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I'r Maer, Henaudriaid, a Chynghorwyr o Cyngor Trefol Rhuthun,  
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Y mae'n fraint i gael danfon yr awolwg terfynol ar iechyd Bwrdeisdref Ruthin atoch am y flwyddyn 1973.

Fe baratowyd yr ystadegau o ddogennau a gadwyd gan yr Adran Iechyd, ac er nad ydynt yn hollol gywir, y maent yn ddigon agos i'n sicrhau fod safon cyffredinol iechyd wedi ei gynnal yn foddhaol yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Yn y gorffennol, bu'n arferol i aros am ystadegau'r Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol a oedd yn cynnwys manylion am enedigaethau a marwolaethau ymhlith babanod a mamau, ond fe fyddai aros am hyn wedi golygu gweithredu ar ol ad-drefniad yr Awdurdod. Roeddem ni, eich swyddogion, yn teimlo y dylid gwneud pob ymdrech i gyflwyno'r bennod olaf ar iechyd y dref, cyn i'r llyfr recordiau gau am byth. Y mae'n wych o beth fod yr ystadegau am y flwyddyn olaf yn foddhaol, ac nad oes ynddynt unrhyw arwydd o styngiad sydyn yn safonau iechyd, ond yn hytrach, pob arwydd o gynnydd amlwg.

Yn ystod 1973 fe fu nifer o newidiadau a fu'n baratoadau tuag at yr ad-drefniad yn 1974. Y mae'n drist i weld hen Fwrdeisdref Ruthin yn diflannu, ond yn ddiamau, y mae ei chyfraniad i iechyd a chynnydd cymdeithasol yn sylfaen gadarn i'r dyfodol.

Fe fu'n fraint i Dr. Lynn Williams a minnau i wasanaethu Bwrdeisdref Ruthin, ac fe hoffem ein dau, ddiolch i'r swyddogion i gyd am eu cymorth a'u cyd-weithrediad parod bob amser. Fe hoffem ddweud hefyd ein bod yn teimlo'n ddyledus dros ben i'r aelodau am eu diddordeb brwd a'u cymorth parod i wasanaethau iechyd y Fwrdeisdref yn sylfaen gadarn i unrhydd ddatblygiandau yn y dyfodol.

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Swyddogion Meddygol Iechyd.

Ionawr 1974





To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Ruthin Borough Council.  
Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

It is a privilege to submit the final report on the health of Ruthin Borough for the year 1973.

The statistics have been prepared from records maintained by the Health Department and although they are not strictly accurate, they are sufficiently so, to be able to affirm that the general standard of health has been satisfactorily maintained during the past year. Previously, it was customary to await the Registrar General's returns which had taken into account the transfer in and out of deaths, births, infant and maternal mortality but this would have meant waiting until after the dissolution of the Authority. We, your officers, felt that it was desirable to make every effort to include the last chapter on health before finally closing the record book. It is gratifying that the statistics for this final year are satisfactory and that there has been no sudden or serious deterioration in health standards but rather that there has been a maintenance of steady progress.

During 1973, there have been many changes which are merely preparatory to the reorganisation in 1974. It is sad that the ancient Borough of Ruthin should disappear but undoubtedly, its various contributions to health and social progress will form firm foundations for further progress.

Dr. Lynn Williams and I feel privileged to have been allowed to serve the Ruthin Borough and we both wish to thank all the officers for their unflinching help and co-operation. We would also record our indebtedness to all the members for their constant interest and enthusiastic support, of the health services. We hope that our contribution to the health of the Borough will form a firm foundation for future developments.

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Medical Officers of Health

January, 1974



To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors of Louth Borough Council.  
Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors,

It is a privilege to submit the final report on the health of Louth Borough for the year 1973.

The statistics have been prepared from records maintained by the Health Department and although they are not strictly accurate, they are sufficiently so to be able to affirm that the general standard of health has been satisfactorily maintained during the past year. Previously, it was customary to await the Registrar General's returns which had taken into account the transfer in and out of deaths, births, infants and maternal mortality but this would have meant waiting until after the dissolution of the Authority. We, your officers, felt that it was desirable to make every effort to

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standards. There have been some changes which are being preparatory to the re-organisation of the Borough of Louth and should disappear but undoubtedly, the various organisations to health and social progress will be better served. Dr. Ivan Williams and I feel privileged to have been allowed to serve the Louth Borough and we both wish to thank all the officers for their willing help and co-operation. We would also record our indebtedness to all the members for their constant interest and enthusiastic support of the health services. We hope that our contribution to the health of the Borough will form a firm foundation for future developments.

