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PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1966

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November, 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
of the Pontypridd Urban District Council.

Mrs. Murphy and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit, for your consideration, my Annual Report on the Public Health of the District for the year 1966, together with the following comments.

Infant Deaths

The infant mortality rate (19.2) for 1966 again maintains most of the sensational improvement made last year. Better housing must certainly have played a part in this, as there are very few cases of really shocking housing conditions compared with, say, ten years ago. This is attributable to the Council's housing building programme, which in turn has enabled the Department to take slum clearance action, and to deal with unauthorised caravan sites.

Population

The total population figure (35,090) continues to shew every indication of becoming stabilised at about 35,000, and in this instance also the Council's building programme will have had a marked effect.

Lung Cancer

Looking on the darker side, lung cancer deaths were considerably increased to 23, and now form almost a third of all cancer deaths. There is now no doubt in the minds of any but the most ostrich-like addicts that almost all cases of cancer which arise in the lung are primarily caused by smoking.

Until recently, trying to persuade both young and old not to smoke seemed an unrewarding and depressing business. However, there are now signs that social pressures are changing, with almost half the total adult population being non-smokers. One used to feel a little self-conscious or even priggish about being a non-smoker, but now it is the smokers who seem on the defensive. Smoking is at last beginning to appear not as a normal and pleasant human activity, but a dirty, dangerous and irritating habit; truly "a fire on the one end and a fool on the other."

PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman of the Council:

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Health Committee and the Members of the Council for their support and encouragement, the Officers of the other departments for their help and co-operation, and lastly the staff of the Health Department for their enthusiasm and loyalty.

Councillor S. Davies

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Councillor A. Watkins

Councillor E.D. Williams

Councillor J.L. Williams

(To March, 1966)

Councillor V. Williams

(From May, 1966)

Clerk of the Council:

Mr. Bernard M. Murphy, LL.B.

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Health Committee, 1965 - 1967

Councilman S. Devlan

(From February, 1966)

(To May, 1966)

(From May, 1966)

(To May, 1966)

(From May, 1966)

(To March, 1966)

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Public Health Department Staff

Medical Officer of Health:

D. W. Foster, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

W. N. Davies

Public Health Inspectors:

W. C. Griffiths

W. J. Gwyn

Clerical Staff:

M. Rees - Chief Clerk

Miss H. Roberts

Miss C. Guard

Caretaker - Public Abattoir:

R. J. Stroud

A. Martin

(To March, 1966)

(From July, 1966)

Van Driver and Disinfecter:

A. H. Seymour

Pest Control Officers:

S. R. Redwood

W. J. Gardiner

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1966

LIVE BIRTHS:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
286	262	14	13	595

Rate per 1,000 population: 15.62 (adjusted 16.74)
 Illegitimate live births: 4.8% of total live births

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (mid-year 1966), estimated by Registrar General	35,090
Population (Census, 1961)	35,494
Area (acres)	8,141
Number of inhabited houses, 1961	10,416
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census, 1961)	10,923
Rateable Value (31st March, 1966)	£1,044,429
1d Rate product for 1965/66)	£4,129

Infant deaths per 1,000 live births: 19.82
 Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births: 18.0
 Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births: Nil

Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
6	3	-	-	9

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 16.2

Early Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
0	2	-	-	6

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 10.0

Perinatal:

Male	Female	Total
11	5	16

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: 26.32

Maternal Mortality: Number of deaths: Nil

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

35,000	Population (mid-year 1966), estimated by Registrar General
32,400	Population (Census, 1961)
8,741	Area (square miles)
10,416	Number of inhabited houses, 1961
10,923	Number of families or separate occupiers (Census, 1961)
£1,046,429	Rateable Value (31st March, 1966)
£4,129	1d Rate product for 1965/66

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1966

LIVE BIRTHS:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
286	242	14	13	555

Rate per 1,000 population: 15.82 (adjusted 16.14)
 Illegitimate live births: 4.8% of total live births

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
7	3	-	-	20 10

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: 17.7

TOTAL BIRTHS: Number (live and still): 565

TOTAL DEATHS: Males: 246 - Females: 187 - Total: 433
 Death rate: 12.34 (adjusted rate: 12.83)

Infant:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
7	4	-	-	11

Infant deaths per 1,000 live births: 19.82

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births: 18.0

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births: Nil

Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
6	3	-	-	9

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 16.2

Early Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
4	2	-	-	6

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 10.0

Perinatal:

Male	Female	Total
11	5	16

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: 28.32

Maternal Mortality: Number of deaths: Nil

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1965

LIVE BIRTHS:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
286	242	14	17	555

Rate per 1,000 population: 17.82 (adjusted 16.44)
 Illegitimate live births: 4.8% of total live births

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
2	3	-	-	5

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: 12.7

TOTAL BIRTHS: Number (live and still): 560

TOTAL DEATHS: Males: 246 - Females: 187 - Total: 433
 Death rate: 12.34 (adjusted rate: 11.82)

