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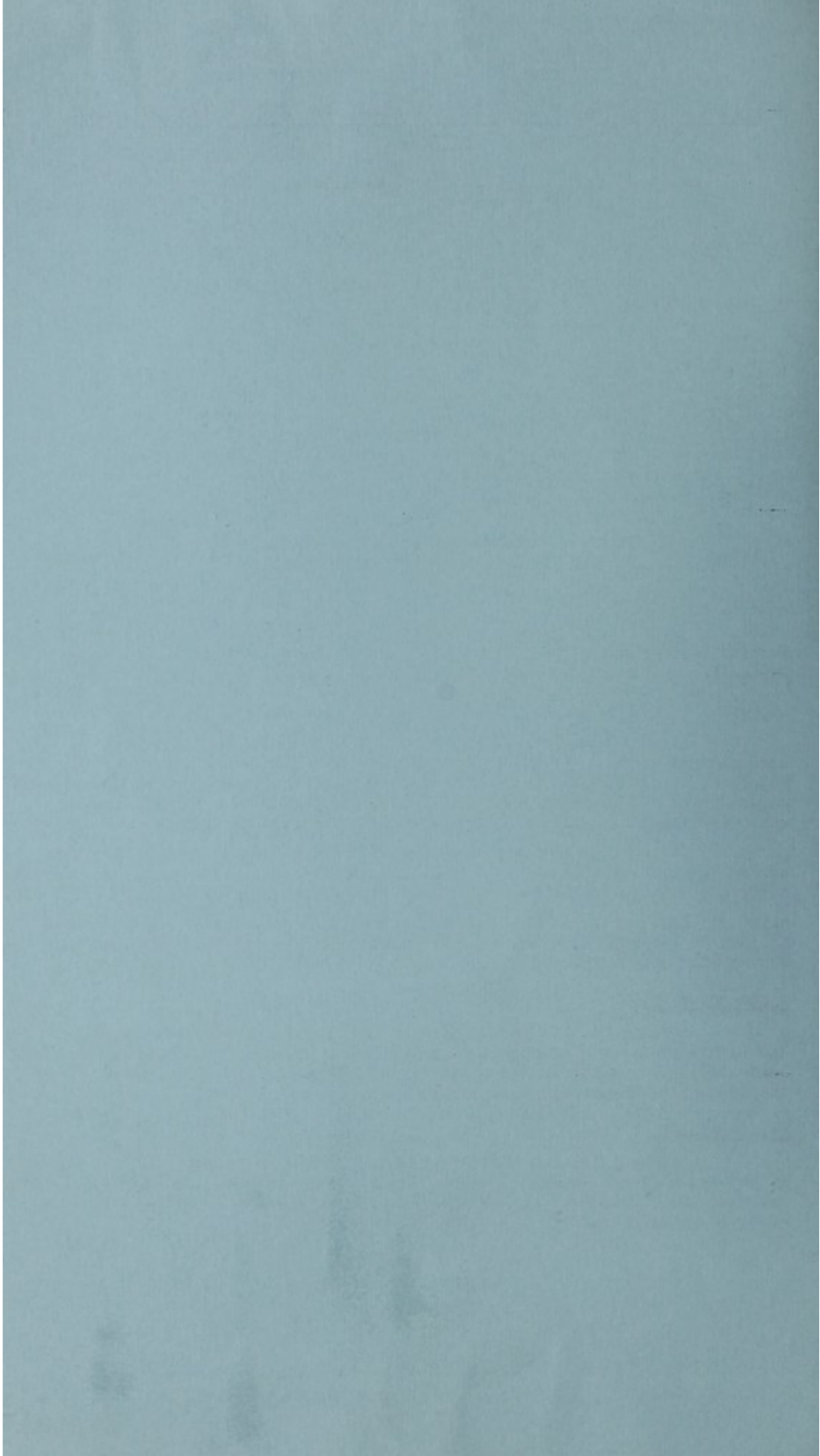


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Town Council  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the Year 1972.



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  
1972.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Pembroke

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1972.

HOUSING.