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Medical Officers of Health

January, 1974

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The Mayor of the Borough and the Chairman of the Health Committees during the year were as follows:-

Mayor of the Borough:

May, 1973 - April, 1974 - Councillor Trevor Field

Chairman of the Housing and Public Health Committee:

May, 1973 - April, 1974 - Councillor Mrs Margaret Roberts.

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GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Area of the Borough.....   | 2,016 acres |
| Registrar General's estimated mid-year home population<br>(1972) ... | 4,620       |
| Rateable Value .....   | £449.005    |
| Sum represented by a penny rate .....                                | £4250.00    |

The number of inhabited houses was 1739 compared with 1713 in 1972.

..... 0 .....

| Cause                                      | Sex | All Ages | 25/34 | 35/44 | 45/54 | 55/64 | 65/74 | 75 & Over |
|--|-----|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Gastro Enteritis                           | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
|  | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Malignant Neoplasm Stomach                 | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
|  | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Malignant Neoplasm Intestine               | M   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|  | F   | 2        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2         |
| Malignant Neoplasm of Lung                 | M   | 4        | -     | -     | -     | 3     | 1     | -         |
|  | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Malignant Neoplasm of Blood Forming Organs | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -     | -         |
|  | F   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -         |
| Malignant Neoplasm Breast                  | F   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -     | -         |
| Malignant Neoplasm Prostate                | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
| Prostatic Hypertrophy                      | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
| Hypertensive Disease                       | M   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|  | F   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease                    | M   | 9        | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 5     | 3         |
|  | F   | 12       | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6     | 6         |
| Cerebrovascular Disease                    | M   | 6        | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 2     | 3         |
|  | F   | 8        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2     | 6         |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System       | M   | 2        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 1         |
|  | F   | 3        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 2         |
| Disease of Nervous System                  | M   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -         |
|  | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Pneumonia                                  | M   | 3        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 3         |
|  | F   | 4        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | 3         |
| Bronchitis & Emphysema                     | M   | 5        | -     | -     | -     | 2     | 2     | 1         |
|  | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Peptic Ulcer                               | M   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|  | F   | 1        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1         |
| Other Diseases of Alimentary Tract         | M   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|  | F   | 1        | -     | 1     | -     | -     | -     | -         |

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As can be seen from the table, the following infectious diseases were notified during the year.

| Cause                   | Sex | All Ages | 25/34 | 35/44 | 45/54 | 55/64 | 65/74 | 75 & Over |
|-------------------------|-----|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Influenza               | M   | 2        | -     | 1     | -     | 1     | -     | -         |
|                         | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Road Transport Accident | M   | 1        | 1     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
|                         | F   | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Total                   | M   | 38       | 1     | 1     | -     | 9     | 12    | 15        |
|                         | F   | 34       | -     | 1     | -     | 1     | 11    | 21        |

The total deaths numbered 72, almost equally divided between males and females. It is gratifying to record that no deaths occurred in the age groups 0/24 years, and only 3 deaths in the 25/54 year age group. Over 80% of all deaths occurred in people over the age of 65 years.

The pattern of causes of deaths remain similar to the preceding years in that the most important single cause of death is Ischaemic Heart Disease, which caused 21 deaths, followed by Cerebrovascular disease which caused 14 deaths, Neoplastic disease which caused 11 deaths.

