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OF  
CLEVEDON**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR**

**1967**



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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Clevedon Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1967.

The figures relating to births this year, are of occurrences and not registrations, as in the past. There was a substantial rise in Clevedon's births last year, and the adjusted rate is well above the national average.

There is little change in the number of deaths registered in 1967, compared with the previous two years. Because there are so many elderly people, nursing homes and old persons' homes in Clevedon; although the number of deaths is high, the adjusted death rate is lower than the national average.

Only three closing orders were made on unfit premises during the year. This was the end of closures made on basement flats, subsequent to inspections in 1965 and 1966. A survey of non-basement flats in the town was commenced at the end of the year. Only one was found unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost.

I am indebted to Mr. Ashworth for much of the work done and in the preparation of this report.

I welcome the continued cooperation of officers and Councillors.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

V.N. BAKER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

# STATISTICAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

## General Statistics - 1967

Area	3,467 acres
Population (mid year estimate)	12,790
Area comparability factors	Births - 1.36 Deaths - 0.50
Rateable Value, 1st April 1967	£468,365
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,844

## Vital Statistics for 1967

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000</u> of the estimated resident population = 17.1
Legitimate	97	108	205	
Illegitimate	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	
	103	116	219	
<u>Stillbirths</u>				<u>Rate per 1,000</u> (live and still) births = 18
All legitimate	3	1	4	
<u>Deaths</u>	87	143	230	<u>Death Rate per 1,000</u> of the estimated resident population = 18.0

### Illegitimate live births

Rate per cent of total live births = 6.4%

### Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - 0

### Death rate of Infants under one year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births	(total = 7) -	32
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	(total = 7) -	34
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	(total = 0) -	0
Neonatal mortality rate, deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	(total = 5) -	23
Early neonatal mortality rate, deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	(total = 4) -	18
Perinatal mortality rate, stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	(total = 8) -	36



# Vital Statistics - 1962 - 67

## Live Births

Year	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		Total	Rate per 1,000 of the		
	Male	Female	Male	Female		<u>Estimated Resident Population</u>		
						<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>&amp; Wales</u>
						Crude	Adjusted	
1962	81	85	7	7	180	15.0	16.2	18.0
1963	97	87	4	0	188	16.3	20.5	18.2
1964	92	94	6	1	193	16.5	20.8	18.4
1965	95	89	4	4	192	15.7	18.7	18.0
1966	87	111	4	6	198	15.8	18.8	17.7
1967	103	116	6	8	219	17.1	23.3	17.2

The adjusted birth rate, is the crude rate multiplied by the area comparability factor, which adjusts the age and sex distribution of the population to correspond with those of England and Wales. The same applies to the adjusted death rate.

## Stillbirths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and	
				<u>stillbirths</u>	
				<u>Clevedon</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
1962	2	1	3	17.7	18.1
1963	0	1	1	5.4	17.3
1964	1	1	2	10.2	16.4
1965	3	1	4	20.4	15.7
1966	1	1	2	10.0	15.4
1967	3	1	4	18.0	14.8



# Vital Statistics 1962 - 67

## Deaths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population		
				Clevedon Crude	Adjusted	England & Wales
1962	88	108	196	15.9	11.1	11.9
1963	78	102	180	15.9	10.0	12.2
1964	86	112	198	16.8	10.6	11.3
1965	96	138	234	19.2	9.8	11.9
1966	89	144	233	18.5	10.2	11.7
1967	87	143	230	18.0	9.0	11.2

Year	Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births		Death Rate under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births		Death Rate of infants under one week of age & stillbirths per 1,000 total live & stillbirths	
	Clevedon	England & Wales	Clevedon	England & Wales	Clevedon	England & Wales
1962	24.1	21.6	12.0	15.1	23.7	30.8
1963	27.2	20.9	10.9	14.2	16.1	29.3
1964	5.2	20.0	5.2	13.8	5.2	28.2
1965	26.0	19.0	20.8	13.0	40.8	26.9
1966	5.0	12.9	5.0	12.8	15.0	26.3
1967	32.0	18.3	23.0	12.5	36.0	25.4

