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PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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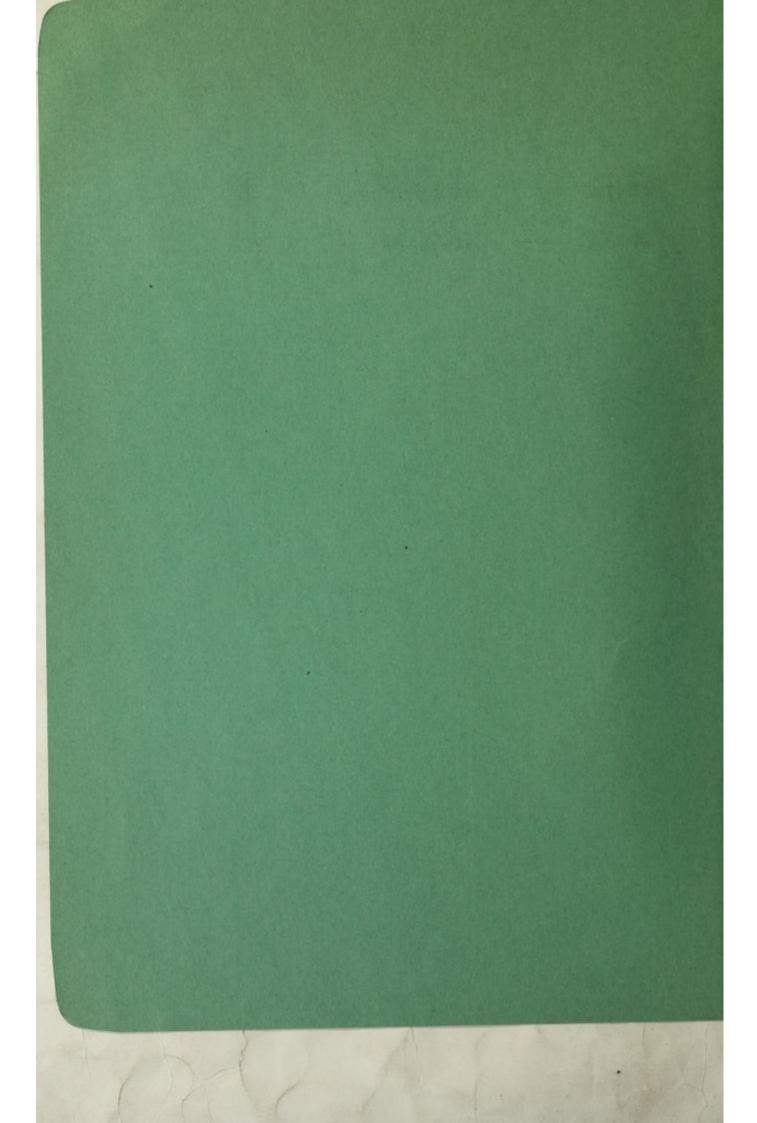
Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1970

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Public Health Department, 76 Taff Street, Pontypridd.

October, 1971.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit, for your consideration, my Annual Report on the Public Health of the District for the year 1970, together with the following comments.

Turmoil in the Public Health Services:

The Health Department at the present time is occupying temporary and not very satisfactory premises whilst waiting for the construction of a new health centre. By a coincidence this mirrors the general situation, in which, because of drastic impending changes in the Health Services, Public Health Departments everywhere are feeling the affects of the prevailing uncertainty.

The likelihood seems to be that the new and larger District Councils will still be left with the environmental health services but not control of infectious diseases, which will pass, as will the Medical Officer of Health, to the new Area Health Boards. However, medical advice will still be available when required from a medical officer with public health experience who will, under the new set-up, be called the Community Physician.

Tuberculosis:

The need for continuing vigilance in the field of infectious disease is shown by the Chest Physician's report (page 12), which draws attention to a considerable increase in the number of new cases in his area. Various factors could, of course, be involved in this increase, including chance fluctuations and increased vigilance by hospital doctors leading to earlier detection. Fortunately, the incidence in the Pontypridd Urban District area does not show any marked increase, and has remained at roughly the same level for the last four years. Future trends will be watched with great interest.

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.