Infant:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
2	4	-	-	6

Infant deaths per 1,000 live births: 19.82
 Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births: 18.0
 Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births: 111

Neonatal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
6	3	-	-	9

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 16.2

Early Neo-

Neonatal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
4	2	-	-	6

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 10.0

Perinatal:

Male		Female		Total
11	2	2	1	

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: 28.32

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT
DURING 1966 and PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population	Births		Net deaths belonging to the district				
		Number	Rate per 1,000 (crude)	Under one year of age		At all ages		
				Number	Rate per 1,000 births	Number	Rate per 1,000 popn.	
							Crude	Adjusted
1956	37,700	537	14.2	10	18.6	466	12.4	13.35
1957	37,590	585	15.56	17	29.06	527	14.02	15.28
1958	37,550	579	15.42	14	24.18	472	12.57	13.58
1959	37,460	590	15.75	16	27.12	528	14.10	14.38
1960	37,240	561	15.06	22	39.22	515	13.83	14.38
1961	35,480	559	15.76	15	26.83	501	14.12	14.26
1962	35,480	573	16.15	16	27.92	514	14.49	15.07
1963	35,400	625	17.66	18	28.80	495	13.98	14.12
1964	35,160	584	16.61	23	39.38	517	14.70	14.85
1965	35,170	588	16.72	9	15.31	451	12.82	12.69
1966	35,090	555	15.82	11	19.82	433	12.34	12.83

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT
DURING 1906 and PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population	Births		Deaths	
		Number	Rate per 1,000 (crude)	Number	Rate per 1,000
1906	37,000	537	14.5	40	10.8
1907	37,500	585	15.6	42	11.2
1908	37,500	579	15.4	41	10.9
1909	37,400	590	15.8	46	12.3
1910	37,500	561	15.0	55	14.7
1911	37,400	539	14.4	52	13.9
1912	37,400	517	13.8	48	12.8
1913	37,400	552	14.8	48	12.8
1914	37,100	581	15.7	53	14.3
1915	37,100	585	15.8	52	14.0
1916	37,000	597	16.1	51	13.8

GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) VITAL STATISTICS, 1966

	Estimated Population 1966	BIRTHS			DEATHS			INFANT MORTALITY		PERINATAL MORTALITY	
		Number of Births	Rate per 1,000 Population		Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population		Deaths under 1 year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Still-births and deaths under 1 week	Rate per 1,000 live and still-births
			Crude	Adjusted		Crude	Adjusted				
England and Wales	48,075,300	850,000	-	17.70	563,626	-	11.70	16,147	19.00	22,747	26.30
Administrative County	764,000	12,804	16.76	17.10	9,401	12.30	13.90	271	21.17	396	30.38
Urban Districts	526,040	8,687	16.51	17.01	6,631	12.61	14.38	192	22.10	282	31.86
Rural Districts	237,960	4,117	17.30	17.47	2,770	11.64	12.57	79	19.19	114	27.25
Health Division											
Constituent Districts											
Aberdare and Mountain Ash											
Aberdare Urban	38,700	606	15.66	17.07	582	15.04	15.34	15	24.75	26	41.87
Mountain Ash Urban	29,300	509	17.37	17.37	372	12.70	15.24	15	29.47	18	34.62
Caerphilly and Gelligaer											
Caerphilly Urban	38,040	814	21.40	20.97	430	11.30	14.13	25	30.71	34	41.06
Gelligaer Urban	35,000	658	18.80	18.80	413	11.80	15.34	13	19.76	23	34.28
Mid-Glamorgan											
Bridgend Urban	15,100	231	15.30	15.76	181	11.99	13.19	3	12.99	7	29.79
Maesteg Urban	21,430	353	16.47	17.13	261	12.18	14.86	5	14.16	10	27.70
Ogmore & Garw Urban	20,670	320	15.48	15.94	261	12.63	15.41	9	28.13	13	39.88
Porthcawl Urban	12,540	248	19.78	22.15	168	13.40	11.52	5	20.16	2	8.03
Penybont Rural	46,650	990	21.22	20.37	599	12.84	12.33	23	23.23	25	25.00
Neath and District											
Neath M.B.	30,200	450	14.90	15.50	404	13.38	14.45	6	13.33	11	24.07
Neath Rural	40,910	628	15.35	15.96	456	11.15	13.49	15	23.89	28	43.55
Pontypridd and Llantrisant											
Llantrisant Rural	29,500	581	19.69	18.71	288	9.76	12.49	15	25.82	20	33.73
Pontypridd Urban	35,090	555	15.82	16.14	433	12.34	12.83	11	19.82	16	28.32
Port Talbot and Glyncoerrwg											
Glyncoerrwg Urban	9,460	191	20.19	19.58	105	11.10	16.67	8	41.88	9	45.68
Port Talbot M.B.	51,800	792	15.29	15.14	586	11.31	15.38	14	17.68	24	29.70
South East Glamorgan											
Barry M.B.	42,430	702	16.54	17.04	489	11.52	12.67	12	17.09	18	25.28
Cardiff Rural	54,410	883	16.23	15.74	680	12.50	12.00	8	9.06	17	18.97
Cowbridge M.B.	1,140	21	18.42	18.60	13	11.40	12.20	-	-	-	-
Cowbridge Rural	21,260	374	17.59	18.82	165	7.76	12.80	8	21.39	9	23.56
Penarth Urban	21,950	395	18.00	19.44	297	13.53	12.58	7	17.72	12	29.85
West Glamorgan											
Gower Rural	15,100	257	17.02	18.38	165	10.93	10.93	4	15.56	6	22.99
Llwchwr Urban	25,470	397	15.59	16.68	322	12.64	13.78	8	20.15	8	20.00
Pontardawe Rural	30,130	404	13.40	15.14	417	13.84	14.26	6	14.85	9	22.00
Rhondda M.B.	97,720	1,445	14.79	15.23	1,314	13.45	15.33	36	24.91	51	34.51