Year	<u>Population</u>			
	Estimated mid-year population	Total increase from previous year	Natural increase or decrease	Net Immigration
1962	11,080	-	-	-
1963	11,270	190	increase 8	182
1964	11,670	400	decrease 5	405
1965	12,200	530	decrease 42	572
1966	12,530	330	decrease 35	365
1967	12,790	260	decrease 11	271

# CAUSES OF DEATH - 1967

	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	9
	F	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	36
Coronary disease angina	M	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	7	17
	F	38	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	29	-
Other heart disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	10	-
Other circulatory disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
Bronchitis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	M	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Motor vehicle accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	87	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	4	13	21	43
	F	143	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	10	23	103



### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>Total Cases notified</u>					
	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	4	1	4	10	3
Whooping cough	-	5	5	18	-	10
Measles	1	219	5	41	275	236
Acute poliomyelitis	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	4	4	1	2	1
non-respiratory	3	-	2	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	6	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia	4	-	1	-	-	-
Food poisoning	1	-	-	3	-	1
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	2	1	3	-	-
Meningococcal infection	1	-	-	-	-	-

### WATER SUPPLY

All houses in Clevedon are supplied by mains water from the Bristol Waterworks Company. The water has been satisfactory in quality and quantity and no form of contamination has been detected.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A scheme has been drawn up for the provision of a new main relief sewer. Work on the Yeo Valley Main Drainage Scheme has continued. A Public Inquiry was held in March, on the site of the proposed treatment works at Kingston Seymour, and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government approved the use of the proposed site. The principle of a trunk sewerage system to serve parts of Long Ashton Rural District Council and Clevedon was reaffirmed. Final agreement has not yet been reached on the exact construction of the works, but sewerage is likely to commence in 1968.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is removed weekly, in two vehicles and tipped at Clapton Wick. Trade refuse from shops is collected weekly at a charge of 24/- per annum. A large proportion of business premises use this service.

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Cesspools are emptied free of charge twice a year. If additional visits are necessary, then the owner is charged in accordance with the time involved.



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

As in previous years all treatments have been carried out on behalf of the Council by a contractor. In addition to the treatments given below, regular inspections of the fore-shore, river banks and open spaces have been made and treatment carried out whenever necessary. The Council's refuse tip has been treated regularly in an effort to keep it rat free. Two sewer treatments carried out during the year show that infestation in the sewers is very small.

### Treatments carried out

	<u>Type of property</u>	
	<u>Non-agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
No. of properties in district	4,911	33
No. of properties inspected following notification	61	nil
No. infested by (1) Rats	43	
(2) Mice	18	

Treatment figures above do not include business premises which are dealt with separately.

It has not been thought necessary to carry out any "block" surveys.

No legal proceedings or formal action under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, have been taken.

## HOUSING

Number of houses demolished or closed

(a) under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957                      3  
(individual unfits)

(b) for other purposes (road improvements) etc.                      0

Number of houses made fit during year                      29

Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Act, 1961):

Owners of these properties are encouraged to convert to self-contained flats with the help of improvement grants. This is proceeding satisfactorily and several schemes are in hand at the moment.