D.W. FOSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Health Committee, 1970 - 1971

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Medical Officer of Health:

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W. N. Davies

Public Health Inspectors:

W. C. Griffiths W. J. Gwyn

T. A. Dyke

(To January, 1970) (From August, 1970)

Clerical Staff:

M. Rees - Chief Clerk Miss H. Roberts Mrs. C. Newton

Pest Control Officers:

S. R. Redwood W. J. Gardiner

(To November, 1970)

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SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (mid-year 1970) estimated by Registrar General	35,040
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, 1970)	£1,164,518
1d rate product for 1969/70	£4,625.12.3d

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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1970

LIVE BIRTHS:

Legit	imate	Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
239	264	14	14	531

Rate per 1,000 population: 15.2 (adjusted: 15.5)
Illegitimate live births: 5.3% of total live births

STILL BIRTHS:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	R K 3 R
4	4	0-4-4	1	9

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: 17.0

TOTAL BIRTHS:

Number (live and still): 540

TOTAL DEATHS:

Males: 227 - Females: 224 - Total: 451 Death rate: 12.9 (adjusted rate: 13.3)

Infant:

Legit	imate	Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
3	6	2	-	11

Infant deaths per 1,000 live births: 21.00

Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegi	timate	Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
3	6	2	9	11

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 21.00

Early Neo-Natal:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
3	6	2	-	11

Rate per 1,000 total live births: 21.00

Perinatal:

Male	Female	Total	
9	11	20	

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: 37.0

Maternal Mortality:

Number of deaths: NIL

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Perinatal:

Eate per 7,000 live and skill births: 57.0

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VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT DURING 1970 and PREVIOUS YEARS

district		Rate per 1,000 population	Adjusted	14.38	14.26	15.07	14.12	14.85	12.69	12.83	12.90	13.70	15.70	13.30
Net deaths belonging to the district	At all ages	Rate per 1,0	Crude	13.83	14.12	14.49	13.98	14.70	12.82	12.34	12.30	13.40	15.20	12.90
eaths be		Number		515	501	514	495	517	451	433	431	024	532	451
Net d	Under one year of age	Rate per 1,000	Dirths	39.22	26.83	27.92	28.80	39.38	15.31	19.82	11.00	21.90	22,00	21.00
	Under on	Number	1000	22	15	16	18	23	6	7	9	12	12	11
Births	Rate per	(crude)		15.06	15.76	16.15	17.66	16.61	16.72	15.90	15.90	15.60	15.40	15.20
Bir	Number			195	559	573	625	584	588	555	695	245	539	531
	Popula-	tion		37,240	35,480	35,480	35,400	35,160	35,170	35,090	35,000	35,060	35,010	35,040
	Year			1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970

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GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) VITAL STATISTICS, 1970

				LIVE B	BIRTHS		DEATHS	TS TS	Still-	INFANT	PERI	PERINATAL
			Number	Rate p	000 1.000	Number	Rate D	Rate per 1,000	rate	MORTALITY	MORI	MORTALITY
		Estimated	Jo		population	of	ndod	population	per	Rate per	Still-	Rate per
		population 1970	Births	Crude	Adjusted	nearing	Crude	Crude Adjusted	total	live	and	live and
				THE S					live	births	deaths under 1 week	still- births
England and Wales		48,987,700	784,482	16.0	16.0	575,208	11.7	11.7	13	18	18,669	23
Administrative County	unty	748,190	12,083	16.1	16.6	9,319		14.1	15	21	330	27
Urban Districts		523,700	8,138	15.5	16.0	6,719	12.8	14.5	15	23	236	29
		254,490	3,945	17.6	18.0	2,600		13.0	15	17	46	23
.vision	Constituent Districts	28 2EO	653	0 07	OX C	202	0	0 74	44	2.0	90	9
	Mountain Ash Urban	28.420	458	16.1	16.1	357	12.6	15.0	6	37	15	32
y and	Caerphilly Urban	40,550	408	19.8	19.4	404	10.01	12.5	12	26	21	26
	Gelligaer Urban	34,420	556	16.2	16.2	419		15.4	12	62	15	27
rgan	Bridgend Urban	15,170	197	13.0	13.4	402		14.6	10	25	9	30
•	Maesteg Urban	21,220	401	18.9	19.7	271	12.8	15.9	59	32	22	53
	Ogmore & Garw Urban	20,120	390	19.4	20.0	305		18.4	15	33	13	33
144	Porthcawl Urban	13,640	188	13.8	16.3	216		12.6	5	27	3	16
T.	Penybont Rural	50,530	1,0004	19.9	19.1	959		11.8	11	18	16	16
Neath and N	Neath M.B.	29,470	380	12.9	13.4	396		14.5	16	16	10	26
District N	Neath Rural	40,390	568	14.1	14.7	534		15.4	10	23	15	26
and	Llantrisant Rural	34,270	247	21.8	22.5	306		11.9	20	50	22	29
Llantrisant . P	Pontypridd Urban	* 35,040	* 531	*15.2	*15.5	* 451		*13.3	417	*21	• 20	*37
చ	Glyncorrwg Urban	9,330	146	15.6	15.1	115	1000	18.1	20	21	4	27
	Port Talbot M.B.	51,000	669	13.7	13.6	570		15.0	14	26	22	31
	Barry M.B.	42,370	652	15.4	15.9	503	_	12.9	11	18	14	21
Glamorgan	Cardiff Rural	29,810	570	19.1	17.6	304		10.8	6	11	8	14
-	Cowbridge M.B.	1,500	04	26.7	56.4	22	-	16.9	-	75	1	25
-	Cowbridge Rural	23,720	1441	18.6	21.2	177		13.1	22	18	16	35
	Penarth Urban	23,200	339	14.6	15.8	271	1000	11.0	12	9	5	15
West Glamorgan G	Gower Rural	16,350	232	14.2	14.9	187	11.4	12.4	6	6	2	6
-	Llwchwr Urban	26,000	419	16.1	17.2	329	12.7	13.8	6	19	7	17
	Pontardawe Rural	29,420	383	13.0	14.7	436	14.8	15.1	25	13	15	38
Rhondda M.B.		000,46	1,286	13.7	14.1	1,311	13.9	15.4	21	16	39	30

