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URBAN DISTRICT OF CLEVEDON

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1957



Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

There has been no startling development or serious outbreak of illness during the year 1957. I submit to you a condensed report for the year in which is incorporated a summary of some of the work carried out by your Public Health Inspector.

The winter had not been severe and the summer, apart from the month of June, was disappointing. In the first quarter of the year there was a moderate outbreak of whooping cough and at the end of the second quarter and more particularly in the third quarter a considerable outbreak of measles, but in neither case was there any fatality. Two cases of polio occurred, one fairly severe in an adult and the other a mild case in a child. Asian 'flu appeared in mid September and October and was fairly severe among children and young adults and sporadic cases continued throughout the mild autumn: but older people were not severely affected.

Protective inoculations against polio have been started and we hope that in time these will lead to the arrest of the spread of this disease as has happened to diphtheria. In this context we must still be on our guard against complacency as diphtheria is still present and in 1957 caused three deaths among 85 cases of the disease, and so far this year 3 deaths have occurred among 49 cases in England and Wales. We have had no cases during this year and inoculations continue satisfactorily.

The Hospital continues to afford accommodation for the acutely ill and several older inhabitants are still able to be cared for at home, thanks to the invaluable work done by the District Nurses assisted by Home Helps. But there is still need for suitable homes for old people who are not really ill but are no longer able to run their own homes or flats, and we are too often obliged to look to the hospitals for the chronic sick in Bristol to accommodate these cases.

The Knoll Maternity Home does a valuable work in caring for mothers and their babes - 82.2% of Clevedon expectant mothers were admitted there in 1957.

The Ambulance Services are always on duty to answer all the many calls that are made upon them.

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the co-operation and help afforded me by colleagues, your staff and members of the County and Bristol Health Authorities.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

G. Macleod.

20th May, 1958.

STATISTICS

Area of District	3464 acres
Population (mid year estimate)	9680
No. of inhabited houses and flats	4230
Rateable value	£135,720
Sum represented by 1d rate	£535
Comparability Factors - For births	1.19
For deaths	0.62

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	44	75	119
Illegitimate	1	4	5
			124.

Birth Rate (Corrected)
per 1000 of population 15.2

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3

Still Birth Rate per 1000
live and still births 23.6

82.2% of local births were at Maternity Homes.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	68	105	173

Corrected Death Rate per
1000 of population 11.1

Average age at death 74.4 years

One infant of three hours died from intracranial haemorrhage.

Some of the principal causes of death were:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus	6	2	8
Other malignant diseases	10	14	24
Coronary disease	17	19	36
Other heart diseases	10	29	39
Cerebral Vascular disease	8	17	25
Pneumonia		2	2
Bronchitis and other Respiratory Diseases	5	2	7

<u>Notifiable Diseases</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	136	0	0
Whooping Cough	39	0	0
Poliomyelitis	2	1	0
Dysentery	2	0	0
Erysipelas	3	0	0
Puerperal pyrexia	8	0	0
Pneumonia	11	6	2

<u>Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
15 - 24	0	0	1 (Male)
25 - 44	2	1	
45 - 64	1	0	
Over 65	1	0	
Total	4	1	1

No deaths from Tuberculosis.

Sanitation

The water supply is ample in quantity and of proven purity.

Sewage disposal is satisfactorily dealt with by water carriage to an outfall in the estuary. Where cesspits are in use the local authority empties them twice yearly free of charge and more frequently on request at cost only. One controlled tip is used for disposal of house and trade refuse.

A new sewer in Swiss Valley was completed at a cost of £13000 and a further extension in Valley Road at a cost of £3000 is now in progress.

A series of bacteriological tests of the water in the Marine Lake showed that after filling at high tides the water was of much the same impurity as that in the open channel, but that after sedimentation for a few days, there was considerable improvement in the bacteriological condition of the upper layer of the water in the lake.

<u>Housing</u>	<u>Houses erected during year</u>	<u>Houses in course of erection</u>
By Local Authority	36	Nil
Private Enterprise	32	19
- ditto -	11	by conversion into flats
<u>Houses erected 1/5/45 to 31/12/57</u>		

By Local Authority

302

By Private Enterprise

177

20 Prefabs are still in occupation and their reconditioning is in progress.

<u>Improvement Grants</u>	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>No. of dwellings</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>
31/7/49 to 31/12/56	19	19	19	0
During 1957	15	15	14	1

No. of applications approved of owner/occupier - 11.

Average cost per dwelling during year	£220
Amount of Grant payable by Local Authority	£3075
Total of permanent dwellings in the district	2837
Total of permanent dwellings owned by Local Authority	450
Houses closed during year	4
Rent Act, 1957 certificates of disrepair -	
Applications received	4
Certificates issued	1

No cases of overcrowding or slum clearance areas dealt with during the year.

Camping Sites. Caravans

No. of camping sites for which licences have been issued	9
Maximum number allowed per acre	12

FOOD Milk

(a) Number of registered distributors	4
(b) Number of registered dairy premises	2
(c) Number of licensed dealers of designated milk	5
(d) Number of supplementary licences to distributors from outside district	0

Sampling of designated milk -

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
T.T.	9	6	3
Pasteurised	18	18	-
T.T. ditto	8	7	1
Sterilised	3	3	-

Ice Cream

Premises registered for manufacture only	0
" " for manufacture and retail	0
" " for retail only	24

Food Hygiene (1955) Regulations -

All shops and cafes have been visited and acceptance of and compliance with the regulations are generally satisfactory. One cafe which did not come up to standard has been closed and rebuilt and reconditioned.

There is one slaughterhouse only owned by the Local Authority and let to a private slaughterman. There are no bacon factories or knackers yards and no premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Meat Inspection

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
No. killed	54	-	1851	440	89
No. inspected	54	-	1851	440	89

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	1	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	5.5	-	-	.2	1.1

Tuberculosis

Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Part carcase	-	-	3	-	3
Percentage	-	-	.1	-	.4
Weight (in lbs.) of meat condemned for Tuberculosis	-	-	15	-	127
Cysticercus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	18	-	-	4	7
Totals	18	-	15	4	134