BIRTHS

Comparability Factor 1.12 (1972)

Number of births relating to residents: 84

The hospital in Ruthin has a maternity unit which also caters for the surrounding areas. Births relating to residents in the Borough also take place in hospitals in adjoining areas. The births were 25 more than in 1972.

|  | <u>Ruthin Borough</u> |             |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|
|  | <u>1972</u>           | <u>1973</u> |
| Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 home population)     | 12.8                  | 18.2        |
| Corrected Birth Rate (per 1,000 home population) | 14.3                  | 20.3        |

The births exceeded the deaths by 12.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As can be seen from the table, the following infectious diseases were notified during the year.

| Notifiable          | Total<br>1972 | Total<br>1973 | Under<br>1 yr | 15/25    | Age Unkown |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Measles             | 104           | 1             | -             | -        | 1          |
| Dysentery           | 1             | Nil           | -             | -        | -          |
| Acute<br>Meningitis | 1             | Nil           | -             | -        | -          |
| Food<br>Poisoning   | Nil           | 2             | 1             | 1        | -          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>106</b>    | <b>3</b>      | <b>1</b>      | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b>   |

The total number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year was 3 compared with 106 for 1972. It is gratifying to note the reduction in infectious diseases in 1973 and unlike 1972 there was not a measles epidemic.

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of cases on the register at the beginning and end of 1973.

|  | <u>Pulmonary</u> |                | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |                | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | <u>Males</u>     | <u>Females</u> | <u>Males</u>         | <u>Females</u> |              |
| Number on register on 1st<br>January, 1973   | -                | 2              | 2                    | -              | 4            |
| Number on register on 31st<br>December, 1973 | -                | 3              | 2                    | -              | 5            |

1 Female (Pulmonary was added to the register in 1973)

## ANTHRAX

There were no cases of Anthrax reported during the year.

## BRUCELLOSIS

No human or animal cases were reported during the year in the area, both human and animal cases have occurred in neighbouring areas.

Milk from all producer/retailers who sell raw milk to the public are taken at least every quarter by the County Public Health Inspector. Measures are being introduced to eradicate this disease from cattle, and until this reservoir of infection is eliminated, those who drink raw (untreated) milk will run the risk of contracting this insidious disease, which can lead to chronic ill-health.

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following shows the number protected by prophylactic measures:-

|   | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Booster</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Diphtheria }<br>Whooping Cough }<br>Tetanus } | 24             | -              |
| Poliomyelitis (Sabin)                         | 21             | 23             |
| Measles                                       | 14             | -              |
| Diphtheria & Tetanus                          | -              | 17             |
| Rubella                                       | 59             | -              |

TUBERCULOSIS - B.C.G. VACCINATION

Brynhyfryd Comprehensive School

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of children tested:  | 141 |
| Number of children found to be positive:                              | 4   |
| Number of children found to be negative and given B.C.G. vaccination: | 133 |

Those found positive were followed up by Chest X Ray examination, and their families were also investigated. The 4 positive reactors demonstrate the continuing presence of tubercle or closely related bacilli in the environment.

The figures above include children from outside the area.



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

FOOD

The number of food premises in the Borough is as follows:-

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| General Food Premises  | 39 |
| Butchers Shops         | 7  |
| Bakehouses             | 3  |
| Public Houses          | 10 |
| Hotels with restaurant | 4  |
| Licensed Clubs         | 3  |
| School Canteens        | 5  |
| Other Canteens         | 2  |
| Slaughter Houses       | 1  |
| Cafes                  | 9  |
| Fried Fish Shops       | 3  |
| Vans & Stalls          | 1  |

UN SOUND FOOD

The undermentioned foodstuffs were certified as being unfit for human consumption:-

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Frozen Poultry           | 74 lb |
| Other Frozen Foods       | 2 lb  |
| Canned Meats             | 12 lb |
| Canned Fish              | 5 lb  |
| Canned Vegetables        | 15 lb |
| Canned Fruit/Fruit Juice | 47 lb |
| Other Canned Foods       | 6 lb  |

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Meat Inspection

During the year some 250 visits were made to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection and as can be seen from comparison of the figures shown below, approximately the same annual through put is being maintained.