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1966

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm			
Stomach	6	3	9
Lung	22	1	23
Breast	-	5	5
Uterus	-	3	3
Other sites	22	15	37
Vascular lesions of nervous system	23	44	67
Coronary disease, angina	60	40	100
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	5
Other heart diseases	24	30	54
Other circulatory diseases	9	1	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
Pneumonia	6	9	15
Bronchitis	28	6	34
Other diseases of respiratory system	14	-	14
Diabetes	-	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	17	18	35
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
Other accidents	4	5	9
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	246	187	433
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INFANT DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1966

Date	Sex	Age	Cause
16/4/66	Female	9 weeks	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia II. Prematurity
7/7/66	Male	13 hours	I. (a) Gross Prematurity
20/7/66	Male	1 hour	I. (a) Prematurity
12/8/66	Male	7 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (b) Prematurity
12/8/66	Female	20 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (b) Prematurity
21/10/66	Female	1 day	I. (a) Cerebral Haemorrhage (b) Prematurity
19/6/66	Female	19 days	I. (a) Renal Dysgenesis II. Bronchopneumonia
25/7/66	Male	10 days	I. (a) Perinatal Asphyxia (b) Medicapillary Compression (c) Hydrocephalus II. Renal Agenesis
31/7/66	Male	4 days	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia II. Meningomyelocele
24/11/66	Male	14 weeks	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia (b) Fibrocriptic Disease of Pancreas
21/11/66	Male	1 week	I. Acute Suppurative meningitis (Ps) Pyocyanea

INFANT DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1966

Date	Sex	Age	Cause
16/1/66	Female	9 weeks	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia II. Prematurity
27/1/66	Male	15 hours	I. (a) Gross Prematurity
20/1/66	Male	1 hour	I. (a) Prematurity
12/1/66	Male	7 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (b) Prematurity
12/1/66	Female	20 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (b) Prematurity
27/1/66	Female	1 day	I. (a) Cerebral Haemorrhage (b) Prematurity
19/1/66	Female	19 days	I. (a) Renal Dysgenesis II. Bronchopneumonia
22/1/66	Male	10 days	I. (a) Perinatal Asphyxia (b) Nephropathy Congestion (c) Hydrocephalus II. Renal Agenesis
27/1/66	Male	4 days	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia II. Meningocele
24/1/66	Male	14 weeks	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia (b) Fibrocystic Disease of Pancreas
27/1/66	Male	1 week	I. Acute Suppurative meningitis (Ps) Typhoid

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(other than Tuberculosis) during 1966

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Total deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	9	-
Pneumonia	-	15
Measles	118	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-
Anthrax	2	-

PUERPERAL PYREXIA REGULATIONS, 1939

There was one case of Puerperal Pyrexia reported during the year, notified from a hospital.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There have been no maternal deaths in the district since 1957. This gratifying result can be attributed to improved care of mothers before, during and after confinement, and reflects credit on the general practitioner, hospital and local authority services. Modern drugs to combat infection have, of course, played a great part in this improvement.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The ambulance service is the responsibility of the Glamorgan County Council, and the depot serving the Pontypridd area is situated at Hawthorn, near Pontypridd. The telephone number is Pontypridd 3973.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Notified during 1966

Disease	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	10	2	17
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	5	13	26	10	34	24	4	2	-	-	-	-	118
Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
TOTAL	5	14	27	13	34	28	4	4	2	3	11	2	147

Two anthrax cases were notified during the year. Anthrax has occurred from time to time in Pontypridd (12 cases since 1950) as an occupational disease in connection with a gelatine factory just outside the district boundary, but there had been no cases since 1960, probably because of precautions taken at the factory.

Some concern was felt at the time of notification because both of the patients concerned had had injections of anthrax vaccine shortly before they fell ill. However, it must now be accepted that this was purely coincidental and the reason for the vaccine's failure to protect was due to the course of injections not having been completed.

