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BOROUGH OF DUKINFIELD

Public Health Committee

1943

Chairman : Councillor Bown

Deputy Chairman : Councillor Cooke

The Mayor (Alderman G. Saxon)	Councillor Fitton
Alderman Ashton, A.	„ Hinchliffe
„ Jackson	„ Kenworthy
Councillor Andrew	„ King
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„ Brown	„ Shaw
	„ Shirley

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Dukinfield.

To the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dukinfield.

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1943.

An outbreak of Diphtheria occurred in October and 16 cases were removed to Hospital during the three months ended December, 1943.

The Diphtheria immunisation campaign was continued. The percentage of child population immunised at the end of 1943 was :-

75½ % of the children between the ages of 5 and 15 years
61½ % of children under 5 years of age.

Comparing the statistics for Measles and Whooping Cough with those for the previous year it is apparent that there was a great increase in the number of cases, but I am happy to report that these were of a very mild type, there being only two deaths from Whooping Cough.

For the various statistics I would refer you to the appropriate sections of the report.

Commending this report to your notice,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

GLADYS M. BRICE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Extract from Vital Statistics.

Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total
No. of Deaths ...	129	122	251

Death Rate—14·8

Births.

	M.	F.	Total
No. of Live Births ...	159	153	312

	M.	F.	Total
No. of Legitimate Live Births ...	153	147	300

	M.	F.	Total
No. of Illegitimate Live Births ...	6	6	12

No. of Still Births.	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	6	7	13
Illegitimate ...	1	Nil.	1

Birth Rate—18·4.

Infantile Mortality.

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths of Infants under 1 year ...	15	8	23

Infantile Mortality rate—73.

Infectious Diseases.

	Total
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	35
No. of cases removed to Hospital—22.	
No. of Deaths—	2.
Erysipelas	23
Scarlet Fever... ..	17
No. of cases removed to Hospital—4.	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	12
No. of Deaths—8.	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	7
No. of Deaths—4.	
Pneumonia (all forms)	14
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1
No. of cases removed to Hospital—1.	
No. of Deaths—	1
Whooping Cough	118
No. of Deaths—	2
Measles	202
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

Maternity and Child Welfare.

This service is administered by the Cheshire County Council.

Venereal Diseases.

Treatment is carried out at the Ashton-under-Lyne and District Infirmary chiefly although some cases are treated at Manchester.

Scabies.

The Scabies clinic was inaugurated at the school clinic in December, 1942. There are two attendants—1 male and 1 female. Cases are treated by appointment and the service is very much appreciated by the patients.

	M.	F.	Total
No. of cases treated during 1943 ...	5	12	17

**List of Deaths occurring in and belonging to the
Borough of Dukinfield during the year 1948**

CAUSE					MALES	FEMALES
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	2	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	6	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	2	2
Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	—
Acute Influenzal Enceph	...	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer and other malignant diseases	...	...	...	...	17	27
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	2
Intercranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	9	10
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	36	32
Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	3	—
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	6	12
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	9	5
Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	3
Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	3	5
Nephritis...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	1	—
Congenital malformations, etc....	...	...	...	...	7	3
Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	...	2	—
Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	7	4
All other causes	...	...	...	...	6	8
					128	123

Diphtheria Immunisation.

No. of children immunised during 1948

Age under 5 years .. 119

Age 5 to 15 years ... 107

Total 226

No. of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age—27

No. of deaths occurring from Diphtheria in children under 15
years of age—2.

No. of cases in which the child is known to have completed the
course of immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset
of the disease—9.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1943

During the year 746 complaints were received at the Public Health Office which were investigated and dealt with.

One workmen is now employed in the Department and his work consists of releasing blockages to W.C.'s, drains, gullies, disinfection of rooms after infectious disease, disinfestation of verminous houses, sale of disinfectants and the cleansing of Public Conveniences in the town.

The following work was carried out during the year :

Releasing of blocked W.C.'s	...	...	...	897
" " " house drains	...	...	...	1446
" " " house gullies	...	...	...	1088
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	...	...	...	298
(including disinfestation of verminous premises)				

NOTICES SERVED.

No. of Informal notices served. Public Health Act	...	...	189
No. of Informal notices complied with...	...	...	208
No. of Statutory notices served. Public Health Act	...	...	3
No. of Statutory notices complied with	...	...	9

Visits and Inspections

GENERAL SANITATION.