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CAUSES OF DEATH, 1970

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	1	_	1
Malignant Neoplasm:			
Buccal Cavity	2	-	2
Oesophagus	1	1	2
Stomach	5	6	11
Intestine	4	7	11
Lung, Bronchus	18	5	23
Breast	1	2	6 3 3 23
Uterus	3	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	12	11	23
Leukaemia	-	2	2
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	1		1
Diabetes	1	1	2
Multiple Sclerosis	-, 10) 0	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	3	1	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2	4
Hypertensive Disease	4	7	11
Ischaemic Heart Disease	64	45	109
Other forms of Heart Disease	9	20	29
Cerebrovascular Disease	27	44	71
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	8	8	16
Influenza	2 8	2	4
Pneumonia	18	12	20
Bronchitis and Emphysema		7 6	25
Other Diseases of Respiratory System Peptic Ulcer	5 2	1	11 3
Appendicitis	1	rtown Francisco	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	3	4
Other Diseases of Digestive System	7-7-7-3	2	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	and and - of the	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	4	Econ-lun	4
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	4	-	4
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1 -(0) 1	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	4	2	6
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc	1	3 2	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	2	3
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	1	6	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	6 4 3 7 2 6 3 2
All other Accidents	2	4	6
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries All other External Causes	2		2
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INFANT DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1970

Date	Sex	Age	Cause
22/2/70	Male	5 hours	I. (a) Immaturity
28/3/70	Female	2 days	I. (a) Respiratory Distress (b) Immaturity
9/6/70	Male	2 days	I. (a) Respiratory Distress Syndrome (b) Gross Prematurity
27/7/70	Female	14 hours	I. (a) Prematurity (b) Cerebral Haemorrhage
30/7/70	Male	1 day	I. (a) Bronchopneumonia (b) Prematurity
			II. Rhesus Incompatability
4/8/70	Female	21 hours	I. (a) Extreme Prematurity (22 weeks Gestation
29/10/70	Male	22 hours	I. (a) Extreme Prematurity
16/6/70	Female	4 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Failure (b) Failure of Lung Expansion
25/8/70	Male	4 days	I. (a) Transposition of Great Vessels (b) Congenital Heart Disease
16/10/70	Female	3 days	I. (a) Spina Bifida with Hydrocephalus
12/12/70	Female	24 hours	I. (a) Respiratory Failure (b) Left Pneumo Thorax with Respiratory Distress Syndrome (c) Atrial Siptal Defect

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(other than Tuberculosis during 1970)

Disease	Total cases Notified	Total deaths
Pneumonia		20
Food Poisoning	2	-
Measles	122	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-

PUERPERAL PYREXIA REGULATIONS, 1939

There were no cases of Puerperal Pyrexia reported during the year.

