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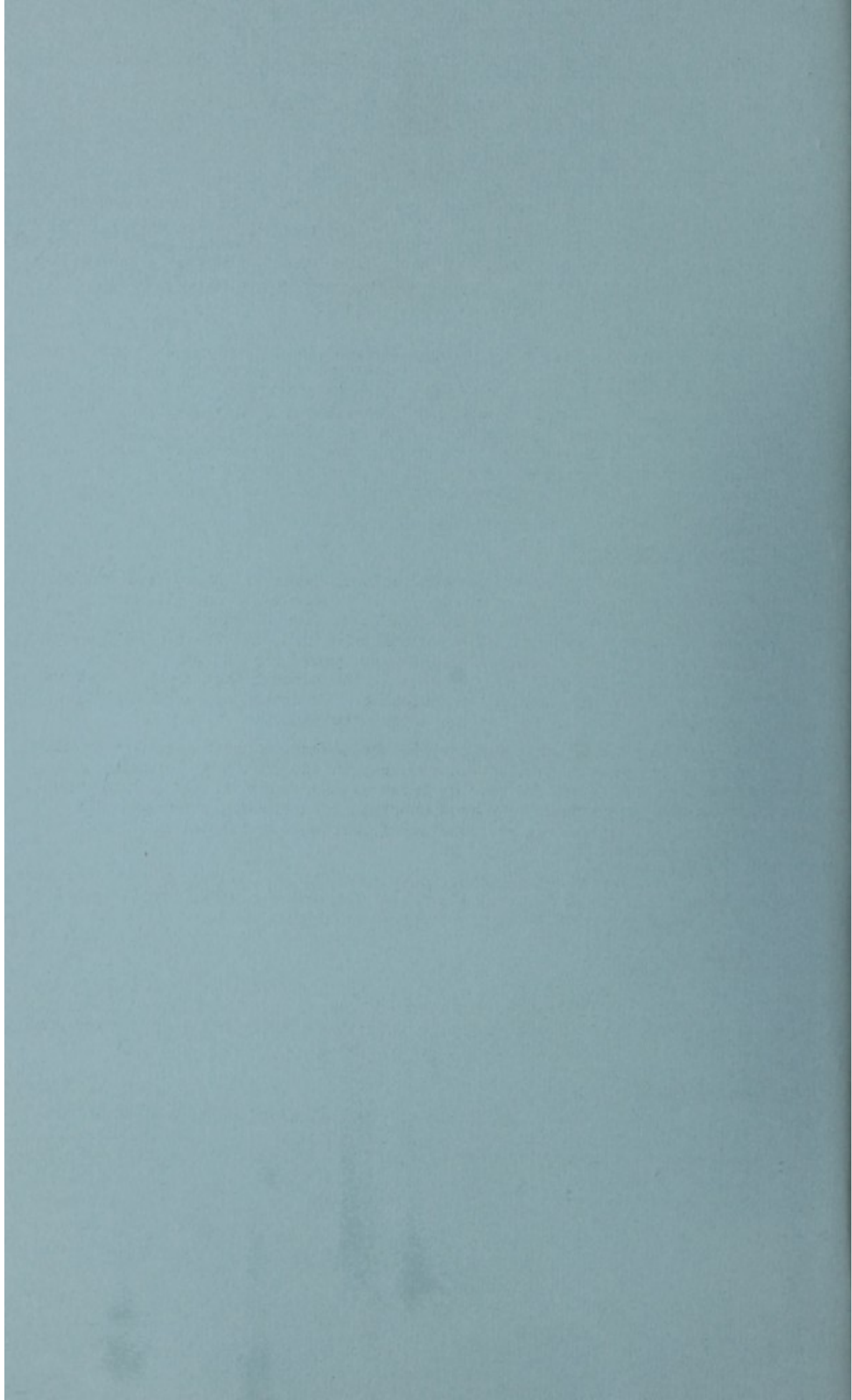


Town Council

of the

Borough of Pembroke

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1973.



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 1973.

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 1973. It is an abbreviated report which has been compiled from available records. The corrected statistics are not received until April or May, but it was necessary, in view of re-organisation, to present this report to the Council before 1st April, 1974.

HOUSING.

No significant change has occurred in the information provided in my report for 1972. During the year, the Points Scheme for the allocation of council dwellings continued to operate in a satisfactory manner, providing a fair system for all applicants on the waiting list. Once again, a considerable number of persons received priority for housing on medical grounds. No council dwellings were built during the year and the total number of council properties of all types is 1,653, but, nevertheless, the waiting list was substantially increased by the end of 1973.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases showed an increase over the figures for the previous year. There was a notable rise in the number of cases of measles, which increased from 26 cases in 1972 to 176 cases in 1973. This is a disappointing feature, in view of the fact that an efficient vaccine is available for the prevention of this disease. A survey among 100 children affected in the Borough showed that, in fact, only 3 children had received the vaccine. Thirteen cases of infective jaundice occurred in the Borough during the year.

