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Medical Officer's Report for the Year 1942.

To the chairman and Members of the Blandford Rural District Council.

The Minister of Health has directed that sanitary reports for the year 1942 shall again be abbreviated and confined to essential and urgent matters, especially those arising from the war and exceptional administrative measures. Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

There has been no unusual prevalence of epidemic or other diseases and the health of the population has remained good.

The table below shows the progress of diphtheria immunisation since the spring of 1940, when the Council started its scheme.

Percentage of child population immunised on dates shown.

Age group.	December 31. 1940.	September 30. 1941.	June 30. 1942.	December 31. 1942.
5 - 15 yrs.	48. 0 %	69. 6 %	78. 0 %	81. 3 %
0- 5 yrs.	30. 2 %	46. 0 %	40. 0 %	52. 7 %

The following table shows the number of cases of scabies dealt with since the Scabies Order came into force at the end of 1941. These figures only include those cases of scabies reported to the Medical Officer. There were no doubt others, perhaps treated privately, which were not reported.

Treatment afforded	Residents.		Evacuees.		Totals.
	over 16.	under 16.	over 16.	under 16.	
Outpatient at Manor Ailment Clinic.	11.	7.	0.	0.	18.
Admitted to hospital.	1.	9.	0.	5.	15.
Home treatment.	8.	13.	0.	1.	22.
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>20.</u>	<u>29.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>55.</u>
		<u>49.</u>		<u>6.</u>	

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Medical Director's Report for the Year 1922

The following table shows the number of cases of diphtheria reported to the Medical Director during the year 1922.

The number of cases has decreased since the year 1921. The year 1922 was characterized by a decrease in the number of cases, especially those arising from the city and adjacent districts. The number of cases reported to the Medical Director during the year 1922 was 10.

There has been no unusual prevalence of diphtheria in any of the districts of the city during the year 1922.

The table below shows the progress of diphtheria in the city during the year 1922, when the Council started its work.

Percentage of total population immunized on dates shown.

Date	Percentage	Date	Percentage
December 31, 1921	30.0%	June 30, 1922	31.1%
December 31, 1922	30.0%	June 30, 1923	32.7%

The following table shows the number of cases of diphtheria reported to the Medical Director during the year 1922, classified by age and sex. These figures only include those cases of diphtheria reported to the Medical Director. There were no cases of diphtheria reported privately, which were not reported.

Sex	Total		Under 10		Over 10	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Admitted to Hospital	1	0	0	0	1	0
Outpatient	11	0	0	0	11	0
Total	12	0	0	0	12	0

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