<u>Houses erected during year</u>		<u>Houses in course of erection</u>		<u>Gained from conversion of</u>	<u>Lost from conversion of</u>
For slum clearance	For other purposes	For slum clearance	For other purposes	large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings	two or more houses to one
Local authority	0	0	21	0	0
Private enterprise	109	0	122	0	0

Number of post-war houses erected from 1st April 1945 to 31st December 1967:

By local authority - 352      By private enterprise - 1,112

Housing programme 1968-9 - 24 dwellings

(a) Number of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Prefabs - 18  
(ii) Huts - 0

(b) Number of houses found overcrowded - 0

Houses required:

(i)	To replace houses scheduled for demolition	- 0
(ii)	To abate overcrowding	- 0
(iii)	For other purposes	- 0
(iv)	Applications for council houses at end of year	-
	(a) Urgent bona fide cases	- 25
	(b) Applications for Old People's Dwellings	- 104
	(c) Others	- 95
		<u>224</u>

(v) Total number of council houses sold during the year - 1



No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.66		Gained from conversions and erected during 1967	Total	Less houses demolished, closed, etc. during year	No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.67	
					L.A.	P.E.
Local Authority	486	0	485	0	485	
Private Enterprise	3712	109	3822	3		3819
Totals	4198	109	4307	3	4304	

#### OLD PEOPLE'S DWELLINGS

Number erected to 31.12.67		Number in course of erection	
With County Council aid	Without County Council Aid	With County Council Aid	Without County Council Aid
38 + 2 wardens' flats	-	20 + warden's flat	-

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

##### A. Discretionary

Number of applications and houses dealt with by local authority during year:

Received		Approved	
Applications	No. of dwellings	Applications	No. of dwellings
12	16	12	16

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers during year - 7

Average cost per dwelling approved during year - £846.

Amount of grant payable by Local authority - £5,885. 11. 6.

##### B. Standard

1. Number of applications (a) Received - 13  
(b) Approved - 12

2. Number of houses where Standard Amenities have been provided - 5

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers during year - 9

#### CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
(a) Number of single caravans licensed	-	-
(b) Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	1	2
(c) Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	80	130
(d) Number of sites closed as a result of above Act	-	-
(e) Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	-	1



## FOOD

### MILK

- (a) Number of Registered Distributors - 22
- (b) Number of Registered Dairy Premises (other than dairy farms) - 4

### ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered for retail only - 39

### FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

Routine inspections of premises continued throughout the year. No legal proceedings were taken. Of the 111 premises which should have a washhand basin and hot water supply, 109 comply. There are 94 premises which should have a sink and hot water supply, and only one does not comply.

### SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT

	<u>Licensed</u>	<u>Operating</u>
(a) Slaughterhouses owned or leased by local authority	1	1
(b) Private slaughterhouses	Nil	Nil
(c) Number of private slaughterhouses brought up to standard required	Nil	Nil
(d) Bacon factories	Nil	Nil

### THE MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1963

Qualified staff employed, part-time - 2

Total carcasses inspected	1962	9,148
	1963	11,112
	1964	7,877
	1965	8,941
	1966	12,381
	1967	9,568

Carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during year:

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	604	85	4,152	2,627	2,112	-
Number inspected	604	85	4,152	2,627	2,112	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	8	23	7	5	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	46	17	4	42	89	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	7.8	29.4	0.65	1.9	4.5	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
<u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for</u>						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	
(c) Other	1,446	5,194	864	485	973	
Total (in lbs.) condemned	1,446	5,194	864	485	973	

#### PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955,  
(ice cream, manufactured meat products, etc.) - 1

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

Number of premises registered under the Act - 202

Inspections of registered premises are continuing and no major problems have been encountered to date.

#### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Number licensed - 1

Inspections are carried out by local authority staff with the assistance of a veterinary surgeon if thought necessary.

#### PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

The marine lake is owned by the Council and is filled with sea water. No form of water purification is used.



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

1.	Premises	<u>Part I of the Act</u>		Number of	
		Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices prosecuted	Occupiers
	(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 Sec.7 is enforced by local authority	51	18	-	-
	(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	20	23	-	-
	Total	71	41	-	-

Excluding visits to slaughterhouse for meat inspection purposes.

2. No defects of cleanliness, overcrowding, unreasonable temperature, inadequate ventilation or ineffective drainage of floors, were found.

	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not relating to out-workers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-

## Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) - Nil







