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## BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY

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**BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1970**

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Divisional Health Office,  
Manor Road,  
Beverley  
July, 1971

*To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of the Borough of Beverley*

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1970.

The Registrar General's figures for the year 1970 indicates a mid-year population of 17,220 a decrease of 100 compared with last year.

During the year there were 287 births and 200 deaths compared with 320 births and 215 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the Borough of 16.9 compares with a national birth rate of 16.0 per 1,000 population and an adjusted death rate of 11.8 compares with the national death rate of 11.7 per 1,000 population.

Once again, diseases of the heart and circulatory system and malignant neoplasms were the major causes of death, ischaemic heart disease being the greatest single cause.

There were three infant deaths, all under the age of one week, due to the hazards of birth.

A number of infectious diseases occurred during the year, measles being outstanding. Three hundred and thirty-nine cases were notified, the majority occurring between the months of May, June, July and August and all but two being children under 10 years of age. There were two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified indicating that while this disease might not be so serious as in the past it is an infectious disease which is still with us.

Water continued to be supplied by the Hull Corporation and 160 samples taken for bacteriological examination by the Hull Corporation from three points in Beverley proved satisfactory. Your Public Health Inspectors took 16 water samples from private bore holes 3 of which proved unsatisfactory and 48 samples of swimming bath water, one of which proved unsatisfactory.

Procedures under the Housing Act continued during the year, 4 unfit houses being demolished and 26 houses being subject to closing orders or slum clearance procedure. During the year 44 houses were erected, or in the course of erection, by private enterprises.

One hundred per cent inspection of meat killed in the Borough continued during the year, in spite of the number of animals killed increasing to 8,250 compared with 4,220 last year.

In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN,

*Medical Officer of Health*



## STATISTICS

### General

Area in acres .....	2,404
Population: 1970 Registrar General .....	17,220
Rateable value at 31st March, 1970 .....	£616,262
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£2,495(est)

### Vital

#### Live births:

Total live births .....	287
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population .....	16.7
Comparability factor .....	1.01
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population .....	16.9
Illegitimate live births included in above total	16

#### Still births:

Total still births .....	2
Illegitimate still births included in above total	—

#### Deaths:

Total deaths .....	200
Crude death rate per 1,000 population .....	11.6
Comparability factor .....	1.02
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population .....	11.8
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age) .....	3
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births .....	10.0

**Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population  
including service personnel living in the district**

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>		
1970	16.0 *	16.9
1969	16.3	18.7
1968	16.9	19.5
1967	17.2	18.3
1966	17.7	19.3
<b>DEATHS</b>		
1970	11.7 *	11.8
1969	11.9	12.5
1968	11.9	11.1
1967	11.3	11.9
1966	11.7	11.4

\*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

**Age Distribution of Deaths**

Age at Death	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Under 1 year	2	2	2	2	2
1-5 years	1	1	1	1	1
6-15 years	1	1	1	1	1
16-25 years	1	1	1	1	1
26-35 years	1	1	1	1	1
36-45 years	1	1	1	1	1
46-55 years	1	1	1	1	1
56 years and over	122	124	124	122	123
<b>Totals</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>

## Principal Causes of Death

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system .. .. .	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus .. .. .	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. .. .	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, intestine .. .. .	1	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .. .. .	6	1	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast .. .. .	—	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. .. .	—	1	1
Leukaemia .. .. .	—	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms .. .. .	3	9	12
Other endocrine diseases .. .. .	1	—	1
Anaemias .. .. .	—	2	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease .. .. .	2	2	4
Hypertensive disease .. .. .	—	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease .. .. .	42	35	77
Other forms of heart disease .. .. .	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular disease .. .. .	8	9	17
Other diseases of circulatory system .. .. .	4	3	7
Pneumonia .. .. .	6	6	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema .. .. .	9	1	10
Peptic ulcer .. .. .	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of liver .. .. .	1	—	1
Other diseases of digestive system .. .. .	3	—	3
Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .	—	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .	1	—	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system .. .. .	—	2	2
Congenital anomalies .. .. .	1	1	2
Birth injury, difficult labour etc. .. .. .	1	—	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions .. .. .	1	3	4
All other accidents .. .. .	4	1	5
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries .. .. .	1	1	2
<b>Total all Causes</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>200</b>

## Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Under 1 year ..	7	3	2	5	3
1—5 years ..	3	—	1	1	—
6—15 years ..	2	—	—	2	1
16—25 years ..	1	1	3	3	2
26—45 years ..	21	2	8	7	7
46—65 years ..	30	44	37	43	45
66 years and over	123	155	144	154	142
<b>Totals ..</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>200</b>

**Table showing Causes and Age Distribution of Infant Deaths**

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total under 1 year
Congenital anomalies ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Birth injury .. ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Totals .. ..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>

## Infant Mortality Rate

### Deaths under One year of Age Rates per 1,000 Live Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1970	11.0	10.0
1969	18.0	16.0
1968	18.0	6.0
1967	18.3	10.0
1966	19.0	20.8