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.

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CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Notified during 1970

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Disease	Under 1 year	1-2 2-3	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15 15-25	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	,	1	1	1	1	-	,	-	-	2	2		9
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	2	-	2	. ,	2	,	,		2
Measles	2	10	22	7	22	#	2	-	2	-	'	,	122
Food Poisoning		1	1	1	1	1	1	'	-	-	2	1	4
TOTAL	2	10	22	11	77	45	5	2	2	2	4		140

The figures above indicate that there was a moderate epidemic of measles. Unfortunately the progress with the measles vaccination programme continues to be disappointing.

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Under 1 year	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 years	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 years	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
35-45 years	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
45-65 years	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	2
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	1	-	1	7	2	2	-	-	2

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS IN PONTYPRIDD DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS

Year	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
1961	24	2
1962	14	2
1963	10	1
1964	10	-
1965	11	1
1966	17	1
1967	6	-
1968	6	1
1969	8	-
1970	7	-

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TUBERCULOSIS 1970

The following report is kindly supplied by Dr.P. Valabhji in respect of the area covered by the Pontypridd Chest Clinic, consisting of, in the main, the Rhondda, Pontypridd and Llantrisant districts:-

1970 saw an increase in the number of new cases of tuberculosis, forty one in comparison to last year's figure of twenty six (see graph). The cause of the increase is not immediately apparent, but points to the need for full implementation of the preventive measures outlined in the report of the Joint Tuberculosis Committee of the British Thoracic and Tuberculosis Association entitled "The Control of Tuberculosis in Special Groups" (1970) The Medical Officer, No. 3234, Vol. CXXIV No.3, Pages 48-50.

The following table shews that males in the older age groups are predominantly affected, the pattern being the same as in previous years.

NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSED in 1970 IN AGE GROUPS

Ago Groung	RESP	TRATORY	NON-RES	SPIRATORY
Age Groups	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-14	1	-	-	-
15-24	6	1	-	-
25-34	3	2	-	2
35-44	1	-	-	-
45-54	3	2	2	-
55-69	16	1	-	-
70+				

With the dramatic decline in the number of new cases of tuberculosis in recent years the scope of the work at the Chest Clinic has widened to cover a wide variety of non-tuberculosis chest conditions and cardiovascular disorders.

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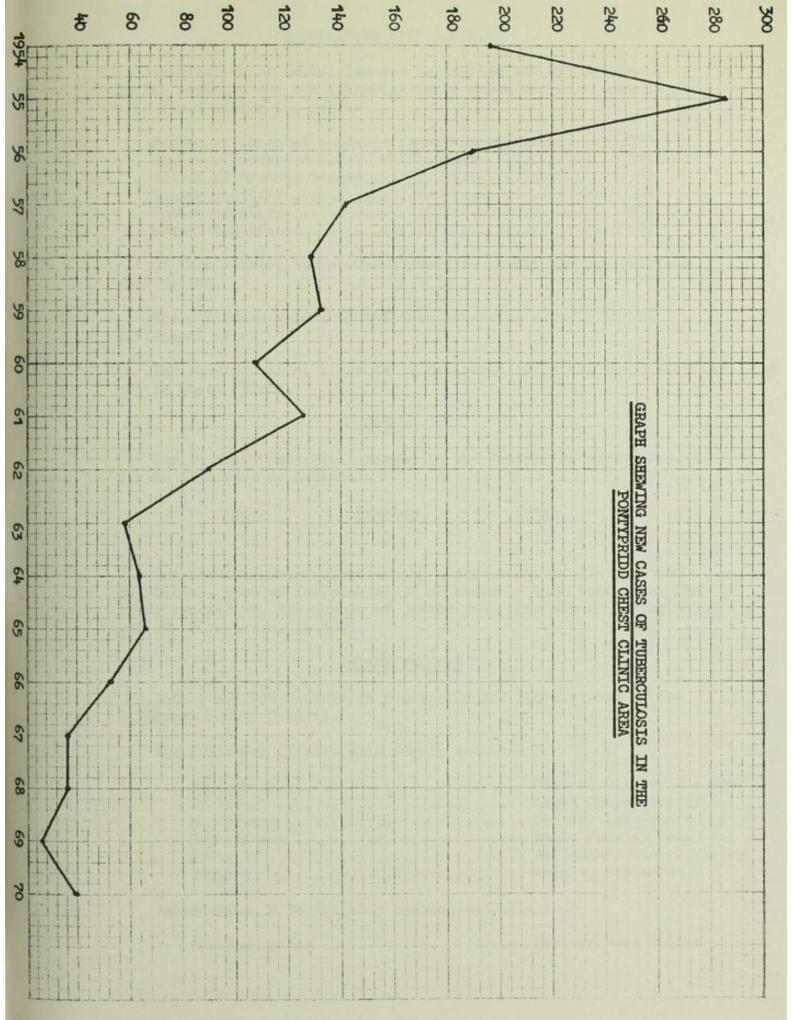
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VACCINATION WITH B.C.G.

