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Oxford Street,
BRIDLINGTON.

To the Chairman, Aldorman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffild

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the
Health Services of the Urban District for the Year 1954.

During the year the decontrol of meat by the Ministry
of Food necessitated the licencing of 8 slaughterhouses, but this has
not resulted in any difficulties as far as the inspection of meat is
concerned.

There were no adverse factors affecting the health of the
district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Officer of Health

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E. T. COMWELL

Medical Officer of Health

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Area District

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

	1954	1953	Total
Population	41	34	75
Rateable value	2	2	4
Urban District	Driffield		
Area in acres	2,420		
Population : 1954 Registrar General	6,900		
Rateable value	£34,011		
Sum represented by a penny rate	£130		
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1,898		
Birth-rate	11.4		
Death-rate	11.7		
Infant mortality rate	25.3		

The infant mortality rate for the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.75, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 25.3 per 1,000.

There were 211 deaths (legitimate) in infant under 1 year of age. The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered during the year, i.e., 75 is equivalent to a rate of 25.3 per 1,000 births.

(a) Infant Mortality

There were no deaths from external causes.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	1930
Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1930 (Register General)	6,900
Rateable value	234,011
Sum represented by a penny rate	2130
Estimated number of inhabited houses	1,008
Birth-rate	11.4
Death-rate	11.7
Infant mortality rate	22.3

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births :

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	41	34	75
Illegitimate	2	2	4
			<u>79</u>
Birth-rate	11.4 per 1,000		
Percentage of illegitimate births	5.1		

(b) Still-births :

There were no still-births during the year.

(c) Deaths :

The number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 81. This is equal to a death-rate of 11.7 per 1,000. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.75, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 8.7 per 1,000.

The causes of death are given in Table 1.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate :

There were 2 deaths (legitimate) in infants under 1 year of age. The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered during the year, i.e., 79 is equivalent to a rate of 25.3 per 1,000 births.

(e) Maternal Mortality :

There were no deaths from maternal causes.

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
41	34	75
2	2	4
		<u>79</u>
Birth-rate..... 11.4 per 1,000		
Percentage of illegitimate births..... 5.1		

(b) Still-Births:

There were no still-births during the year.

(c) Deaths:

The number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 51. This is equal to a death-rate of 11.7 per 1,000. The comparability factor to convert the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.75, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 8.7 per 1,000.

The causes of death are given in Table I.

(d) Infant Mortality Rate:

There were 5 deaths (legitimate) in infants under 1 year of age. The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered during the year, i.e., 79 is equivalent to a rate of 25.3 per 1,000 births.

(e) Internal Mortality:

There were no deaths from internal causes.

TABLE 1
Causes of Death in Drifffield U.D., 1954 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	39	42
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Cancer, stomach	1	2
Cancer, lung, bronchus	2	-
Cancer, uterus	-	1
Cancer, other sites	4	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	5
Coronary disease, angina	9	4
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	5	14
Bronchitis	2	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	8
All other accidents	1	2

TABLE II
1954 Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

Births

Live births 15.2 per 1,000 home population
Still-births 24.0 per 1,000 total live and
still-births.

Deaths

Death-rate 11.3 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality 25.5 per 1,000 related live births

TABLE I
Causes of Death in District H.D., 1954 (R.G.)

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	
42	39	All causes
-	1	Tuberculosis, respiratory
2	1	Cancer, stomach
-	2	Cancer, lung, bronchus
1	-	Cancer, uterus
2	4	Cancer, other sites
2	3	Vascular lesions of nervous system
4	9	Coronary disease, angina
1	-	Hypertension with heart disease
14	2	Other heart disease
1	2	Bronchitis
1	-	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
-	2	Nephritis and nephrosis
-	2	Hypertension of prostate
1	-	Congenital malformations
8	7	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
2	1	All other accidents

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1954 Provisional Statistics - England and Wales

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Births</u>
Infant mortality	Still-births
Birth-rate	Live births
25.5 per 1,000 related live bir	24.0 per 1,000 total live and
11.3 per 1,000 home population	15.2 per 1,000 home population

