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Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1921.

TO THE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
BLORE HEATH.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my Annual Report upon the health of your district for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The Minister of Health has given directions that the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health are to be altered by the omission of details which do not vary from year to year, and the curtailment of information required only in certain years. This Report is accordingly shorter than usual.

None of the twenty Council houses was completed in 1921, but at the present date they are nearly all completed and occupied. The new Sanatorium buildings are well advanced, and will accommodate 240 patients and a staff of 70. A number of dwelling-houses and more bungalows have also been erected in the healthy neighbourhood of Ashley Heath. The population of the district will therefore be considerably increased in the near future.

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Yours faithfully,

A. MACQUEEN, M.D.

Market Drayton, 20th Sept. 1922.

I. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 13,660.
 Population (1921) 2,282.
 Number of inhabited houses (1921) 532.
 Number of families, or separate occupiers (1921) 534.
 Rateable value £26,026.
 Sum represented by a penny rate £75.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Marriages: Total 13. Marriage Rate 5.7.
 Births—

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ...	22	22	44
Illegitimate ...	0	3	3

Birth Rate (R.G.) 20.6.

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths	21	12	33

Death Rate (R.G.) 14.4.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth 0

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:—Legitimate 42.5, illegitimate 0. Total 42.5.

Deaths from measles (all ages) ... 0

Deaths from whooping cough (all ages) 0

Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 0

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Cases admitted		Total Deaths
	Total cases notified	to Hospital	
Diphtheria	16	15	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	4	0	2
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Tuberculosis:—			
(a) Pulmonary—			
Male	2	0	0
Female	0	0	0

(b) Non-Pulmonary			
Male	1	0	0
Female	2	1	1
Ophthalmia Neon-			
atorum	0	0	0

Smallpox.—Vaccination in 1921.

Of the 47 children born and registered, twenty-eight were successfully vaccinated, one died unvaccinated, one was removed from the district, and seventeen remain unvaccinated, because their parents had conscientious objections to vaccination, and made statutory declarations.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

An outbreak of diphtheria in Ashley occurred in October, resulting in sixteen cases being notified. All recovered. Fifteen of the cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

5. SUMMARY (FOR REFERENCE) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTI- TUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

District Nurses for each of the parishes in the district are provided by Local Nursing Associations. These Nurses are qualified midwives, and act as health visitors in Maternity and Infant Welfare, under the control of the County Council. They are available for general nursing in the home, but not in infectious cases.

The Joint Isolation Hospital, at Little Drayton, is available for cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria. An ambulance is provided for such cases.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

Bacteriological examinations are made at Birmingham University by arrangement with the County Council.

Specimens from suspected cases of tuberculosis, diphtheria, and enteric fever are examined.

Diphtheria antitoxin is used in all cases of diphtheria. The cost of the antitoxin and of its administration is defrayed by the Council.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Number of houses which have been inspected during the year, either in connection with outbreaks of infectious disease, or in consequence of complaints, or in the course of a systematic sanitary survey ...	214
Number of legal notices sent ...	12
Number of informal notices sent	35
Number of such notices complied with	44
Number of letters written	58
Particulars of Sanitary Matters referred to in the above Notices:—	
(a) Houses to be disinfected after infectious disease	14
(b) Deficient or objectionable water supply	7
(c) New drains to be constructed or old drains amended	19
(d) New closets to be provided or old ones amended	6
(e) Houses damp or dirty, or admitting rain, or weather, or otherwise in bad sanitary condition	18
(f) Offensive accumulations of all kinds	25
(g) Animals so kept as to be a nuisance	2
(h) Houses overcrowded	7
Houses disinfected after infectious disease	12
Plans for new houses passed	9

Certificates issued for water supply to new houses	8
Private wells reconstructed or improved	6
Proceedings before Magistrates for overcrowding	1
Magistrates' Order for abatement obtained.	
Inspection of Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops.	
Number of cowkeepers and milk-sellers on register	22
Number of premises—Cowsheds ...	38
Number of inspections	42
Defects found in	
(1) cowsheds:—	
(a) Structure of floor	1
(b) Drainage	7
(c) Cleanliness	9
(2) in surroundings of cowsheds	5
(3) in sanitary condition of drains	13
Number of notices—verbal and written	14
Number of these notices complied with	14

8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.
Sanitary Inspector.

9. HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total 6.

(b) As part of Council housing scheme, nil (none completed).

1. Unfit dwelling-houses :—
Inspection—
- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 31
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 3
 - (3) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 3
 - (4) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 28
2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.
- Number of defective dwelling-houses, rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 28
3. Action under Statutory Powers.
- A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 3
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit
 - (a) by owners 2
 - (b) by Local Authority, in default of owners 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 12 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied | |
| (a) by owners | 12 |

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909 0

No Closing Orders or Demolition Orders were made.

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