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VITAL STATISTICS.

Area of Borough (in acres).....<sup>2048</sup>.....  
 Population : Registrar-General's estimated Home population for 1969  
 .....29,780.....  
 Number of inhabited houses - according to Rate Books....9,884  
 Rateable value as at 31st December 1969.... £2,646,238  
 Net produce of a penny rate for the year ended 31st March 1969.... £9,346. 7.  
 Number of new houses erected during the year ended 31st December 1969  
 (including flats) (a) Council 2  
 (b) Private 138

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>	
				<u>Crude</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Total	320	300	620		
Legitimate	307	283	590	20.8	17.9
Illegitimate	13	17	30		

Still Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 total births</u>	
				<u>Crude</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Total	3	3	6		
Legitimate	3	3	6	9	
Illegitimate	-	-	-		

<u>Deaths of Infants</u>	(under one year of age)	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u>		
					<u>Total</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>
Total		3	4	7			
Legitimate		3	4	7	11.0	11.0	-
Illegitimate		-	-	-			

Deaths of Infants (under 4 weeks of age)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u>		
				<u>Total</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>
Total	2	3	5			
Legitimate	2	3	5	8.0	8.0	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-			

Deaths of Infants (under one week of age)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u>		
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Legitimate	2	3	5	8.0	8.0	
Illegitimate	-	-	-			

Maternal Deaths Nil

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	134	117	251

Death Rate per 1,000 population

Crude	8.4
Adjusted	11.5

DEATHSDeath Rates (per 1,000 population)

All causes	: Crude	7.5
	Adjusted	11.5
Typhoid & Paratyphoid		-
Whooping Cough		-
Diphtheria		-
Tuberculosis		-
Influenza		0.07
Smallpox		-
Acute Poliomyelitis		-
Pneumonia		0.41
All causes under one year of age		0.25

The uncorrected death rate was 8.4.

To make allowance for age and sex constitution, the Registrar-General has allowed correction of this figure by the comparability figure of 1.37, by which a corrected death rate of 11.5 was obtained.

Causes of Death

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	11	2	13
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	7	7
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	5	3	8
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	7	11	18
Benign & unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	3	2	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.,	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	5	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	38	11	49
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	7	14
Cerebrovascular Disease	13	23	36
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	5	10
Influenza	2	-	2
Pneumonia	5	7	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	1	10
Asthma	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	2	1	3
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	3
Other Accidents	4	2	6
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	2	4
All other external causes	1	1	2
Avitaminoses, etc.,	1	-	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Appendicitis	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	1	4
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	1	1	2
Symptoms & Ill Defined conditions	-	1	1
Total all causes	134	117	251

Cancer of the stomach caused 2 deaths, compared with 7 in the previous year, Cancer of the Lung caused 13 deaths, compared with 11 in 1968, and there were 7 deaths from Cancer of the Breast, compared with 4 in 1968.

There was 1 death from Leukaemia in 1969, the same as 1968.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths below the age of 55 years	21	24	45
Deaths over the age of 75 years	45	51	96

Maternal Mortality: There were no Maternal Deaths in 1969

Infant Mortality

The total number of infant deaths was 7, of which 3 were male and 4 female, giving an infant mortality rate of 11.0 per 1,000 births over the year.

One infant death was due to Neonatal Anoxia, one due to birth injury, one to Acute Laryngo Tracheitis, one to Prematurity, one to Congestive Cardiac Failure, one to Peritonitis and one due to Acute Bronchiolitis.

The number of neo-natal deaths (or those occurring under one month of age) was 5, corresponding to 8.0 per 1,000 live births.

POPULATION:

Year	Population	Increase over previous Year	Natural Increase
1960	23,460	1,140	9.7
1961	25,760	2,280	8.3
1962	26,480	740	7.9
1963	27,200	720	6.4
1964	27,270	70	9.4
1965	28,160	890	10.2
1966	28,740	580	10.1
1967	28,940	200	19.2
1968	29,370	430	20.3
1969	29,780	410	5.4

Natural Increase shows the difference between the Birth and Death Rates

The average yearly increase for the last five years is 502.

Birth Rate.

The number of births is largely determined by the number of women of child-bearing age resident in the area, thus the birth rate cannot be compared with another area, unless it is of a similar sex and age structure, or until some allowance is made in the calculation. This is the function of the comparability factor, this being supplied to all areas by the Registrar-General.

The Birth Rate for 1969 was 17.9, after multiplying the comparability factor of 0.86. The crude rate for the year was 20.8

The total number of live births was 620

Still Births

The number of still births was 6 and the Still-birth rate 9 per 1,000 total births.

Infectious Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis)

The following table shows a summary of the number of infectious diseases notified during the year:-

	Total cases notified <u>1969</u>	Rate per 1,000 <u>population</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	21	.70
Whooping Cough.....	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-
Measles.....	61	2.04
Acute Pneumonia.....	-	-
Meningococcal Meningitis.....	1	0.03
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic.....	-	-
Non-Paralytic.....	-	-
Acute - Encephalitis.....	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-
Smallpox.....	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.....	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	1	0.03
Infective Hepatitis.....	3	0.09
Erysipelas.....	-	-

Measles

There were 61 cases notified in 1969 compared with 216 in 1968.

Whooping Cough

No notifications were received, compared with 21 the previous year.

Tuberculosis

The table below shows the number of new cases:-

	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	1	-
25 - 44 years	1	1	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	1	-	-
65 years & over	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	1	-

Cases of Tuberculosis notified during the last five years

Year	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1965	8	-	-	1	9
1966	7	2	1	-	10
1967	2	1	-	-	3
1968	3	4	1	-	8
1969	2	2	1	-	5

National Assistance Act 1948 - Section 47

Persons in need of care and attention

This section provides for the necessary care and attention of persons who:-

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or, being aged and infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions: and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

It was not necessary to take steps for the compulsory removal of any persons during the year.

Long-stay Immigrants 17 long-stay Immigrants arrived in the district during the year 1969 and were visited in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health.