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

The undermentioned infectious diseases were notified during the year:

Measles	2
Pneumonia	3
Scarlet Fever	3
Whooping Cough	1

There were no deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1954, is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
70	1

In addition 18 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1940 and 1954 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
223	880

Tuberculosis 1954

The Register of Tuberculosis for the District for the year was as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non- Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31.12.53	12	7	4	4	27
Added to the Register :					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	3	1	-	-	4
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification..-		1	-	-	1
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31.12.54	15	8	4	4	31

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323	330

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Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	1	-	-	1
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General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Beverley Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Weekly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Anto-Natal

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births in the Urban District during the year totalled 18, the remainder occurred in Hospital.

Nursing in the Home

3 District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

Infectious Diseases - the Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, is available for the admission of the commoner infectious diseases, cases of Poliomyelitis and Smallpox are to be admitted to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Maternity - maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield, and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East Riding being adequately covered.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hill or to the Pathological Laboratory at Bowring Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Weekly consultations are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Bridlington.

Antenatal

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Bridlington.

Maternity Services

Maternity deaths in the Urban District during the year totaled 16, the remainder occurred in hospital.

Nurses in the Home

3 District Nurses/Students are resident in the town.

Hospital - General Hospital Board

Infectious Diseases - the Bowring Lane Hospital, Bridlington, is available for the admission of the common infectious diseases, cases of Polio-myelitis and Smallpox and is added to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Maternity - maternity cases are added to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Bridlington, and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Asiatic Services

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East Riding being adequately covered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to the District by the Drifffield Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the water is chlorinated.

Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bore, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies.

The results of samples of piped water supplies were as follows :

<u>Raw Water</u>			<u>Treated Water</u>		
<u>Bacter. Exam.</u>			<u>Bacter. Exam.</u>		
<u>No.</u>		<u>Un.</u>	<u>No.</u>		<u>Un.</u>
<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>
7	7	-	4	4	-

Sewage Disposal

Negotiations are in progress with Hull Corporation re the construction of new sewage disposal works.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 33 earth closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 366 earth closets remain in use.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of house hold refuse is maintained. Night soil is disposed of at the Sewage Farm; dry refuse is disposed of at the Wold Hill Tip.

Salvage

During the year the following quantities of salvage have been sold:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.
Baled Waste paper	10	1	3	62	7	10
Scrap Metal.....	2	10	0	11	3	0
Rags		2	0	2	9	6
	12	13	3	£76	0	4

Rodent Control

Disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Rodent Control Division. During the year the following premises have been disinfested :

<u>Business</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Public</u>
<u>Premises</u>	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Sewers</u>
22	18	14	3

Sanitary Conditions of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to the District by the British Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the water is chlorinated.

Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bore, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class I of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies.

The results of samples of piped water supplies were as follows:

<u>Raw Water</u>		<u>Treated Water</u>	
<u>Factor. Mean</u>		<u>Factor. Mean</u>	
No. of Samples	Bacteria	No. of Samples	Bacteria
7	7	4	4

Drainage (Sewage)

Negotiations are in progress with Hill Corporation re the construction of new sewage disposal works.

Gravel Accumulation

During the year 35 earth closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 366 earth closets remain in use.

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Waste Paper	10	1	3	62	7	10
Scrap Metal	2	10	0	11	3	0
Rags		2	0	2	9	6
	12	13	3	75	0	4

Robert Control

Distillation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Robert Control Division. During the year the following premises have been distillated:

<u>Business Premises</u>	<u>Private Dwellings</u>	<u>Council Premises</u>	<u>Public Houses</u>
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Sanitary Inspection of the Area

<u>Nature of Visits of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Rodent Control	114
Houses under Public Health Acts etc	105
Public Conveniences	16
Conversions of privies, etc	45
Drainage	87
Factory Premises	94
Moveable Dwellings	24
Slaughterhouses	34
Knackers Yards	5
Bakshouses	19
Meat Shops	24
Food Preparing Premises	16
General Food Premises	22
Smoke observations	11
Ice Cream premises	18
Dairies	12
Piggeries	8
Water supply	1
Food inspection and sampling	45
Inspection of water courses	4
Accumulation of waste	13
	<u>717</u>