Cases are likely to occur occasionally as long as imported dried bone is used in the area, and vaccination for those exposed seems to offer the best chance of providing additional protection against virulent strains of the organism which may appear.

TUBERCULOSIS + NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1966

LABORATORY WORK AND FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, examines and reports upon all pathological specimens submitted from the Pontypridd area. The number of suspected and routine specimens sent by the Public Health Department and by local doctors during 1966 was 10. These included throat and nose swabs, sputa, blood, pus, faeces, cerebro-spinal fluid, etc.

Outfits for the collection of specimens for transmission through the post are kept at the office of the Public Health Department for the use of medical practitioners of the town.

HOSPITAL PROVISION FOR CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Where hospital admission is deemed desirable, cases of infectious diseases are accepted at the Cardiff Isolation Hospital at Canton, Cardiff, and at the Tyntyla Hospital, Pentre, Rhondda. In practice, the more serious types of infectious diseases, such as poliomyelitis and cerebro-spinal meningitis are usually treated at Cardiff. Special facilities also exist at the hospital at Canton for the treatment of tubercular meningitis and miliary tuberculosis, both of which require special and prolonged nursing care and attention.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

SECTION 172

The Local Authority took no action under this section during 1966.

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Respiratory	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.22	0.22
Non-respiratory	Nil	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.07	Nil
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.05	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.29	0.22

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1966

	New cases					Deaths				
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 years	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 years	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
35-45 years	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
45-65 years	10	-	-	1	11	1	-	-	-	1
Over 65 years	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	13	4	-	1	18	3	-	-	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Respiratory	0.08	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.22	0.22
Non-respiratory	Nil	0.03	Nil	Nil	0.07	Nil
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.06	0.29	0.22

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1964

Age Group	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 years	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35-45 years	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
45-65 years	10	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Over 65 years	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
TOTAL	17	4	4	1	18	3	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

Year	All forms of Tuberculosis	Non-respiratory	Respiratory
1966	0.08	0.05	0.08
1967	0.09	0.05	0.11
1968	0.08	0.05	0.11
1969	0.08	0.05	0.11
1970	0.08	0.05	0.11

TUBERCULOSIS, 1966

The following information has been kindly supplied by Doctor J.V. Williams in respect of the Pontypridd and Rhondda areas which form the district under his control:-

In comparison with last year the figures shew a decrease of 14.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Respiratory	60	45
Non-respiratory	6	7

As in previous years the older age groups are particularly affected in both men and women.

686 contacts were examined, of which five were found definitely to have tuberculosis.

The dramatic reduction in the number of new cases of Tubercle since antibiotics became generally available is seen in the following figures:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of diagnosed cases of T.B.</u>
1951	321
1952	264
1953	300
1954	195
1955	286
1956	189
1957	143
1958	127
1959	132
1960	109
1961	127
1962	91
1963	57
1964	64
1965	66
1966	52

The main non-tuberculous conditions seen at the Chest Clinic, such as Bronchial Carcinoma, Bronchitis, Pneumonitis, Pneumoconiosis and Heart conditions, shew little change compared with previous years.

Again it should be stressed that intensive propaganda regarding the dangers of smoking is needed, particularly in the final years of the children's school life.

VACCINATION WITH B.C.G.

Vaccination of school leavers is carried out by the School Health Service, and the following table shews the work done in this field during the year:-

Number of parental consents requested	859
Number of accepted B.C.G. vaccination	625
Number of Mantoux tested	534
* Number positive	160
Number negative	326
Number vaccinated	323

* Of this number, 60 shewed a positive result through previous vaccination.

These figures relate to children attending schools in the Pontypridd area only.

The vaccination of contacts of Tuberculosis is the responsibility of the Chest Clinic.

CANCER

Deaths from Cancer (all forms) in the Pontypridd area recorded during 1966 were as follows:-

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
50	27	77

The above figures, constituting a death rate of 2.2 per 1,000 population, shew a decrease of 5 on those of last year, when the total reached 82. The number of deaths from lung cancer in 1966 was 23, nine more than in 1965.

INFANT WELFARE

Infant Welfare Centres in Pontypridd are administered by the Glamorgan County Council.

The following Clinics hold weekly sessions:-

Pontypridd	Centrel Clinic, The Park
Treforest	Saron Chapel Vestry
Rhydyfelin	Clinic, Ash Square
Hopkinstown	Hall, Foundry Road
Graig	St. John's Church Vestry
Glyncoch	Clinic, Glyncoch

In addition, a fortnightly session is held at:-

Pontshonnorton	Merthyr Road Clinic.
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POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The National scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis began in 1956 under the control of the respective County Medical Officers.