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	1,973
Number	of accepted B.C.G. vaccination	1,510
	of Mantoux tested	
Number	positive	564
Number	negative	693
Number	vaccinated	689

* Of this number, 148 shewed a positive result through previous vaccination.

These figures relate to children attending schools in the Divisional area.

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 1970 were as follows:-

Males	Females	Total
47	40	87

The above figures, constituting a death rate of 2.4 per 1,000 population, shew an increase of 10 on those of last year, when the total reached 77. The number of deaths from lung cancer during 1970 was 23, 6 more than in 1969.

INFANT WELFARE

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

The following Clinics held weekly sessions:-

Pontypridd	Central 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 was 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 progress in the Pontypridd and Llantrisant Health Division during 1970:-

	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 1970	122	-
Children born in 1969	632	-
Children born in 1968	168	-
Children born in 1967	46	-
Children born between 1963 and 1966	90	857
Others under 16 years	7	678
Others over 16 years	1	31
TOTAL	1,058	1,566

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

The Council's scheme, which is operated by the Health Department, began on the 1st March, 1966, the County Council sharing the cost. By arrangement with the County Council, the meals are supplied from their Hostel at The Avenue, Pontypridd. This has proved a most amicable arrangement, and I am grateful to the Warden for his assistance.

The following table shews the demand on the service during 1970:-

Month	Average number of meals per week
January	291
February	360
March	363
April	345
May	337
June	319
July	316
August	309
September	293
October	308
November	305
December	265

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HOUSING

In the post war period 2,624 houses have been erected by the Council. Of these houses, the 79 temporary aluminium bungalows have been demolished. Part of the site has been redeveloped with 62 new dwellings, and arrangements are in hand in respect of a further 51 dwellings on the remainder of the site during 1971. During 1970, 73 houses have been completed and occupied.

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

Completed	••••••	74
Commenced	•••••	56
		130

COUNCIL HOUSES

Particulars of the dwelling houses owned by the Pontypridd Urban District Council at the end of 1970 are set out as follows:-

Consolidated Housing Scheme	3,217
Ynys Terrace	28
Taken over by Council	26
	3,271

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SLUM CLEARANCE

During the year 1970, the Council made 3 demolition and 2 closing orders on sub-standard properties.

No major scheme of slum clearance was embarked upon, but the current list of sub-standard properties (138 in all) was substantially reduced by the progress of the new trunk road and the central bus station scheme, as many of the houses which are affected by these schemes were on this list.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair or for the cancellation of an existing Certificate under the above Act.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

At December, 1970, 19 distributors and 14 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, 1970:-

Dealer -	Untreated	18
	Pasteurised	18
	Sterilised	16

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following is a summary of examinations carried out during the year 1970, all samples being submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff:-

Milk Number of Samples Unsatisfactory

Pasteurised 49 6

ANTIBIOTICS IN MILK

Antibiotics are much used for treatment of mastitis in cows and by arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory, 11 samples of ex-farm milks were submitted for examination.