In common with the rest of the County, a certain number of mild cases of non-specific enteritis occurred in the summer and autumn; this illness is not spread by food or water and is common to all holiday areas. At the end of the year a limited outbreak of influenza occurred which, although not extensive, nevertheless accounted for the deaths of four elderly persons.

As in previous years, 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.

The quality of the water supply in the Borough is generally excellent. Pembrokeshire Water Board took 70 water samples and submitted them to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and I am pleased to report that all were reported to be satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLIES.

There is no significant change in the information supplied in my 1972 report - most producer/retailers of milk are in the Brucellosis Incentive Scheme and, in addition, most of the milk sold in the Borough is pasteurised.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1914

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

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the annual report on the health of the Borough during the year 1914. It is an abbreviated report which has been compiled from available records. The numerous statistics are not presented with equal detail, but it is necessary, in view of the importance of the subject, to present this report to the Council before the April, 1915.

GENERAL

The principal changes in the information provided in my report for 1914, during the year, the total number of deaths of persons in the Borough, as compared with the corresponding period of the year 1913, is as follows:—

DEATHS

The number of cases of infectious diseases showed an increase over the figures for the previous year. There was a notable rise in the number of cases of measles, which increased from 21 cases in 1913 to 100 cases in 1914. This is a disappointing feature, in view of the fact that an efficient vaccine is available for the prevention of this disease. A survey made last October showed that in the Borough about 10 per cent. only of children had received the vaccine. Further cases of infectious diseases occurred in the Borough during the year.

In cases, when the test of the Council, a certain number of this class of non-specific diseases occurred in the houses and streets; this figure is not stated by foot or water and its causes are still being examined. At the end of the year a further outbreak of infectious diseases occurred which, although not extensive, nevertheless accounted for the death of four elderly persons.

In the previous year, it was noticed by the Council that I should recommend against influenza, all those members of the staff who reported it and this was carried out at the end of October.

WATER SUPPLY

The quality of the water supply in the Borough is generally excellent. The London Water Board took 70 water samples and analyzed them to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and I am pleased to report that all were found to be satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY

There is an abundant supply in the information supplied in my report - most prominently referred to in the statistics. The water supply was, in addition, tested at the end of the year.

SEWERAGE.

A Public Enquiry was held in Pembroke during October, into the South Pembrokeshire Joint Regional Sewerage Scheme, which includes areas outside the Borough. The decision of the Secretary of State is awaited.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the five years I have had the privilege of serving as your Medical Officer of Health.

Yours obediently,

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A Public Inquiry was held in Perthshire during October, 1910, into the South Perthshire Joint Regional Sanitary Board, which includes areas within the Borough. The decision of the Secretary of State is as follows.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Members of the Council and the Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the five years I have had the privilege of acting as your Honorary Officer of Health.



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

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1973 14,570

	<u>Pen. Boro'</u> <u>1973</u>	<u>Pen. Boro'</u> <u>1972</u>
Live Births	274	262
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	18.8	18.3
Still Births	6	2
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	21	8
Total Live & Still Births	280	264
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	4	6
Deaths	162	169
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.1	11.8

INFANT DEATHS.

4 male infants under 1 year of age died during the year; 3 died in hospital and 1 at home. Details are as follows:

1. 35minutes old. Died of Asphyxia at birth.
2. 2 days old. " " Congenital heart disease.
3. 1 month old. " " Emphysena and broncho-pneumonia.
4. 4 months old. " " Asphyxia due to inhalation of vomit.

DEATHS (General).

Once again, heart disease accounted for the greatest number of deaths - 66; 29 of the total 162 deaths were due to malignant disease, 2 of these were due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 26% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years of age and approximately 27% in person aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of death:</u>	Total 162.	<u>84 M.</u>	<u>78 F.</u>
Diseases of heart and circulatory system:		40	26
Diseases of brain and nervous system:		12	13
Cancer of lung:		2	-
Cancer (all other forms):		12	15
Diseases of respiratory system:		6	11
Diseases of digestive system:		4	2
Diseases of kidneys and urinary system:		-	1
Infant deaths:		4	-
Accidental deaths:		1	3
Influenzal deaths:		1	3
Other ill-defined symptoms:		1	1
Drowning:		1	-
Diabetes:		-	1
Senility:		-	2

VITAL STATISTICS

Registrar General's Statistics 1975-1976

	1975	1976
Live Births (per 1,000 pop.)	10.8	10.7
Still Births (per 1,000 live & still births)	21	20
Total Live & Still Births	290	284
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 yr)	4	5
Deaths (per 1,000 pop.)	11.1	10.9

INFANT DEATHS

4 male infants under 1 year of age died during the year; 3 died in hospital and 1 at home. Details are as follows:

1. Sudden infant death syndrome	1
2. 2 days old	1
3. 1 month old	1
4. 4 months old	1

DEATHS (General)

One again, heart disease accounted for the greatest number of deaths - 60; 29 of the total 163 deaths were due to malignant disease, 7 of these were due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 50% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years of age and approximately 25% in persons aged over 80 years.