Housing

Total number of houses in district	1,898
Number of new houses built during the year by Local Authority	-
Number of new houses built during the year for other owners	17
Number of houses dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	-
Number of houses demolished during the year	2
Number of new houses in course of erection at end of year :	
(a) by Local Authority	-
(b) by private owners	10
Number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	140
Number of houses improved under Housing Act, 1949	2
Number of houses inspected for Housing Survey	41
Number of houses de-requisitioned	3

Inspection and Supervision of Food

There are 6 retailers of milk in the District.

Dealers licences authorising the special designations, as under, have been issued :

Pasteurised	1
Sterilised	10
Tuberculin Tested.....	2

Samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination	4
Samples of pasteurised milk submitted for phosphatase test	4
Samples of sterilised milk submitted for turbidity test	4

The above samples were all satisfactory.

Ice Cream

There are 23 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. In these premises the ice cream is sold all the year and is chiefly of the wrapped variety.

Ice cream is manufactured at 1 premise only in the District.

Number of inspections of premises during the year 18
Number of samples sent for bacteriological examination 6

All the above samples were found to be satisfactory.

Other foods

The following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and destroyed :

95 tins Meat (295 lbs.) 117 tins Milk (105 lbs.) 180 tins
Fruit (240 lbs.) 389 tins Vegetables (464 lbs.) 7 tins Fish
(5 lbs.) Fish (31 lbs.) Lard (56 lbs.)

Total Weight condemned 1196 lbs.

Meat

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in District 8
Number of Knacker Yards 1

Inspection of Meat

During the first half of the year all meat was inspected at the Government Slaughterhouse, as follows :

Carcases inspected and condemned :

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number inspected	697	35	3,723	1,891
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Carcase meat condemned	5,983	460	7,553	2,688
Carcase meat affected with Tuberculosis	4,798	-	-	2,498

From the 1st July slaughtering was carried out in 8 slaughterhouses approved by the Council, as follows :

Carcases inspected and condemned :

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number inspected	902	31	2,226	1,384
	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs
Carcase meat condemned	10,102	600	5,100	3,070
Carcase meat affected with Tuberculosis	6,144	-	-	1,390

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(5 lbs.) Fish (31 lbs.) Lamb (26 lbs.)

Total weight condemned 1196 lbs.

Meat

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in District 8
Number of butcher yards 1

Inspection of Meat

During the first half of the year all meat was inspected at the Government Slaughterhouse, as follows :

Carcasses inspected and condemned :

Beef and Lamb	Pigs	Cattle	Calves
Number inspected 697	3,723	35	35
Carcasses most condemned 5,903	7,723	400	400
Carcasses most affected with tuberculosis 1,799	-	-	-
Value 2,496			

From the 1st July slaughtering was carried out in 11 slaughterhouses approved by the Council, as follows :

Carcasses inspected and condemned :

Beef and Lamb	Pigs	Cattle	Calves
Number inspected 902	2,226	31	31
Carcasses most condemned 10,102	2,100	600	600
Carcasses most affected with tuberculosis 6,144	-	-	-
Value 1,390			

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purpose of provision as to health :

Promises	No. on Register	No. of Inspection	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	49	38	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	69	53	1
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	3	3	-
Total	121	94	1

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -			
(a) Insufficient	1	1	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	1
Total	2	2	2

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspectors for purpose of provision as to health :

Particulars	No. on Register	No. of Inspectors	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, & 4 are to be enforced by local Authorities	49	38	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by local Authorities	69	53	1
(3) Other factories in which Section 7 is enforced by local Authority	3	3	-
Total	121	94	1

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Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences (S.V.) --			
(a) Insufficient	1	1	1
(b) Unusable or defective	1	1	1
Total	2	2	2