In my capacity as Divisional Medical Officer, I am able to supply the following figures shewing the progress in the Pontypridd and Llantrisant Health Division during 1966:-

	Number of persons who have received three doses of oral vaccine	Number of persons who have received a reinforcing dose of oral vaccine
Children born in 1966	205	-
Children born in 1965	645	-
Children born in 1964	157	-
Children born in 1963	97	-
Children born during 1959 and 1962	118	727
Others under 16 years	26	29
Others over 16 years	38	-
TOTAL	1,286	756

HOUSING

In the past year period, 2,003 houses have been erected by the Council. During the year, 1,500 houses were completed and occupied; work is in progress on 500 houses.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

In December, 1965 Mrs. Hardie, the Centre Organiser for the W.V.S., informed the Council that her members were no longer able to operate the meals on wheels service. This duty, which they had carried out in an admirable way since 1959, had become too difficult for a dwindling number of volunteers, but they fortunately agreed to carry on until the Council could take over the service.

The Council's scheme, which is operated by the Health Department, began on the 1st March, 1966, the County Council sharing the cost. A small van was purchased and two female part-time "Driver/Helpers" were recruited. The meals were obtained from the Tymawr Colliery Canteen and we are grateful for their help. Two meals per week were delivered to each individual and the following table shews the growth of the service since it was taken over by the Department:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Average number of meals per week</u>
March	114
April	119
May	170
June	169
July	180
August	176
September	152 (Bank Holiday)
October	182
November	185
December	201

HOUSING

In the post war period, 2,023 houses have been erected by the Council. During 1966, 74 houses have been completed and occupied; work is proceeding on the following dwellings:-

Glyntaff Farm	-	3 bedroom houses	305
		2 bedroom houses	161
		1 bedroom flats	72
		Aged Persons flatlets	30
Duffryn Road	-	Aged Persons flatlets & Warden's Maisonette ..	25
		TOTAL	<u>593</u>

During the year 36 temporary aluminium bungalows have been demolished and the site cleared for redevelopment.

In addition, private enterprise has accounted for the following new dwellings during the year:-

Completed	64
Commenced	109
	<u>173</u>

COUNCIL HOUSES

Particulars of the dwelling houses owned by the Pontypridd Urban District Council at the end of 1966 are set out as follows :-

Consolidated Housing Scheme	2,593
Ynys Terrace	28
Gwernygerwn	11

Taken over by Council:

(a) Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923 and Housing Act, 1923-1925	23
(b) 19, 20 and 22 Stow Hill	3
(c) Bridge Street/Morgan Street	4
(d) Rickard Street	1
TOTAL	<u>2,663</u>

SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year 1966, the Council dealt with six individual unfit properties by means of Closing and Demolition Orders.

Towards the end of the year the Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of 138 sub-standard properties which included premises in proposed Development Areas and in areas likely to be affected by the proposed Merthyr/Cardiff trunk road. After initial examination the Council deferred further consideration until 1967.

The Council rehoused the occupiers of premises subject to two existing Orders.

RENT ACT, 1957

One application was received for a Certificate of Disrepair under the above Act and was granted. No applications were received for cancellation of existing Certificates.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

At January, 1966, 16 distributors and 13 dairies (other than dairy farms) were listed in the authority's registers.

Under Regulation 8 of the above Regulations, a distributor is required to be registered only with the local authority in whose area the premises from which the milk is distributed are situated.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

The following licences had been granted at the 31st December, 1966:-

Dealer - Untreated	16
Pasteurised	16
Sterilised	14

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL REGULATIONS), 1959 and FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

BRUCELLOSIS

Arrangements were made with the Public Health Laboratory to test untreated milks for Brucella Abortus and during the year six samples were submitted and found to be free.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following is a summary of examinations carried out during the year 1966; all samples being submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff:

<u>Milk</u>	<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised	12	-
Untreated	10	-

ANTIBIOTICS IN MILK

Antibiotics are much used for treatment of mastitis in cows and by arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory 53 samples of ex-farm milks were submitted for examination.

All samples were found to be free from antibiotics.

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

At 31st December, 1966, there were 223 registered ice-cream retailers in this town. Of these, probably only six manufacture their own ice-cream, the majority preferring to purchase the ice-cream, ready made, in hygienic containers, and maintaining it at the required temperature in refrigerators provided by the wholesaler.

These premises are regularly inspected by the Food Inspectors.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in Pontypridd and no samples were submitted during the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1954

Section 1 of the Act is applicable within the area to sheep, ewes, wether, rams and lambs, and with the exception of Kosher meat, all cattle are humanely killed by the captive bolt pistol, and the smaller animals are electrically stunned before slaughter.

11 licences under Section 3 of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954 were granted by the Council to operate for 1966.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL REGULATIONS), 1952 and FOOD AND

DRUGS ACT, 1952

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<u>UNDESIRABLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SAMPLES</u>	<u>MILK</u>
-	15	Pasteurised
-	10	Untreated

ANTIBIOTICS IN MILK

Antibiotics are much used for treatment of mastitis in cows and by arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory 25 samples of ex-farm milk were submitted for examination.

All samples were found to be free from antibiotics.

