Occasional clinic sessions are carried out, as required, at the Market Hall Clinic.

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the county during the year and inhabitants of this area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Pembroke or Pembroke Dock.

<u>PEMBROKE</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. examined	462	224	238
Found to be abnormal	5.19% 24	9	15
Requiring further observation	.43% 2	1	1
Other abnormalities of chest	4.76% 22	8	14

<u>PEMBROKE DOCK</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. examined	950	446	504
Found to be abnormal	9.68% 92	42	50
Requiring further observation	.84% 8	6	2
Other abnormalities of chest	8.84% 84	36	48

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PART III.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

This service is undertaken by the County Council. Ante-natal supervision is provided by the District Nurse/Midwives and by the patient's own doctor. A maternity outfit is provided by the County Council for all home confinements.

There is a Child Welfare Centre at Pembroke Dock and at Monkton, staffed by a Medical Officer and the Health Visitor and District Nurse/Midwives.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

There are three District Nurse/Midwives in the Borough. The Midwifery Service is provided by the County Council through the agency of the County Nursing Association, which is supervised by the County Nursing Officer under the direction of the County Medical Officer.

Health Visiting Service

There is one whole-time Health Visitor and School Nurse in the Borough, working under the supervision of the County Nursing Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

E. O. S. Vaccination

The E. O. S. Vaccination of school leavers has now been carried out in the Borough since the autumn term in 1952, and during the year of 1953, 294 children were vaccinated and of these 125 were vaccinated.

Occasional clinic sessions are carried out, as required, at the Market Hall Clinic.

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the county during the year and inhabitants of this area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Peabroke or Peabroke Book.

Males		Females	
Examined	Not Examined	Examined	Not Examined
278	221	204	150
12	3	20	3
1	1	2	1
14	3	13	1

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1948.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PART III.

Case of Mothers and Young Children

This service is undertaken by the County Council. Antenatal supervision is provided by the District Nurse/Midwives and by the patients' own doctor. A maternity centre is provided by the County Council for all new confinements.

There is a Child Welfare Centre at Peabroke Book and at Newham, staffed by a Medical Officer and the District Nurse and District Nurse/Midwives.

Industrial Midwives Service

There are three District Nurse/Midwives in the Borough. The Midwifery Service is provided by the County Council through the County Nursing Association, which is supervised by the County Nursing Officer under the direction of the County Medical Officer.

Health Visitor Service

There is one whole-time Health Visitor and one part-time Health Visitor working under the supervision of the County Nursing Officer.

Home Nursing

There are three nurses in the Borough, employed by the County Council for combined Home Nursing and Midwifery duties.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Smallpox

Records were received of 108 primary and 60 secondary vaccinations.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

During the year 163 children were immunised and 18 were given reinforcing injections. Both vaccination and immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are paid for by the County Council.

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis

Vaccination against polio-myelitis was commenced in 1956, and children born between 1947 and 1954 and in certain months, were eligible for vaccination. At the request of the Ministry of Health, this work had to be completed by the end of June.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is the responsibility of the County Council, which has seven ambulances in the County and an arrangement for the provision of cars for "sitting cases".

In 1956, the Pembroke Dock Ambulance dealt with 1832 patients, 448 stretcher cases, and 1384 sitting cases, and travelled 37,000 miles, an average of 20.19 miles per case.

DOMESTIC HEALTH SERVICE

The Home Help Organiser employed by the County Council is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the service. The service endeavours to provide domestic assistance in households where such help is required on account of sickness and old age. This service helps to reduce the need for hospital beds and for Part III accommodation.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47 :- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

How Nurses

There are three nurses in the Borough, employed by the County Council for combined Home Nursing and District duties.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION

Vaccination against Scarlet

Records were received of 105 primary and 60 secondary vaccinations.

Immunization against Diphtheria

During the year 103 children were immunized and 10 were given reinforcing injections. Both vaccination and immunization are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are held by the County Council.

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis

Vaccination against polio-myelitis was commenced in 1956, and children born between 1947 and 1956 and in certain areas, were eligible for vaccination. At the request of the Ministry of Health, this work had to be completed by the end of June.

ABOLITION OF SMALL POX

This is the responsibility of the County Council, which has covered expenses in the County and an arrangement for the prevention of any further "relapsing cases".

In 1956, the Post Office took 1,000 letters with 1,000 patients, 1,000 envelopes, and 1,000 stamps, and travelled 17,000 miles, at an average of 20.19 miles per case.

HOME VISITING SERVICE

The Home Help Organisation employed by the County Council is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the service. The service endeavours to provide domestic assistance in households where such help is required as a result of sickness and old age. This service helps to reduce the need for hospital beds and for Part III accommodation.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR 1956

Section 17 - Transfer to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

FOOD

A great deal of time is spent by the Council's Public Health Inspectors in the maintenance of high standards in the production and handling of food of all descriptions. The sampling of milk, cream, and ice-cream takes up much time, but is an invaluable service to the community.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen

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L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

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