Drainage	...	...	...	...	111
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	2
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	...	13
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	22
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	61
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	78
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	13
Cinemas	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	..	...	...	...	113

HOUSING.

Primary Visits—Public Health Act	...	...	209
No. of Re-inspections do,	...	...	1148
Verminous Premises	...	...	11
do. Re-inspections	...	...	18
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	...	...	7

Visits and Inspections—continued

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No. of Primary Visits	...	...	...	...	43
No. of Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease visits	...	...	...	...	7

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Slaughterhouses, visits to	...	...	...	...	118
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	36
Grocers' Shops	...	...	...	...	48
Greengrocers' Shops	...	...	...	...	6
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	72
Dairies	...	...	...	...	25
Miscellaneous Food Visits	...	...	...	...	8

Total visits paid during the year 1943 ... 2177

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects, (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 227

- (b) Number of inspections made for this purpose ... 1173

Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 209

Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 2

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:—

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers ... 208

Proceedings under Public Health Acts .—

No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied... 189

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices —

(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	9
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	Nil

No action was taken under the Housing Act, 1936 during the year.

Milk Supply

During the year *four* samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory of the University of Manchester. The following results were received :—

7-12-43	Methylene Blue Test.	Satisfactory.	<i>Ungraded</i>
	Coliform Test	Negative	
	Tubercle Bacilli	Negative	
7-12-43	Methylene Blue Test.	Not satisfactory.	<i>Ungraded</i>
	Coliform Test	Negative	
	Tubercle Bacilli	Negative	
7-12-43	Methylene Blue Test.	Satisfactory.	<i>Accredited</i>
	Coliform Test	Negative	
	Tubercle Bacilli	Negative	
7-12-43	Methylene Blue Test.	Satisfactory.	<i>Ungraded</i>
	Coliform Test	Negative	
	Tubercle Bacilli	Negative	

Farms

There are 14 Farms in the Borough which have been inspected at intervals during the year. One farm produces Tuberculin Tested Milk. Four farms produce Accredited Milk.

Meat Inspection

There is one Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse in the Borough where cattle, sheep and calves are killed. At one other Slaughterhouse pigs are killed, the proprietor acting as a slaughtering contractor.

The system of Joint Meat Inspection which was inaugurated in October of last year in conjunction with the Boroughs of Ashton-under-Lyne and Stalybridge still continues to be worked in a very satisfactory manner.

Meat Inspection—continued

The following are the numbers of cattle, etc. inspected during the year by me:—

<i>Cows</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Bulls & Bullocks</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep & Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
419	125	223	271	2744	115

CARCASES WITH ALL ORGANS CONDEMNED—

<i>Animals</i>				Tuberculosis	Other Diseases
Cows	...	...	...	6	5
Heifers	...	...	...	2	—
Bulls & Bullocks	...	...	...	—	—
Calves	...	...	...	—	—
Sheep & Lambs	...	...	...	—	—
Pigs ...	...	...	...	1	—

CARCASES PARTIALLY CONDEMNED—ORGANS OR PARTS CONDEMNED—

<i>Animals</i>				Tuberculosis	Other Diseases
Cows	...	...	...	159	23
Heifers	...	...	...	11	5
Bulls & Bullocks	...	...	...	10	4
Calves	...	...	...	—	—
Sheep & Lambs	...	...	...	—	32
Pigs ...	...	...	...	10	4

The amount of meat and offal condemned as unfit for human consumption is classified as follows:—

Tubercular Meat and Offal...	...	...	9,701 lbs.
Liver—Cavernous Angioma	...	...	395 lbs.
Liver—Abscesses	...	...	179 lbs.
Liver—Ech Cysts	...	...	49 lbs.
Pleurisy	...	...	37 lbs.
Liver—Cirrhosis	...	...	44 lbs.
Dropsy (œdema)	...	...	2,700 lbs.
Beef—Bruising	...	...	50 lbs.
Nephritis	...	...	21 lbs.
Pneumonia	...	...	25 lbs.

The total weight of meat and offals condemned as diseased, unsound, or unfit for human consumption was 13,201 lbs.

LESLIE BUCKLEY,

Sanitary Inspector,