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

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INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The following are particulars for 1966 of the number of animals slaughtered and examined at the Abattoir:-

<u>Cows</u>	<u>Heifers & Steers</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
476	1,762	310	15,652	4,728	22,728

The total number of visits paid to the Abattoir, Markets and Shops by the Public Health Inspectors for the purposes of inspection of meat and other foods was as follows:

Visits and revisits made to the Public Abattoir by the Public Health Inspectors	737
Visits made to other premises under Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 and Food and Drugs Act, 1955	310
	1,047

Summary of unsound meat and other foods surrendered and destroyed during the year ended 31st December, 1966:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>qrs</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Public Abattoir (Meat-Tuberculosis)	-	2	3	17
Public Abattoir (Meat - other diseases)	6	4	3	7
Meat - other than abattoir	-	7	-	24
Public Markets and Shops (Other foods)	3	9	2	13
	10	4	2	5

CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Food to the effect that Local Authorities should control and disposal of condemned meat and offal from their Abattoirs, the Council has assumed this responsibility. Periodically, approved contractors are invited to quote for the purchase of these materials and the Council accepts the most favourable offer, consistent with facilities to collect on agreed days. All proceeds are refunded to the owners of the animals concerned.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Pontypridd Council administers the above Act in this area and the Authority's Public Health Inspectors are appointed sampling officers. Dr. L.E.Coles, B.Pharm.Ph.D., F.P.S., F.R.I.C., the County Analyst, was the Public Analyst appointed to act for this district for the period under review.

In the course of the year 1966, the samples (formal and informal) detailed below were submitted to and reported upon by the Analyst:-

Sample	Genuine	Non-genuine
Apples	3	
Beer	8	
Butter	7	
Baking powder	4	
Cake, fairy, mix	3	
Coffee and Chicory Essence	4	
Curry powder	2	
Custard powder	1	
Coconut, dessicated	1	
Drugs & medicinal preparations	10	
Fish paste	2	
Flour, self-raising	1	
Flour, plain	1	
Gelatine	1	
Jam, assorted	7	
Lard	3	
Milk	80	1
Margarine	3	
Minced chicken	1	
Meat paste	2	
Pears	2	
Pepper, white	2	
Suet, beef	1	
Sausages, beef	7	
Sausages, pork	2	1
Sausage roll	1	1
Steak, casserole, canned	1	
Salad cream	2	
Saccharin tablets	1	
Sardine in tomato, potted	1	
Soft drinks, etc.	7	
Spirits	8	
Turkey in jelly	1	
Table jelly	2	
Tea	2	
Tomato ketchup	4	
Vinegar, malt	4	
	192	3

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Following are details of the food premises subject to the above Regulation grouped in categories of trade carried on:-

The average composition of milk samples for 1966 was 3.7% milk fat and 8.6% solids non-fat, compared with the standard laid down in the milk regulations of 3% milk fat and 8.5% solids non-fat.

Following are details of the sub-standard foods:-

- 72P Informal - Milk - Deficient in milk fat
- 101P Informal - Sausage Roll - Filling covered with mould
- P185 Formal - Pork Sausage - Total meat content of 51.8%

In respect of the deficiencies the following observations are made:-

- 72P A follow-up formal sample was satisfactory.
- 101P The vendor was warned to take greater care of his stock.
- P185 As there was no standard for meat content, the Council decided to send the manufacturer a warning letter.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Consignments of food which have been condemned by the Public Health Inspectors as being unfit for human consumption are surrendered, stained where practicable, and dispatched to the Council's controlled tip. The tip is regularly inspected and during the warmer weather it is regularly sprayed with insecticide to minimise fly nuisance.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Following are details of the food premises subject to the above Regulations grouped in categories of trade carried on:-

Type of Premises	Total No. of Premises	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16	No. to which Regulation 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Butchers	22	22	22	22
Bakeries and Shops	8	8	8	8
Cafes and Restaurants	25	25	23	23
Confectioners	13	13	3	3
Chemists	8	8	8	8
Fried Fish and Chips	14	14	14	14
Grocers and General Provisions	129	129	53	53
Greengrocers/ Fruiterers	8	8	3	3
Cooked Meat/ Food Factories	7	7	7	7
Wholesale Confectioners	4	4	4	4
Confectionery Warehouses	1	1	1	1
Wholesale Butchers	1	1	1	1
Wholesale Grocers	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Canteens	5	5	5	5
Hospital Kitchens	2	2	2	2
Licensed Premises - Public houses, Clubs, Off-Licences	60	60	60	60

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Taf Fechan Water Board provides an ample and constant service of pure water to all houses and premises with the exception of a few scattered cottages and farmhouses on the borders of the Urban area.

All the water is treated by modern methods of chlorination and filtration, and it is possible to maintain, in all parts of the district, a reasonable supply even during periods of drought.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of the water is carried out at all stages of its collection, treatment and distribution, and they are in the main submitted by the Board. "Spot" samples are taken periodically by the Public Health Inspectors.