### Still Birth Rate Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1970	13.0*	7.0
1969	13.0	6.0
1968	14.0	22.0
1967	14.8	16.0
1966	15.4	5.95

\*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever ..	—	1	—	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	13
Whooping Cough ..	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	6	85	90	156	2	—	—	—	—	—	339
Acute Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Infective Hepatitis ..	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	—	6
Totals ..	6	88	91	167	5	3	3	2	1	—	366

### The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

Disease	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Scarlet Fever ..	12	5	45	40	13
Whooping Cough ..	—	16	—	—	3
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	24	347	130	—	339
Acute Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	95	—	2	—	1
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ..	—	—	1	2	2
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	—	1	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	—	2	4	—	2
Infective Hepatitis ..	—	—	—	1	6
Totals ..	131	371	182	43	366

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA**

### **HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Hospitals in the Borough are under the East Riding Hospital Management Committee and are as follows:

#### **Westwood Hospital**

This hospital has 235 beds and provides facilities for general medical, surgical, orthopaedic, paediatric and maternity cases.

#### **Beverley Cottage Hospital**

This hospital has 20 beds for gynaecological cases.

#### **Miniature Mass Radiography**

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough once a fortnight and held public and private sessions. A total of 239 persons were examined.

### **NURSING HOMES**

There are no Nursing Homes registered under the Public Health Act 1936 within the Borough.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**

### **Part III. Accommodation**

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Minster Towers and Langholme. These homes together have beds for 66 elderly persons.

#### **Section 47**

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

### **LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES**

The following services are provided in the Borough by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:

#### **Infant Welfare Clinics**

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Lord Roberts Road Clinic and Coltman Avenue Clinic. At Lord Roberts Road, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Tuesday afternoons and open sessions were held on Thursday afternoons, while at the Infant Welfare Clinic, Coltman Avenue, General Practitioners held closed sessions on

Thursday afternoons, and open sessions were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

The number of children who attended the Clinics and the number of attendances made by them during the year were as shown below:

<i>Number of children who attended during the year and child's year of birth:</i>	<i>Beverley School Clinic</i>	<i>Coltman Avenue Clinic</i>
1965-68	81	244
1969	82	163
1970	64	240
Total attendances	1,526	5,644
Average attendance per session	28	38

### **Domiciliary Midwifery Service**

During the year 4 Nurse/Midwives working in the Borough attended 10 domiciliary births.

### **Health Visiting**

Six Health Visitors work within the Borough having offices at the Divisional Health Office, Manor Road; the Medical Room, Longcroft School; and Coltman Avenue Clinic.

### **Home Nursing Service**

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service and 6 Nurses (4 of whom are also Midwives) work in the Borough.

### **Ambulance Service**

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in Grovehill Road (telephone number 881198).

### **Domestic Help**

Home Help service rendered in the Borough is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number 881281).

## **LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE**

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authorities' schools in the Borough, In addition the following facilities are provided by the County Council.

### **Lord Roberts Road, Clinic:**

Minor Ailment Clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Monday-Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesday afternoon 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chiropody	Monday 9 a.m. — 10.45 a.m.



### **Coltman Avenue Clinic:**

Minor Ailment Clinic Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Speech Therapy in Beverley on Wednesday afternoon and Friday all day at County Hall, Beverley, by arrangement by the Speech Therapist.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

### **Holderness Health Division's Co-ordinating Committee**

Once every two or three months this Co-ordinating Committee under the aegis of the County Council, met in Beverley to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who were concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee were the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee were representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Ministry of Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the Police Force and Probation Officers. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer took the Chair at this Committee.

### **Public Health Laboratory Service**

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at the Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull.

### **Family Planning Association**

The Family Planning Association held clinics on Friday mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and the first, second and fourth Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### **Cervical Cytology**

East Riding County Council holds cervical cytology sessions in Beverley according to demand.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1969  
T. B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I.  
TABLE I**

