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HEALTH DEPARTMENT COUNTY HALL IPSWICH

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

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March 1974

To the Chairman and Members  
of the County Council.

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting the Annual Report on the health of the County of East Suffolk for the year 1973. In accordance with the practice established in 1969 this is a combined report on the health services and the school health services.

The East Suffolk County Council ceases to exist at the end of March 1974 and coincidentally the Health Services administered by the County will be transferred to the newly constituted Suffolk Area Health Authority and the posts of County Medical Officer of Health and (Principal) School Medical Officer will disappear after some 63 and 66 years respectively.

This means perforce that this, my 22nd and final report, will be an abbreviated version as the vital statistics for inclusion in the report, will not be issued by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys before April at the earliest.

A large part of the year 1973 was spent in planning for the reorganisation of the National Health Service, planning very often taking place under great difficulty due to the many imponderables and often to lack of guidelines from Central Government. This led sadly to varying degrees of frustration and to lowering of morale of staff of all disciplines and seniority, with the very regrettable but inevitable result that uncertainty of the future has encouraged many members of the administrative and clerical staff to seek posts with authorities other than the Health Service.

#### Nursing Service

In my report for 1972 I made reference to the appointment of Miss S. M. Wright as the Joint Director of Nursing Services for both East Suffolk and Ipswich. During the last twelve months much progress has been made both to integrate the two community nursing services and establish the Mayston pattern of management structure, and to prepare for the amalgamation of the domiciliary and hospital services consequent on reorganisation.

#### Ambulance and Hospital Car Service

The number of miles, journeys and patients transported by the ambulance and hospital car service continue to rise, due to the increasing number of patients carried to and from Day Care Hospitals and to out-patient appointments.



Since 1948 St. John Ambulance and British Red Cross Society volunteers have provided a very valuable service in supplementing the whole-time staff of the various ambulance stations in the County. Indeed at Lowestoft and Beccles, St. John members - both men and women - had manned the stations at night times and had demonstrated an excellent example of how co-operation can be achieved between two different sections of the community with a common object. However, during the year a number of problems arose which eventually made it apparent that the time had come to make a change and both at Lowestoft and Beccles the stations were by the end of the year manned by paid ambulance drivers/attendants only. I would like to express my very grateful thanks not only for all the invaluable support the County Council have received from the St. John Ambulance volunteers at these stations over all the years, but also for the members of both St. John Ambulance and British Red Cross Society in other towns such as Aldeburgh, Bungay, Eye, Felixstowe and Woodbridge for their contribution to the Service.

#### Health Centres

Following the opening of the Health Centre at Stowmarket in September 1972, there has been much interest expressed by groups of general practitioners in other parts of the County. Unfortunately, owing to a sudden realisation by the Department of Health and Social Security that demands for this part of the Health Service were grossly in excess of funds available, a ban on all expenditure by Local Health Authorities was imposed in the autumn, and a number of schemes have had to be deferred for at least one financial year.

#### School Health Service

In 1972 the number of routine medical inspections of leavers fell considerably, due to the fact that the school leaving age was raised from 15 to 16 years. During 1973 therefore the number of inspections rose significantly over the previous year.

The general physique of school children continued to be very satisfactory, though unfortunately there has been an increase of verminous heads. This is a national trend and whether it can be accounted for by the present fashion of longer hair styles, of young people's heads coming in closer contact, of an increasing resistance of the louse to modern insecticides, or of a general unawareness of infestation on the part of the public, it is difficult to assess.

#### General

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Education Committees for their interest and support of the Department.

I am also most grateful for the help and co-operation of all my colleagues - both medical and lay - in the local authority, the hospital and domiciliary fields. I would like to think that the sympathy and understanding which has in East Suffolk developed between the three branches of the Health Service since 1948 augures well for the future.



Above all I would thank all members - it would, I feel, be invidious to pick out any individual - of the Health Department, professional, technical, administrative or clerical, for their loyal support and enthusiasm not only over the last twelve months, but for all the years it has been my privilege to be Head of the Department.

May I wish them and indeed all East Suffolk people a happy and healthy future.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. T. G. Gray

County Medical Officer of Health and  
Principal School Medical Officer.