All samples were found to be free from antibiotics.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

At December 31st, 1970, there were 229 registered ice-cream retailers in this town. Of these, not more than 2 or 3 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 plans in Pontypridd, and no samples were submitted during the year.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The total number of visits paid to markets and shops by the Public Health Inspectors during 1970 for the purposes of inspection of meat and other foods was as follows:-

Summary of unsound meat and other foods surrendered and destroyed during the year ended 31st December, 1970:-

	Tons	Cwts	qrs	<u>lbs</u>
Meat	3	9	2	12
Public Markets and Shops (other foods)	1	3	1	26
	4	14	-	10

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 1970, the samples (formal and informal) detailed overleaf were submitted to and reported upon by the Analyst:-

Sample	Genuine	Non-genuine
Apples	2	
Baking powder	2	
Beer	2 2 3 3	
Brandy	3	the second to be seen
Bread		1
Butter	3	the time of the second
Cake, tea, mix	1 6 2 2	
Cheese	6	1
Coconut, dessicated	2	the blank building
Coffee and chicory essence	2	
Curry powder	1	and the amount of the
Custard tart		1
Drugs	31	THE REAL PROPERTY.
Flour confectionery	1	
Flour, plain	1	
Gin	2	a land a land
Ice-cream	9	
Lard	4	of salventions level
Lemon juice	2 9 4 1 3	
Margarine	3	
Marzipan, almond	1 4	all tioks.
Meat products		1
Milk	62	
Mustard	1	
Non-brewed condiment	1	
Pepper, white	2	
Prawns, canned	1	the substitute and
Pears	1	
Pickles, mixed		1
Rum	1	
Saccharin tablets	1	
Sausages, beef	2 3	
Sausages, pork	3	
Soft drinks	10	
Sponge Mix	1	
Stout	2	
Suet, shredded, beef	1	
Table jelly	3	
Tea	3	
Tomatoes, canned	0	1
Tomato preparations	1 3 8 2 2 1 3	
Vinegar	2	
Vodka	1 7	
Whisky	3	
Wine, tonic	1	
	194	6

The average composition of milk samples for 1970 was 3.65% milk fat and 8.64% solids non-fat, compared with the standard laid down in the milk regulations of 3% milk and 8.5% solids non-fat.

Following are details of the sub-standard foods:-

- 64P Informal Cheese Contaminated with growth of mould.
- 121P Informal Custard Tart Ants embedded in the filling.
- 138P Informal Meat Roll Part of dead insect embedded in bread part of the meat roll.
- 176P Informal Canned Tomatoes Contained excessive amount of tin.
- 197P Informal Bread Contaminated with edible lubricating grease.
- 198P Informal Mixed Pickles Contained two insects.

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

- 64P Warning letter sent to vendor re storing conditions.
- 121P Warning letter sent to vendor.
- 138P Warning letter sent to vendor.
- 176P The entire remaining stock was withdrawn by the vendors and destroyed.
- 197P Bakery plant inspected and warning letter sent.
- 198P Warning letter sent to producers.

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 refuse tip.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

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

	Total No. of Premises	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16	No. to which Regulation 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Regu- lation 19
Butchers	21	21	21	21
Bakeries and Shops	11	11	3	3
Cafes and Restau- rants	36	36	34	34
Confectioners	9	9	-	-
Chemists	7	7		-
Fried Fish and Chips	16	16	16	16
Grocers and General Provisions	62	62	Track and	0.50
Greengrocers	11	11	3	3
Fruiterers	20	20	-	-
Cooked Meat/ Food Factories	7	7	7	7
Wholesale Confectioners	2	2	2	2
Wholesale Butchers	1	1	1	1
Wholesale Grocers	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	4	4	1	1
Canteens	25	25	25	25
Hospital Kitchens	2	2	2	2
Licensed Premises - Public Houses, Clubs, Off-licences	64	64	49	49

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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 1970 was:-

(a) Bacteriological:

Raw water			123
Treated wa	ater going	into supply	275

(b) Chemical:

Raw water				 31
Treated wa	ter going	ginto	supply	 61

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

A new steel service reservoir was constructed and commissioned at the Graig, Pontypridd to replace the previous structure which had deteriorated beyond economical repair. The original tank had been in service for about 70 years.

Part of the supply to Pontypridd U.D.C. was affected during 1970 by the emergency at Lluest Wen Reservoir in the Rhondda Fach Valley in January. Following the discovery of a weakness in the dam, it was necessary to lower the water level immediately and retain this reduced level by constructing a new overflow 30 feet below the original level.

The low level of the reservoir, the heavy rainfall and the works being carried out caused such disturbance to the stored water that it became impossible to filter it adequately and the treated water going into supply, although sterile, became discoloured.