<i>Total No. of Inspections</i>		<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	
Public Health Act, 1936	.. 2,501	Dwelling-houses:	
		First Visits .. .. .	1188
		Revisits .. .. .	475
		Disinfestation of Premises and Bedding:	
		First Visits .. .. .	124
		Revisits .. .. .	63
		Drainage Works:	
		First Visits .. .. .	263
		Revisits .. .. .	165
		Common Lodging-houses:	20
		Offensive Trades .. .. .	13
		Smoke and Dust Nuisances .. .. .	54
		Caravans .. .. .	29
		Infectious Disease .. .. .	35
		Noise Nuisance .. .. .	72
			<hr/> 2,501
Housing Acts, 1957-1969	.. 343	Clearance/Closing of Houses .. .. .	183
		Overcrowding .. .. .	19
		Houses in Multiple Occupation	43
		Improvement Areas .. .. .	58
		Qualification Certificates .. .. .	40
			<hr/> 343
Water Supplies	.. .. 96	Collection of samples for analysis .. .. .	64
		Visits .. .. .	32
			<hr/> 96
Clean Air Act, 1956	.. .. 23	Investigations .. .. .	23
Food & Drugs Act, 1955	.. 1,865	Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection) .. .. .	813
		Food Preparing Premises .. .. .	342
		Ice-cream Premises .. .. .	44
		Unfit 'Other Food' .. .. .	20
		Bakehouses .. .. .	41
		Food Vehicles .. .. .	74
		Retail Premises .. .. .	449
		Food Stalls .. .. .	82
			<hr/> 1,865
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	.. .. 600	Rodent Treatment .. .. .	600
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928	.. .. 25	Storage of Petroleum .. .. .	25
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958	.. 14	Slaughterhouses .. .. .	14
Factory Act, 1961	.. .. 33	Factories .. .. .	33
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	.. .. 192	Offices and Shops .. .. .	192
Rent Act, 1968	.. .. 9	General Inspections .. .. .	9
Civic Amenities Act, 1967	.. 30	Removal of Abandoned Vehicles	30
			<hr/>
	<b>TOTAL .. 5,731</b>		<hr/>

## TABLE II

### NOTICES SERVED

#### Under Public Health and Housing Acts

Number of Preliminary Notices served .. .. .	51
Number of Preliminary Notices complied with .. .. .	41
Number of Statutory Notices served .. .. .	9
Number of Statutory Notices complied with:	
(a) By Owners .. .. .	9
(b) By Corporation in default .. .. .	3

### HOUSING

#### Statistics

Number of dwellings in the Borough at 31st December, 1970:

Local Authority .. .. .	1,689
Private .. .. .	4,282

Dwellings erected during the year:

Local Authority .. .. .	Nil
Private .. .. .	25

Dwellings in course of erection at end of year:

Local Authority .. .. .	Nil
Private .. .. .	19

#### Action during the year relating to unfit houses

The occupants of 13 unfit houses were re-housed during the year and 4 houses included in Clearance Areas were demolished. 10 individual Closing Orders were made and 3 Clearance Areas, comprising 14 houses, were declared. 2 unfit houses belonging to the Council were also closed.

#### Houses in Multiple Occupation

A further 6 houses were brought up to standard during the year and 2 were under investigation and improvement. At the end of the year there were 51 houses in multiple occupation in the town.

#### Improvement Areas

The investigation of potential Improvement Areas continued during the year but eventually it had to be accepted that for the moment at least, no area in the town proved to be suitable for such treatment.

**TABLE III**

**Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1969**

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. .. .	899	60	6,463	828
Number inspected .. .. .	899	60	6,463	828
<b>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>				
Whole carcasses condemned ..	4	1	11	7
Carcasses of which some part was condemned .. .. .	21	2	12	146
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus ..	2.8	5.0	.35	18.5
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>				
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—
Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—	.12
<b>Cysticercus</b>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	—	—	—	—
Generalised and total condemned .. .. .	—	—	—	—
<b>Offal Condemned</b>				
Heads and tongues .. .. .	2	—	—	1
Livers .. .. .	69	4	49	16
Lungs .. .. .	20	12	6	33
Hearts .. .. .	—	—	5	21
Kidneys .. .. .	11	2	1	9

**Charges for Meat Inspection**

The Council continued to charge for the inspection of meat intended for food where inspection had to be carried out outside normal working hours. The maximum charges allowed by the Regulations were imposed and receipts over the year amounted to £49 13s. 0d.

## TABLE IV

### FOOD

#### Other Food Inspected and Condemned

	<i>lbs.</i>
Meat and Meat Products .. .. .	887
Fruit and Vegetables .. .. .	254
Fish .. .. .	94
Other Items .. .. .	216
	Total 1,451

#### Ice-Cream

15 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examinations, all of which were satisfactory.

### WATER SUPPLY

64 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, details of which are as under:

	<i>Samples Taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Boreholes .. .. .	16	13	3
Swimming Baths .. .. .	48	47	1

Of the 6,063 inhabited houses in the town, an estimated number of 100 still had no internal water supply.

### RODENT CONTROL

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 45 business premises, 11 local authority premises and 91 dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 415 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments was 600 but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

167 sewer manholes, selected to give a comprehensive record of the town sewerage system, were tested for rats during the year. The degree of infestation was found to be low and confined to the town centre and western side of the town. In future treatments, special attention will be given to these areas.

## **OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963**

Routine work continued under this Act during the year at the end of which we had 263 registered premises in the town employing a total work force of 1,232 persons. 2 accidents were reported during the year consisting of lacerations. These were reported to the Ministry of Labour under the Accidents Recording and Investigation Service which they operate.

## **PETROLEUM ACTS AND ORDERS**

At the end of the year 34 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.

The importance of strict control of petroleum installations was demonstrated during the year when a potentially dangerous position developed due to a very serious leakage of petrol at one installation. The source of the trouble was traced to two defective tanks which were immediately taken out of use and later replaced.







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