## STAFF

### County Medical Officer and

Principal School Medical Officer: S. I. G. Gray, M.B., Ch. B.,  
F. F. C. M., D. P. H.

Senior Medical Officer: Joyce O. M. Board, M.B., B.S., M. F. C. M.,  
D. C. H.

### Assistant County Medical Officers:

Elizabeth M. Chester, M.B., Ch. B., (part-time)

\*A. C. Gee, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

\*Hilary S. M. Hadaway, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
D.P.H. (part-time)

\*Lilian Jean Halliday, M.B. Ch. B., (part-time)

Kathleen M. Harding, M.D., D.P.H.

\*Barbara J. Mawer, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
(full-time from 2.7.73)

\*H. J. Royall, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H., D.I.H.

\*Janet F. Tait, M.B., B.S. (part-time)

\*Monica L. Tisdall, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

\*Ruth Wright, M.B., B.S. (part-time) (to 31.7.73)

\*Also School Medical Officers

Principal School Dental Officer: C. D. Macpherson, L.D.S., R.C.S.

School Dental Officers: L. F. Auckland, L.D.S., B.D.S.

E. B. C. Cliff, O.B.E., F.D.S., R.C.S.

F. J. Goldsworthy, L.D.S., R.C.S.

W. H. R. Still, L.D.S., R.C.S.

Mrs. A. W. Warburton, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.

R. B. Warburton, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Edin.)

### Director of Nursing Services:

Miss S. M. Wright, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.I.D.N.S., H.V. Cert.,  
Nursing Admin. Cert. (Public Health)

### Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss M. Jarrett, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Cert. Q.I.D.N. (from 1.11.73)

### Area Nursing Officers:

Miss M. Crowley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Q.I.D.N.

Miss M. F. Parsons, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Q.I.D.N.

Miss R. E. Topham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Q.I.D.N.

Miss D. B. Wagland, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Q.I.D.N.

### Health Visitors:

The staff of Health Visitors was 35 whole-time (5 of whom were holding combined appointments as district nurse/midwife-health visitors) and 4 part-time. The aggregate of time given to School Health Work was equivalent to the services of 6.6 full-time Health Visitors.

### District Nurse/Midwives:

Forty-nine district nurse/midwives (including 5 who were also district nurse/midwives-health visitors and 4 part-time, 8 district midwives (including 1 part-time) and 35 district nurses (including 6 part-time) were in post.



Senior Speech Therapist:

Miss J. M. Lawrence, L. C. S. T.

Speech Therapists:

Miss J. Bassett, L. C. S. T. (part-time) (left 7.4.73)  
 Mrs. H. J. Blackshaw, L. C. S. T. (part-time)  
 Mrs. K. Davies, L. C. S. T. (formerly Miss Blacklock)  
 Miss S. B. Howes, B. Sc. (Speech) (to 1.7.73)  
 Mrs. J. Johnson, L. C. S. T. (F/T to 31.8.73) (P/T from 1.9.73)  
 Mrs. J. Taylor, L. C. S. T. (part-time)  
 Mrs. E. M. White, L. C. S. T.

Senior Physiotherapist:

Mrs. D. J. Colbert M. C. S. P., (formerly Fayers) (to 30.9.73)  
 Mrs. R. A. Walker, M. C. S. P., S. R. P. (from 3.9.73)  
 Mrs. A. C. Wilson, M. C. S. P. (from 12.11.73)

School Health Assistants

At the end of the year 10 part-time assistants were employed and the aggregate of time given to this work was equivalent to 5.7 full-time assistants.

Dental Surgery Assistants:

7 full-time and 1 part-time assistants employed.

County Health Inspector:

R. E. Law, F. A. P. H. I., M. I. P. H. E.

District Medical Officers of Health:

Boroughs and Urban Districts:

Aldeburgh	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Beccles	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Bungay	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Eye	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Felixstowe	...	...	Dr. C. H. Imrie
Halesworth	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Leiston	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Lowestoft	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Saxmundham	...	...	Dr. D. W. Ryder Richardson
Southwold	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Stowmarket	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Woodbridge	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding

Rural Districts

Blyth	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Deben	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Gipping	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Hartismere	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Lothingland	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee
Samford	...	...	Dr. K. M. Harding
Wainford	...	...	Dr. A. C. Gee

# GENERAL STATISTICS

## EAST SUFFOLK

Area: 547,397 acres (Census, 1961)

Population 1973: 268,130 (As estimated by the Registrar General).