| 1973 statistics  | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>&<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|
| Number of animals killed                                   | 1664                        | 20   | 1      | 6252                | 1047 |
| Number of animals inspected                                | 1664                        | 20   | 1      | 6252                | 1047 |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis<br/>and cysticerci</u> |                             |      |        |                     |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                  | 3                           | NIL  | 1      | 12                  | 6    |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned     | 159                         | 9    | NIL    | 591                 | 96   |

|   | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>&<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u>                              |                             |      |        |                     |      |
| Whole carcase condemned                               | NIL                         | NIL  | NIL    | NIL                 | NIL  |
| Carcase of which some<br>part or organ was condemned  | NIL                         | NIL  | NIL    | NIL                 | 16   |
| <u>Cysticerci</u>                                     |                             |      |        |                     |      |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was condemned | 3                           | NIL  | NIL    | NIL                 | NIL  |
| Carcases submitted to<br>refrigeration                | 2                           | NIL  | NIL    | NIL                 | NIL  |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned                  | NIL                         | NIL  | NIL    | NIL                 | NIL  |
| Number of animals killed<br>during 1972               | 1303<br>(including<br>cows) |      | 1      | 752                 | 1053 |

MEAT CONDEMNED

The following meat and offal was condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Beef Liver                             | 1600 lb |
| Sheep Liver                            | 1050 lb |
| Pigs Liver                             | 328 lb  |
| Beef carcase meat and other<br>organs  | 2835 lb |
| Sheep carcase meat and<br>other organs | 568 lb  |
| Pigs carcase meat and<br>other organs  | 1069 lb |
| Calf carcase meat                      | 40 lb   |

ICE CREAM

There are no manufacturers of ice cream operating in the Borough and no samples were taken during the year.



## WATER SUPPLY

The area is served either from the Bathafan supply or the Efail Newydd bore hole supply. Weekly sample reports were submitted by the West Denbighshire and West Flintshire Water Board, on two occasions unsatisfactory samples were obtained and repeat samples proved satisfactory.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 3 Standard Grants and 5 Improvement Grant applications were approved.

## HOUSING

During 1973, there were no Council Houses built in the Borough. There are, however, 519 houses owned by the Council out of a total of 1739 rated houses.

The number of private houses and bungalows completed during the year was 26.

The number of Council Houses in the area is as follows:-

|           |             |            |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Houses    | 4 bedroomed | 1          |
|           | 3 bedroomed | 374        |
|           | 2 bedroomed | 42         |
|           | 1 bedroomed | 4          |
| Bungalows | 2 bedroomed | 70         |
|           | 1 bedroomed | -          |
| Flats     | 1 bedroomed | 8          |
|           | 2 bedroomed | 20         |
|           |             | <u>519</u> |

Plans have now been approved for the construction of a further 32 units for the elderly. Work was also started on a scheme of improvement to 134 pre war Council Houses.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Regular cleaning and repair to these premises has maintained satisfactory standards. Each premises was completely redecorated during the year.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A report has now been completed, recommending reconstruction of certain sewers in the Borough and for the treatment works extension. The Council have adopted this report which is to be passed on to the Welsh National Water Development Authority for implementation.

## ANALYTICAL REPORT ON FINAL EFFLUENT FROM THE RUTHIN SEWAGE WORKS

11 samples taken  
results of which were:-  
6 satisfactory  
3 borderline  
2 unsatisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A satisfactory weekly collection of approximately 2,200 bins was maintained, the collection rota having been revised to distribute the work load more evenly. Four men using one vehicle collect household refuse each day except Monday, when an additional workman is needed to complete the days work.

The Tractor and Trailer is now only used for special collections for which a charge is made, trade waste and salvage is dealt with in this way. There is now a need for a review of the collection system to make provision for a proper salvage and trade waste collection service.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Ruthin R.D.C. deposited approximately 1350 loads of refuse at the tip during this year. Together with the Borough's own refuse and the ever increasing quantities deposited by other trades people, proper control is becoming difficult without improved facilities.

Drainage works will have to be carried out if future use of this tip is to be planned. There is also a need for proper security fencing to be erected and for a machine to be purchased to be used in more regular covering up of refuse.

An area of the tip which has been fenced off for use by residents in depositing garden refuse etc., has proved successful, but unauthorised random tipping is still taking place during the evenings and at weekends. Tipping has now ceased on the southerly flank of the tip and the face has been covered with soil in preparation for further landscaping and tree planting.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year a total of 57 premises were visited following notification. 32 premises found to be infested by rats and 26 by mice were successfully treated.