Causes of death:	Total No.	64 M.	28 F.
Heart disease	60	40	20
Malignant disease	29	15	14
Cancer of lung	7	4	3
Cancer (All other forms)	22	11	11
Disease of respiratory system	11	6	5
Disease of digestive system	4	2	2
Disease of kidney and urinary system	1	1	0
Infant deaths	4	4	0
Accidental deaths	1	1	0
Infant deaths	1	1	0
Other ill-defined systems	1	1	0
Unspecified	1	1	0
Unspecified	1	1	0
Unspecified	1	1	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to me from the Borough during 1973:-

176 Measles
17 Scarlet Fever
2 Food Poisoning
13 Infective Jaundice
1 Respiratory Tuberculosis
2 Tuberculosis (other forms).

TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report once again, that there were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year; 3 new cases of the disease were notified.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G.vaccination: The annual visit to the Secondary School in the Borough took place during the autumn term when a total of 222 pupils (13 year-olds and over) were skin tested and 169 of these received the vaccination. The Chest Physician continues to see contacts at the regular Chest Clinics at South Pembrokeshire Hospital, Pembroke Dock and at the County Hospital, Haverfordwest.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, 1946.

Local Health Services: Infant Welfare Clinics at Pembroke and Pembroke Dock continued as in the previous year, where immunisations and vaccinations were carried out; school sessions were also held during the spring and summer terms.

The health visitors and district nurses continued their group practice attachment, under the supervision of the Director of Nursing Services, during the year.

Details below relate to all children under 16 years of age who received immunisations and vaccinations in the County, during the year :-

Diphtheria immunisations:	1,625
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,582
Tetanus immunisations:	1,800
Polio. vaccinations:	1,649
Measles vaccinations:	785
Rubella vaccinations:	808
B.C.G.vaccinations:	913
Booster diphtheria doses:	1,173
Booster whooping cough doses:	111
Booster tetanus doses:	1,511
Booster polio. doses:	1,165

Ambulance Service.

The two ambulances based at Pembroke Dock, working under the control of the County Ambulance Officer, Haverfordwest, continued their excellent service in the south of the County during the year. I regret that figures of patients transported are not yet available.

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 Emergency Orders under the above Section, to remove two elderly ladies from their homes to Residential Welfare Homes, during 1973.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified in
the Borough during 1937:-

- 178 Measles
- 17 Scarlet Fever
- 5 Food Poisoning
- 15 Infective Jaundice
- 1 Respiratory Tuberculosis
- 2 Tuberculosis (other forms)

TUBERCULOSIS

I am pleased to report once again, that there were no deaths
from tuberculosis during the year; 5 new cases of the disease were
notified.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: S.O.C. vaccination: The annual visit to the
Secondary School in the Borough took place during the autumn term when
a total of 222 pupils (15 year-olds and over) were skin tested and 188
of them received the vaccination. The Chest Physician continues to see
contacts at the regular Chest Clinics at South Portsmouth Hospital,
Pembroke Dock and at the County Hospital, Haverfordwest.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, 1946.

Local Health Services: Infant Welfare Clinics at Pembroke and Haverford
Dock continued as in the previous year, more immunizations and vaccinations
were carried out; school screenings were also held during the year and
screened forms.

The health visitors and district nurses continued their group
practice attachment, under the supervision of the Director of Nursing
Services, during the year.

Details below relate to all children under 15 years of age who
received immunizations and vaccinations in the County, during the year:-

1,185	Diphtheria immunizations:
1,502	Whooping cough immunizations:
1,600	Tetanus immunizations:
1,649	Polio vaccinations:
178	Measles vaccinations:
628	Infantile vaccinations:
917	S.O.C. vaccinations:
2,177	Booster diphtheria doses:
111	Booster whooping cough doses:
1,211	Booster tetanus doses:
1,185	Booster polio doses:

Abolition Service.

The two ambulances based at Pembroke Dock, working under the
control of the County Ambulance Officer, Haverfordwest, continued their
excellent service in the county of the County during the year. I regret
that figures of patients transported are not available.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (1946, 1946 & 1947)

Section 47: - Power to enable provision of persons in need of care
and attention.

It was necessary for me to seek temporary orders under the above
Section, to remove two elderly ladies from their homes to Residential
Welfare Homes, during 1947.