Population, Census 1971: 258,148

Number of dwellings (occupied and vacant, Census 1961: 77,151

Number of private households, Census 1971: 87,820

Rateable Value: £27,918,730 (year beginning 1st April, 1973).

Estimated product of a new penny rate £273,056 (year beginning 1st April 1973).

TABLE I

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year

	EAST SUFFOLK			England and Wales rate
	Number	Crude rate	Ad-justed rate	
Live births -- legitimate ...	3,431	-	-	-
-- illegitimate ...	206	-	-	-
-- total ...	3,637			
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	-	13.6	15.2	13.7
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births) ...	-	6.0	-	9.0
Still-births -- legitimate ...	29	-	-	-
-- illegitimate ...	3	-	-	-
-- total ...	32	-	-	-
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births ...	-	9.0	-	12.0
Total live and still-births ...	3,669	-	-	-
Infant deaths (under one year)	43			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births ...	-	12.0	-	17.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births)	-	12.0	-	16.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	-	10.0	-	22.0
Neo-natal (first four weeks) deaths	30	-	-	-
Neo-natal (first four weeks) mortality rate per 1,000 live births	-	8.0	-	11.0
Early Neo-natal deaths (deaths under 1 week) ...	28	-	-	-
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ...	-	8.0	-	10.0
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)		16.0	-	21.0
Maternal deaths ...	1	-	-	-
Deaths from all causes ...	3,412	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 population	-	12.7	10.6	12.0



TABLE II  
POPULATION, BIRTHS, DEATHS

	POPULATION		LIVEBIRTHS			STILLBIRTHS			INFANT DEATHS			ALL DEATHS		
	Census 1971	Estimated mid-1973	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Aldeburgh M. B.	2,791	2,750	19	8	27	-	1	1	1	-	1	24	39	63
Becles M. B.	8,015	8,170	43	44	87	-	2	2	-	-	-	49	48	97
Bungay U. D.	3,960	4,120	19	39	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	44	75
Eye M. B.	1,660	1,680	15	5	20	-	-	-	1	-	1	25	47	72
Felixstowe U. D.	18,925	19,460	128	119	247	-	-	-	1	3	4	135	153	288
Halesworth U. D.	3,236	3,520	26	23	49	1	-	1	-	-	-	28	36	64
Leiston U. D.	4,877	4,920	36	26	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	27	51
Lowestoft M. B.	52,267	53,260	361	389	750	3	1	4	1	8	9	337	309	646
Saxmundham U. D.	1,709	1,820	23	21	44	-	-	-	1	-	1	16	17	33
Southwold M. B.	1,998	1,960	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	23	47
Stowmarket U. D.	8,676	9,020	65	62	127	1	-	1	2	-	2	61	43	104
Woodbridge U. D.	7,283	7,770	44	61	105	1	-	1	1	-	1	37	51	88
Total (M. B., U. D.)	115,397	118,460	784	802	1,586	7	3	10	8	11	19	791	837	1,628
Blyth R. D.	17,576	17,630	123	112	235	3	1	4	1	2	3	141	128	269
Deben R. D.	35,973	38,730	252	234	486	5	2	7	5	2	7	251	198	449
Gipping R. D.	23,850	24,760	166	197	363	2	2	4	-	-	-	120	135	255
Hartismere R. D.	15,843	15,890	114	104	218	-	1	1	4	2	6	122	90	212
Lothlingland R. D.	22,500	24,060	179	174	353	2	2	4	2	1	3	104	128	232
Samford R. D.	20,194	21,430	157	129	286	1	-	1	4	1	5	151	130	281
Wainford R. D.	6,815	7,170	61	49	110	-	1	1	-	-	-	44	42	86
Total (R. D.)	142,751	149,670	1,052	999	2,051	13	9	22	16	8	24	933	851	1,784
Total (County)	258,148	268,130	1,836	1,801	3,637	20	12	32	24	19	43	1,724	1,688	3,412

# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

## SECTION 21 -- HEALTH CENTRES

See remarks in introduction.