The number of samples so dealt with during the year 1966 was:-

(a) Bacteriological:

Raw Water	30
Treated water going into supply	147

(b) Chemical:

Raw Water	Nil
Treated water going into supply	6

Reports on the above samples of treated water were satisfactory. The raw water was also of adequate purity.

The soft upland surface water, some 3,400,000 gallons a day from the Maerdy reservoirs, is treated at the Works with lime or chalk raising the Ph figure to 7.5 and then filtered and finally chlorinated and there is no action on lead. Additional supplies are obtained from the Taff Fechan trunk main at Ty Gwyn, approximately 800,000 gallons, and 220,000 from springs at Cilfynydd each day.

There are no stand-pipes in use within the Pontypridd area.

Miscellaneous samples were taken from mountain springs and streams; some were reported to be unsatisfactory in varying degrees and appropriate action was taken.

Samples of Trading Estate water are taken regularly from premises on the estate which lie within the Urban area.

The following statistics of the local rainfall for the year 1966 have been provided by the Water Board. The rainfall was registered at Lanwood Reservoir, Pontypridd.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Inches</u>
January	4.45
February	8.44
March	3.15
April	7.48
May	5.42
June	5.28
July	2.50
August	5.31
September	3.91
October	7.63
November	4.66
December	8.21
	<u>66.44</u>

The average rainfall recorded at the above station for the past 50 years is 61.36.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A complete water-carriage system of sewerage, seventeen miles in length, controlled by the Ystradyfodwg and Pontypridd Main Sewerage Board, extends from the Rhondda area to the outfall in the Bristol Channel to the east of Cardiff in the Pengam Moors area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Summary of inspections and revisits in the course of routine work and "on complaint" during the year ended 31st December, 1966:

Public Health Acts:

First Visits	817
Revisits	875
Factories	42
Public Abattoir	737
Market and Shops	310
Cafes	24
Disinfestation	70
Schools	8
Miscellaneous	823
Rodent Control - Sewers	39
Drainage	21
Fumigation	9
Slum Clearance	87
O.S.R. Visits	497
Cinemas	6

4,365

Sampling:

Milk	97
Water	30
Other foods	78
Drugs	6
Beers and spirits	18
Ice-cream	6

Notices served:

Informal	153
Formal	88

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

In the course of the year 7 prosecutions were instituted by the Public Health Inspectors as a result of non-compliance with the requirements of statutory notices served under the Act.

In all cases work was completed and the cases were withdrawn on payment of costs.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The Public Health Inspectors paid 42 visits to factories during the year.

Generally all the factories were found to be in a satisfactory condition and in no instance was it necessary to take legal action for the contravention of any of the provisions of the above Act.

CREMATORIUM

The following particulars have been supplied by the Clerk of the Board:-

Cremations for the year 1965	1,989
Cremations for the year 1966	2,158

The cremations in 1966 shew an increase of 169 compared with 1965.

It is interesting to note that by the end of 1966, cremations carried out in Pontypridd totalled 40,724.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The above Act, which came into operation on 29th August, 1960 confers on local authorities effective powers for controlling caravan sites by strengthening the powers of planning authorities and introducing a new licensing system.

Two sites are established in this area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Urban area.

SCAVENGING

The collection of refuse and waste material during 1966 amounted to approximately 14,000 tons, an average of 55 tons per working day. Disposal is effected by controlled tipping on a site at Llandraw - an angledozer being used to spread the refuse and cover it down with inert material each day.

RODENT CONTROL

Two men are engaged full time to deal with day-to-day complaints and routine duties of rodent infestation.

The following tables give a summary of action during 1966:

Number of premises treated

<u>Rats</u>		<u>Mice</u>
35	Business Premises	3
880	Others	28
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915		31
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The Department also deals with business premises on contract.

An innovation during the year was the sewer treatment coming under my direct control.

All sewer manholes were treated during April and May 1966 and those shewing a poison take had a second treatment in October and November, 1966.

The first treatment shewed 36.8% of the manholes to be infested and 33% of these were infested on the second treatment.

Ready mixed proprietary warfarin poison was used in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

The methods employed in this locality for dealing with verminous premises have been outlined in previous reports. The number of premises dealt with during the year under review was as follows:-

Council	24
Other dwelling houses	10
Other premises	10
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	44
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OFFENSIVE TRADES

The following offensive trade is established in the district:

Rag Storage and Sorting 3

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL

Pontypridd possesses a municipal open-air swimming bath and paddling pool situated in the Ynysangharad Park. The adult bath holds 460,000 gallons and the juvenile pool 180,000 gallons.

Water is supplied from the town mains, and is treated by a large capacity filtration and purification plant by chemical precipitation, filtration, aeration and finally chlorination by a break-point chlorination plant with a chlorine residual recorder. The juvenile pool is connected to the filtration plant of the adult swimming bath. The turnover period for both pools is eight hours.

20 samples of bath water were taken on 10 occasions for bacteriological examination and all were reported to be satisfactory.