FACTORIES ACT 1961

REPORTS ON INSPECTIONS

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health.

| Premises   | No. on Register | Inspections | No. of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
|--|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                          | -               | -           | -                      | -                    |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority                         | 31              | 7           | -                      | -                    |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 12              | 2           | -                      | -                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>43</b>       | <b>9</b>    | <b>-</b>               | <b>-</b>             |

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found - NIL

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES  
ACT 1963

TABLE A  
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

| Class of premises                                    | Number of premises newly registered during the year. | Total number of registered premises at the end of the year. | Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year. |
|--|--|---|--|
| Offices  | NIL  | 25  | 4  |
| Retail Shops   | 2  | 54  | 20   |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses                          | NIL  | 1   | NIL  |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | NIL  | 7   | 4  |
| Fuel storage depots                                  | NIL  | NIL   | NIL  |
|  | 2  | 87  | 28   |

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises ..... 51

TABLE C

Analysis by workplace of persons employed in Registered Premises at the end of year

| Class of Workplace                        | No. of persons employed |
|---|-------------------------|
| Offices                                   | 115                     |
| Retail Shops                              | 205                     |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses         | 5                       |
| Catering establishment open to the public | 25                      |
| Canteens                                  | NIL                     |
| Fuel storage depots                       | NIL                     |
| Total                                     | 350                     |
| Total/Males                               | 166                     |
| Total/Females                             | 184                     |



PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory at Conway carries out bacteriological examinations of water, food, etc., to detect any contamination. Milk is also examined bacteriologically and biologically for the presence of tubercle bacilli and brucella abortus.

Examination of throat swabs, blood, faeces etc., are carried out to detect the presence of bacteria and viruses at Conway Public Health Laboratory and specimens have also been accepted at Rhyl Hospital Laboratory.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The following is given for the information of the Council, and the numbers refer to cases conveyed by the various ambulances and the mileage covered during the year.

| <u>No. of Patients conveyed</u>         | <u>Denbigh/<br/>Ruthin</u> | <u>Llanrwst</u>          | <u>Pentrefoelas</u>           | <u>Totals</u>             |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| By Ambulance                            | 13,388                     | 3,178                    | 89                            | 16,655                    |
| By Car                                  | 979                        | 1,631                    | 1,354                         | 3,964                     |
| <u>Total Mileage</u>                    |                            |                          |                               |                           |
| By Ambulance                            | 137,906                    | 35,231                   | 5,246                         | 178,483                   |
| By Car                                  | 18,893                     | 36,239                   | 26,574                        | 81,706                    |
| <u>No of Ambulances per<br/>Station</u> | 7                          | 1                        | 1                             | 9                         |
| <u>Type of Staff</u>                    | 8 full<br>time             | 2 full<br>time<br>3 Vol. | 6 Vol.                        | 10 full<br>time<br>9 Vol. |
| <u>No. of Cars</u>                      | 6                          | 6                        | 3                             | 15                        |
| <u>Area Summary</u>                     | <u>Number of Journeys</u>  |                          | <u>Number of<br/>Patients</u> | <u>Total<br/>Mileage</u>  |
| Ambulances                              | 4,340                      |                          | 16,655                        | 178,483                   |
| Cars                                    | 1,736                      |                          | 3,964                         | 81,706                    |
|   | 6,076                      |                          | 20,619                        | 260,189                   |

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINICS

CHILD HEALTH

Clinics are held as follows:-

- Bod Difyr, Cefn Road, Colwyn Bay      Wednesday & Friday by appointment
- Kelso House, Grosvenor Road,  
Wrexham      Tuesday and Friday by appointment
- Mercier House Clinic, Russell  
Road, Rhyl      Monday by appointment.

CHILD HEALTH CENTRE

A child health session is held every Tuesday afternoon between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. at the Clinic, Mount Street, Ruthin, and is very well attended.

(a) First Attendances:

| <u>Year of Birth</u> | <u>Number attended</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1973                 | 120                    |
| 1972                 | 113                    |
| 1971/68              | 151                    |
|                      | <u>384 (360)</u>       |

(b) Total attendances:

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Under 1 year | 664              |
| 1 - 5 years  | 334              |
|              | <u>998 (943)</u> |

Figures in brackets show corresponding numbers for 1972.