The Points Scheme for the allocation of council dwellings continued to operate in a satisfactory manner, providing a fair system for all the applicants on the waiting list. During 1972, a considerable number of persons received priority with housing on medical grounds. No council dwellings were built during the year but, however, 32 houses were purchased from the Ministry of Defence and became available for allocation. The total number of council dwellings of all types, is 1,653, but nevertheless the waiting list for housing in the Borough was gradually increasing at the end of 1972.

The Housing Finance Act 1972, became law in October, instituting a system of rent rebates for tenants whose income falls below a certain level.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

It is pleasing to note that the number of cases of infectious diseases notified this year showed a decrease over the previous year, although there was a slight increase in the number of cases of measles from 17 to 26. It has been found that the vaccination of children against this disease is not being accepted by parents as well as other types of immunisation.

As in previous years, a certain amount of 'summer diarrhoea' occurred mainly in the late summer and autumn. This was not confined to the Pembroke Borough but was present in the whole of the County. The illness was generally mild in character and is believed to be due to a virus infection which is spread from person to person and is unconnected with food or water.

In December 1972, an outbreak of influenza occurred locally; this was caused by an influenza virus type A England 42/72. It was not an extensive outbreak, but was the cause of death of one elderly lady living in the Borough.

Once again, it was decided by the Council that I should vaccinate against influenza, all those members of the staff who requested it and this was carried out at the end of October.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Regular samples are taken from the mains supply in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory. Generally, the quality of the water is excellent and during the year, all of the 43 samples taken were reported to be satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLIES.

During 1972, the majority of the herds of producer/retailers of milk in the south of the County were accepted into the Brucellosis Incentive Scheme, ensuring the elimination of the risk of brucellosis from drinking raw milk; most of the milk sold in the Borough is pasteurised.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

1915

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors of the Borough of Fenner

My Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1915.

GENERAL

The Public Health Act 1915, which provides for the alteration of council districts continued to operate in a satisfactory manner, providing a full system for all the districts in the Borough. During 1915, a considerable number of persons were employed in the housing of council houses. No council houses were built during the year but, however, 25 houses were purchased from the Ministry of Defence and become available for allocation. The total number of council houses in the Borough was probably increasing at the end of 1915.

The Housing Finance Act 1915, which gave in 1915, instituting a system of rent control for houses where there is a certain level.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

It is pleasing to note that the number of cases of infectious diseases notified this year showed a decrease over the previous year, although there was a slight increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever. It has been found that the notification of children against this disease is not being accepted by parents as well as other types of notification.

In the previous year, a certain amount of scarlet fever occurred mainly in the late winter and summer. This was not confined to the Borough but was present in the whole of the County. The illness was generally mild in character and is believed to be due to a virus infection which is spread from person to person and is unassociated with food or water.

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Once again, it was notified by the Council that I should vaccinate against influenza, all those members of the staff who requested it and this was carried out at the end of October.

MILK SUPPLY

Regular supplies are taken from the water supply in the Borough and analyzed for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory. Generally, the quality of the water is excellent and during the year, all of the 43 samples taken were reported to be satisfactory.

MILK BOTTLES

During 1915, the majority of the bottles of the bottles of condensed milk in the Borough were accepted into the Provincial Institute Scheme, ensuring the elimination of the risk of bacterial contamination. Most of the milk sold in the Borough is pasteurized.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimates) 1972 ... .. 14,310

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS.

There were 9 accidental deaths in the Borough during 1972, which is identical to the number occurring the previous year. Of these accidental deaths, it is with regret that I have to report that two young local boys were drowned while bathing in Pennar Gut.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation at all times during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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I am,

Your obedient servant,

NICHOLAS LAWSON

M.B., B.Ch., D.O.M., D.P.H.

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V I T A L     S T A T I S T I C S .

Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1972     ...     ...     ...     14,310

	<u>Penb.Boro'</u> <u>1972.</u>	<u>Pen.Boro'</u> <u>1971.</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke.</u>	<u>England &amp;</u> <u>Wales.</u>
Live Births	262	286		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	18.3	20.1	15.1	14.8
Illegitimate Live Births	28	28		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	11	10	9	9
Still Births	2	3		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	8	10	12	12
Total Live & Still Births	264	289		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	6	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	23	10	20	17
- legitimate	26	12	21	17
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	21
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4wks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	4	3	11	12
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk) (per 1,000 Live Births)	4	3	9	10
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk & Still Births combined) (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	11	14	21	22
Deaths	169	183		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.8	12.9	12.9	12.1



VITAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimates) 1975		Per 1,000 live births		Per 1,000 live births	
County of	Per 1,000 live births	County of	Per 1,000 live births	County of	Per 1,000 live births
Wiltshire	14.8	Wiltshire	15.1	Wiltshire	14.8
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.8	12.9	12.9	11.8	11.8
Still Births (per 1,000 live & still births)	11	14	11	11	11
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4	3	4	4	4
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4	3	4	4	4
Still Births (per 1,000 live & still births)	6	10	6	6	6
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2	3	2	2	2
Still Births (per 1,000 live & still births)	11	10	11	11	11
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	18.7	20.1	18.7	18.7	18.7

INFANT DEATHS.

3 female and 3 male infants died under 1 year of age during 1972; details are as follows:

<u>Age at death.</u>	<u>M/F.</u>	<u>Cause of death.</u>
Under 4 weeks	Male.	Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.,
4wks - 1yr.	Male.	Respiratory distress.
" "	Male.	Pneumonia.
" "	Female.	Pneumonia.
" "	Female.	Pneumonia.
" "	Female.	Meningitis.

DEATHS (General).

The general death rate has dropped slightly again this year. Heart disease still accounts for the largest proportion of the total deaths - 46; malignant disease accounted for 31 deaths, with 6 of these due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 24.8% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and another 24.8% in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	85	84
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast		3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		4
Other malignant neoplasms	2	4
Diabetes mellitus	2	1
Other endocrine etc., diseases	-	1
Meningitis	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-
Hypertensive disease	4	3
Ischaemic heart disease	27	14
Other forms of heart disease	-	5
Cerebrovascular disease	10	13
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	7
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	7	8
Bronchitis and emphysema	6	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1
Congenital anomalies	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.,	1	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	2
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2
All other accidents	3	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-
All other external causes	-	1

TABLE 10.

Deaths from cancer of the lung, 1950-1954. Details are as follows:

Age at death.	Sex.	Cause of death.
Under 4 weeks.	Male.	Birth injury, difficult labor, etc.
4 weeks - 1 yr.	Male.	Respiratory distress.
"	Male.	Pneumonia.
"	Female.	Pneumonia.
"	Female.	Pneumonia.
"	Female.	Measles.

TABLE 11 (Continued).

The general death rate has dropped slightly again this year. Heart disease still accounts for the largest proportion of the total deaths - 46%; malignant disease accounted for 21 deaths, with 6 of these due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 24.8% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and another 24.8% in persons aged over 80 years.

Sex.	Age at death.	Cause of death.
84	85	TOTAL (All causes)
-	1	Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus
2	2	Malignant neoplasm, stomach
2	2	Malignant neoplasm, intestine
-	6	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus
2	2	Malignant neoplasm, breast
4	4	Malignant neoplasm, uterus
4	3	Other malignant neoplasms
1	2	Diabetes mellitus
1	-	Other endocrine etc., diseases
1	-	Measles
-	1	Other diseases of nervous system
2	4	Hypertensive disease
M	27	Ischaemic heart disease
2	-	Other forms of heart disease
10	10	Cerebrovascular disease
7	2	Other diseases of circulatory system
1	-	Influenza
8	7	Pneumonia
2	6	Bronchitis and emphysema
-	1	Other diseases of respiratory system
1	-	Cirrhosis of liver
1	-	Other diseases of digestive system
2	1	Hepatitis and nephrosis
1	1	Hypertrophy of prostate
1	-	Diseases of uronic-cholesterol system
-	1	Genital anomalies
-	1	Birth injury, difficult labor, etc.
2	-	Systems and ill-defined conditions
2	2	Motor vehicle accidents
2	2	All other accidents
-	1	Scalds and self-inflicted injuries
1	-	All other external causes

## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to me from the Borough during 1972 :-

26 Measles.  
20 Scarlet Fever.  
5 Food Poisoning.  
2 Respiratory Tuberculosis.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

It is pleasing to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year and only 2 new cases of the disease were notified; these were both male patients, one in the 55 - 64 years age group and the other in the 35 - 44 years age group.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccination of 13 year old boys and girls was carried out as usual during the autumn term, at Penbrooke School, which also included pupils from Coronation School this year. A total of 212 pupils were skin tested and 188 of these required vaccination. Contacts continue to be examined at the Chest Clinics held regularly at Penbrooke Dock and at Haverfordwest.

### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services. Care of mothers and young children: The weekly infant welfare clinic continued at Penbrooke Dock during the year, staffed by a Medical Officer and two Health Visitors, as did the monthly clinic at Penbrooke. Relaxation and Mothercraft classes were held weekly at Penbrooke Dock clinic. The health visitors and district nurses, still working under the supervision of the Director of Nursing Services, commenced their attachment to the group practices of family doctors in the Borough during the year.

#### Home Help Service:

The many problems of the elderly and all cases needing the services of a home help were dealt with by the County Home Help Organiser, now working in the Social Services Department of the County Council.

#### Vaccinations and Immunisation:

School and clinic sessions were held regularly during the year; the young school entrants were offered 'booster' doses during the Spring term and 13 year old girls were offered vaccination against Rubella (German Measles) during the Summer term. Local figures are not available, but the following details show the numbers of children under 16 years of age, who received injections during the year, in the whole of the County:

Triple immunisation:	1,457
Booster doses of Diph./Tet.	1,213
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,457
Tetanus immunisations:	1,650
Booster tetanus doses:	1,455
Polio. vaccinations:	1,515
Booster polio. doses:	1,174
B.C.G.vaccinations:	1,081
Measles vaccinations:	640
Rubella vaccinations:	480

#### Ambulance Service:

The excellent service provided by the two ambulances based at Penbrooke Dock continued during the year. Ambulance No. 1 travelled a total of 36,909 miles conveying 1,536 sitting cases and 343 stretcher cases, while the second vehicle travelled a total of 41,780 miles conveying 2,230 sitting patients and 596 stretcher patients. The majority of these journeys, in both vehicles, catered for the transport of out-patients for treatment at hospitals both within and outside the County.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to me from the borough during 1975 :-

- 28 Measles.
- 20 Scarlet Fever.
- 5 Food Poisoning.
- 2 Respiratory Infections.

INVESTIGATION

It is pleasing to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year and only 2 new cases of the disease were notified; these were both male patients, one in the 25 - 34 years age group and the other in the 35 - 44 years age group.

Investigation of Tuberculosis: D.O.G. vaccination of 15 year old boys and girls was carried out as usual during the winter term at Parkside School, which also included pupils from Corporation School this year. A total of 212 pupils were skin tested and 188 of these required vaccination. Contacts continue to be examined at the Chest Clinic held regularly at Parkside Dock and at Haverthwaite.

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The many problems of the elderly and all cases needing the services of a home help were dealt with by the County Home Help Organisation, now working in the Social Services Department of the County Council.

Vaccinations and Inspections:

School and clinic sessions were held regularly during the year; the young school entrants were offered 'booster' fees during the Spring term and 15 year old girls were offered vaccination against Rubella (German Measles) during the Spring term. Local clinics are not available, but the following details show the numbers of children under 16 years of age, who received injections during the year, in the whole of the County:

1,457	Triplic vaccination
1,213	Booster doses of Diph./Tet.
1,457	Whooping cough vaccinations
1,620	Tetanus vaccinations
1,457	Booster tetanus doses
1,253	Polio vaccinations
1,174	Booster polio doses
1,081	D.O.G. vaccinations
640	Rubella vaccinations
480	Rubella vaccinations

Reliance Services:

The excellent service provided by the two ambulances based at Parkside Dock continued during the year. Ambulance No. 1 travelled a total of 35,909 miles conveying 1,256 sitting cases and 247 stretcher cases, while the second vehicle travelled a total of 41,760 miles conveying 2,230 sitting patients and 266 stretcher patients. The majority of these journeys, in both vehicles, entered for the transport of out-patients for treatment at hospitals both within and outside the County.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

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

It was necessary for me to seek an Emergency Order under the above Section on two occasions during the year, in the Borough: one elderly lady was moved from her home to hospital and another elderly lady was transferred from a Welfare Home to hospital.

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Section 47: - Refused to suitable purchase of persons in need of care and attention.

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