The standard of water purity to be aimed at in a swimming bath is equivalent to that for drinking water. It will be appreciated that such a standard is a very high one particularly during periods when very large numbers of people make use of the baths. It is particularly gratifying, therefore, to find that in every case, the samples taken were reported to be satisfactory. However, overcrowding must be avoided and there must be supervision, in particular, of the very young toddlers using the paddling pool.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

The Act provides for a system of licensing and inspection by local authorities of any establishments at which a business of providing accommodation for cats and dogs is carried on, and in considering the granting of a licence, the authority must have regard to the adequacy of arrangements for the care of the animals including protection against fire and other emergencies, and the prevention and control of infectious and contagious diseases.

Under Section 2, a local authority may authorise any of its officers to inspect any premises in respect of which a licence has been granted and this authority was given to the Medical Officer of Health and the three Public Health Inspectors.

No applications under this Act have in fact been received.

CO-OPERATION WITH VOLUNTARY BODIES

The following extract is taken from the Report of the Pontypridd Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. for the 15 months ended 30th June, 1966. The Pontypridd Branch includes Aberdare and Llantrisant areas:-

"One of the reasons for the existence of a powerful voluntary organisation in the field of child welfare is that it can act very quickly and with the minimum of red tape. Anybody who reports a case to the N.S.P.C.C. may be sure that the Society will act quickly, and it was because our Inspector did so that he was able to alleviate the suffering of 516 local children, who were involved in the 186 cases with which he dealt.

The Inspector was able to accomplish this in 184 of his cases by warning, guiding or advising parents. On no occasion was it necessary to undertake a prosecution and only two cases were brought before the Juvenile Court.

Throughout our history the neglect of children has been the most prolific source of cases and once again it accounted for the majority of the Inspector's cases. He dealt with 76 cases involving neglect, 34 in which assault or ill-treatment occurred, five which involved moral danger, nine of beyond control and one of abandonment. It is gratifying to note that once again a large number of people voluntarily sought the help of the Society with problems affecting their children and brought no fewer than 61 cases to our notice.

The longer any case of a child in need goes unreported, the harder it is to give him effective help and the greater is the likelihood that he will suffer permanent damage. We plead, therefore, with everyone to let us know when they are aware of children who require our help."

Mr. Rees expresses his appreciation of the help given him by my Department and I acknowledge his assistance on many occasions.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The cessation of house building during the war years, and the subsequent overcrowding was probably responsible for the increase in pulmonary tuberculosis shewn in the notifications (50 cases in 1916).

At the same time the infant mortality rate fell from 124 in 1915 to 100.7 in 1916. Due to shortage of Health Department staff in the war years, full annual reports were not made so there are no contemporary comments available. However, it is reasonable to speculate that the war effort brought increased prosperity to industrial areas, and that this, together with the recently instituted health-visiting service contributed to the improvement in the infant mortality rate.

The weather was evidently not much different 50 years ago as the report for 1916 says: "We did not experience at any time a lengthy period of dry weather, with the result, there was always an adequate supply of water available."

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OF THE YEAR 1966FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PONTYPRIDD IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGANPrescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961
Part 1 of the Act

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	59	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	178	42	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	239	42	2	-

(not including offences relating to out-work)

TOTAL

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OF THE YEAR 1966

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FORTWORTH IN THE COUNTY OF TARRANT
Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Act
Part I of the Act

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occasions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities	99			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	178	45	2	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5			
TOTAL	282	45	2	

Factories Act, 1961 (Cont'd)

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	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	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	2	-

Factories Act, 1961 (Cont'd)

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	Number of cases in which defects were found			Particulars
	Reported		Found	
	By H.K. Inspector	To H.K. Inspector		
-	-	-	-	Want of Classification (2.1)
-	-	-	-	Overcrowding (2.2)
-	-	-	-	Unsanitary temperature (2.3)
-	-	-	-	Inadequate Ventilation (2.4)
-	-	-	-	Ineffective drainage of floors (2.5)
-	-	-	-	Sanitary conveniences (2.7)
-	-	-	-	(a) Inadequate (b) Unsanitary or defective
-	-	-	-	Other offences against the Act (not including offence relating to out-work)
-	-	-	-	TOTAL

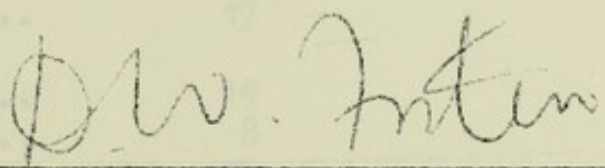
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Part VIII of the Act (Sections 133 and 134)

OUTWORK

Nature of Work (1)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)(2) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Making, etc. of wearing apparel	37	-	-	-	-	-

Signature:



Medical Officer of Health

OUTWORK

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August that res-entured by Section 175 (1)(c)(2) (2)	No. of cases of default in ser-ving lists to the Council (2)	No. of Process-ions for taking to in an-apply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in an-wholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Proces-ions (7)
Making, etc. of wearing apparel	37	-	-	-	-	-

Signature:

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