The reduction in storage and yield, which would not return to normal until the reservoir embankment was permanently reinstated, made it necessary for the Board to lay 4½ miles of 18" diameter watermain from the Taf Fechan trunk mains at Ty Gwyn service reservoir to the new service reservoirs at Porth. This work, which was completed in four months, included design, manufacture, installation and testing, at a cost of approximately £200,000, has ensured a constant supply to the Urban area.

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

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

10,990 dwelling houses, accommodating 35,040 persons, are served from the public water mains direct to the houses.

The following statistics of the local rainfall for the year 1970 have been provided by the Water Board. The rainfall was registered at Lanwood Reservoir, Pontypridd.

Month	Inches
January	9.67
February	8.46
March	3.43
April	5.08
May	1.27
June	2.13
July	1.97
August	4.35
September	5.25
October	4.90
November	7.92
December	3.63
	58.06

The average rainfall recorded at the above station for the past 51 years is 63.74.

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, 1970:-

Public Health Acts: First visits Revisits Factories Markets and Shops Cafes Disinfestation	869 1,365 111 312 43 117
Schools	40 1,271 24
O.S.R.Visits	103 6 21 6
Cinemas	5 2
	4,235
Sampling:	4,233
Sampling: Milk Water Other foods Drugs Beers and Spirits Ice-cream	111 96 83 31 15 9

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

In the course of the year 3 prosecutions were instituted by the Public Health Inspectors as a result of non-compliance with the requirements of statutory notices served under the Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The Public Health Inspectors paid 111 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 1969 2,344 Cremations for the year 1970 2,066

The cremations in 1970 shew a decrease of 278 compared with 1969, a proportion of which is attributable to the opening of the Mid-Glamorgan Crematorium and the Llwydcoed Crematorium.

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.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The collection of refuse and waste material during 1970 amounted to approximately 14,000 tons, an average of 55 tons per working day.

Disposal is effected by controlled tipping and covering down with excavated material.

RODENT CONTROL

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

The following tables give a summary of treatment carried out during the year:-

Number of premises treated

Rats		Mice
22	Business premises	3
553	Others	34
575		37
_		37

The Department also deals with business premises on contract.

During the year the sewer treatment was continued, all sewer manholes being treated in April/May and those shewing poison takes had a follow-up treatment during October. The main treatment indicated 302 or 24.3% to be infested and of these 85 or 25.5% gave positive results during the follow-up treatment.

Ready mixed proprietary chlorophacinone poison was used in accordance with Ministry recommendations.

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 Other dwelling houses Business premises	31
business premises	82

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The following offensive trade is established in the district:-

Rag Storage and Sorting 44

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.

18 samples of bath water were taken on 9 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.

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.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The number of births, which had fallen during the war years, rose in 1920 to 1,508, the second highest figure ever recorded. There were 158 infant deaths - that is to say, more than one in ten of all infants died.

Measles took a heavy toll, there being 41 deaths.

The Medical Officer of Health complained that with the ending of meat control, small and unsuitable private slaughterhouses were being opened, in spite of adequate facilities at the Public Abattoir.

Housing was causing great concern as the following quotation shows:-

"It is most regrettable that a very considerable number of houses, the owners of which have been served with notices during last year, are still unattended to. Some of them being entirely unfit for habitation. Overcrowding grows worse week by week. Houses no better than hovels, condemned before the war, are still occupied because there is no alternative accommodation available. Most industrial districts throughout the country are in the same plight. As you are well aware, hardly any houses were built during the war, nor were the existing houses kept in a good state of repair. In spite of a widespread determination that the housing of the population must be improved it is useless to condemn many old houses which ought to be condemned until better accommodation is provided."

Serious overcrowding was causing a scabies problem. On the installation of school baths, the report said, "Suitable spray baths have been installed at two of the newer schools, but it cannot be said that their use was fully appreciated."

The summer was very wet.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1970

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PONTYPRIDD IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN Part 1 of the Act

		Number on	Inspections	Number of Written Occupiers		
		Register			Prosecuted	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	60				
(ii)		189	111	4	-	
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	-	-	-	

Factories Act, 1961 (Cont'd)

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Nu	mber of ca defects w	Number of		
Particulars	Found	Remedied	cases in which		
			To H.M.	By H.M.	prosecutions
			Inspector	Inspector	were instituted
Want of Cleanli-					
ness (S.1)	-	-	-	1	-
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drainage of					
floors (S.6)	-	_	-	-	-
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Sanitary	194				
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