The number of first attendances at the Child Health Clinic was 384 compared with 360 in 1972. The total attendances were 998 compared with 943 in 1972.

Special transport to the clinic is provided from the outlying districts of Erryrys, Llanferres and Maeshafn, where there are no convenient buses. The number carried during the year were as follows:-

|  | <u>Number of visits</u> | <u>Number carried</u> |               |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
|  |                         | <u>Mothers</u>        | <u>Babies</u> |
| From Llanarmon-Yn-Ial,<br>Llanferres and Maeshafn<br>to Ruthin | 10                      | 38                    | 38            |



### CHEST CLINIC

Patients from the area attend the Chest Clinic held every Wednesday morning at the Denbigh Infirmary and at the weekly clinics held at The Chest Clinic, Grosvenor Road, Wrexham, and at the Royal Alexandra Hospital Rhyl.

### DENTAL CLINIC

Regular Dental Clinics are held at Mount Street, Ruthin, Monday and Wednesday. Dental inspections of children were carried out at schools in the area. It was noted that some children were being well cared for by local Dental Practitioners. Those pupils whose parents desired them to be treated by the school dental service were offered appointments at Mount Street Clinic where both routine dental treatment and specialist orthodontic treatment are available in a modern well equipped dental surgery.

### SCHOOL OPHTHALMIC CLINIC

Clinics for school children are held at the Clinic, Middle Lane, Denbigh by appointment, and children attend ophthalmic clinics at Denbigh and St. Asaph Hospitals.

### SPEECH THERAPY CLINICS

This is held by appointment weekly at the Ruthin Clinic. Children are referred from school by Teachers, Health Visitors and through the Medical Officers. General Practitioners also refer children to this clinic. The clinic is much appreciated by the parents who learn how to cope with a speech defect in their children.

### CARE OF THE AGED

No action was required to be taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

### CHIROPODY CLINIC

This clinic is held at the Clinic, Mount Street, Ruthin, every Wednesday morning by appointment. Patients are referred to this clinic by General Practitioners, Health Visitors and District Nurses. A charge of 13p per treatment is made. The number of persons who attend this clinic during the year was as follows:-

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Number of sessions held:     | 106 |
| Number of appointments made: | 740 |
| Number of attendances:       | 622 |

A new chiropodist commenced duties in September, 1973

## FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

The Ruthin F.P.A. Clinic now holds only one session per month on the 4th Thursday evening from 7 o'clock to 8.30 o'clock.

There were 40 new patients during 1973 of these 21 were referred to the clinic by friends, 10 by the Family Doctor, 6 F.P.A. transfers, 2 were officially referred, and 1 from other sources.

11 patients were within the age group 25/29, 10 within 20/24 years, 9 within 30/34 years, 5 were over 34 years, and 5 were under 20 years.

17 patients had had 2 pregnancies, 16 had had no pregnancies, 5 had 1 pregnancy, 1 had had 4 pregnancies and 1 had had 3 pregnancies.

Clinics are held at the following:-

|   |  |
|---|--|
| County Council Clinic,<br>Mount Street, Ruthin. | 4th Thursday in month<br>7.00 - 8.30 p.m.                    |
| The Clinic, Middle Lane,<br>Denbigh.            | 1st Tuesday in month<br>2.00 - 3.00 p.m.                     |
| The Clinic, King Street,<br>Mold.               | Tuesday 6.30p.m. - 8.30 p.m.<br>Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon |
| Nant-Y-Glyn Clinic,<br>Colwyn Bay               | Monday 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.<br>Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.         |
| The Clinic,<br>Fforddlas, Rhyl                  | Wednesday 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.                                   |
| Grosvenor Road, Wrexham                         | Wednesday 6.45 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.<br>Thursday 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. |

## CERVICAL CYTOLOGY CLINIC

Clinics are held as follows:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Grosvenor Road, Wrexham              | Thursday 5.30 - 8.00 p.m.<br>By appointment only    |
| Nant Y Glyn Clinic,<br>Colwyn Bay      | Monday 5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.<br>By appointment only |
| The Clinic, Market Street,<br>Abergele | Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.<br>By appointment only     |
| The Clinic, Middle Lane<br>Denbigh     | 2nd Tuesday in Month<br>1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.       |

Also by General Practitioners.