## SECTION 22 -- CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

TABLE III  
CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Twice Weekly	Weekly	Twice Monthly
Lowestoft (i) Lowestoft (ii)	Beccles Bradwell Bungay Felixstowe (i) do (ii) Kesgrave Leiston Lowestoft (iii) do (iv) Stowmarket Woodbridge	Aldeburgh Bramford Brantham Claydon Felixstowe (iii) Framlingham Halesworth Kessingland Saxmundham Shotley (i) Southwold Wickham Market Yoxford

Monthly	
Blundeston Capel St. Mary Carlton Colville Chelmondiston Debenham Earl Soham East Bergholt Eye Gislingham Grundisburgh Holbrook Hollesley	Kirton Needham Market Newbourne Otley Shotley (ii) Somersham Stowupland Trimley Wattisham



Summary of Attendances for 1973

Centres provided	Sessions per month	No. of Children attending during year	Total number of attendances made
47	110	5, 481	30,919

Ante-Natal Clinics:

General practitioners in many districts hold ante-natal sessions for their own patients either in clinic premises or in their own surgeries and in some of these districts the Council's midwife also attends.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes:

Regular mothercraft and relaxation classes were held in the main urban centres and they proved popular with a number of the mothers. Altogether 778 expectant mothers, of whom 722 were booked for hospital confinement, attended the sessions and made a total of 3,629 attendances.

Care of Premature Infants:

170 premature live births were notified in the year. 166 were born in hospital. Of these, 153 survived beyond 28 days. 4 were born at home

Dental Care:

TABLE IV  
Dental Treatment (Mothers and Infants)

Number provided with dental care	Examined	Number commenced treatment during year	Made dentally fit
Expectant/Nursing Mothers	6	6	1
Children under 5	304	233	116

Dental Treatment given	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Fillings	Scalings or gum treatment	Teeth otherwise conserved	X-rays	Dentures provided	
							Complete	Partial
Expectant/Nursing Mothers		-	22	-	-	-	-	-
Children Under 5	32	19	278	42	31	3	-	-

#### Welfare Foods:

There were at the end of the year 46 centres throughout the County where welfare foods could be obtained. Welfare foods now available for sale are restricted to three types (National Dried Milk, Vitamin drops and Vitamin A, D, C. tablets.

In nearly all centres voluntary helpers were responsible for the distribution of the foods, and acknowledgement is made of the valuable assistance given to the County Council in this respect and for the willing co-operation of the people concerned.

The quantity of the various items issued was as follows (with 1972) figures given in brackets for comparison):-

National Dried Milk (packets)	...	6,677	(4,813)
Orange Juice (bottles)	...	-	(5,417)
Cod Liver Oil (bottles)	...	-	( 67)
Vitamin A & D (packets)	...	-	( 956)
Vitamin Drops	...	8,733	(8,733)
Vitamin C Tablets	...	-	( 260)
Vitamin A, D, C. Tablets	...	2,102	( 835)

#### SECTION 23 -- MIDWIFERY:

During the year the Council's midwives attended 472 mothers at their confinement.

Medical aid under the Midwives' Act was summoned in 75 cases.

Gas/air and Trilene analgesia was administered at 283 domiciliary confinements and Pethilorfan was given to 272 patients by midwives.



SECTION 24 -- HEALTH VISITING:

TABLE V

Summary of visits made  
(excluding School Health Service visits)

	1st Visit in year	Total Visits
Children born in 1973 ... ..	3,722	16,630
Other children under 5 ... ..	12,993	32,554
Tuberculosis households ... ..	492	986
Other visits ... ..	2,410	6,722

SECTION 25 -- HOME NURSING:

TABLE VI

Summary of visits made

Place where treatment first took place	Total No. of Cases
Patients home ... ..	8,688
Health Centres and G.P. premises ... ..	3,134
Hospitals and Residential Homes ... ..	59
Elsewhere ... ..	2,039
Total	13,920
Of these -- No. under 5 ... ..	434
No. aged 65 or over ... ..	9,190

SECTION 26 -- VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION:

TABLE VII

Year of birth	1973	1972	1971	1970	1966-69	Others under age 16	Total
<u>Pertussis Vaccination:</u>							
Completed full primary course	163	2,310	707	99	35	5	3,319
Received reinforcing injection	4	35	114	18	297	47	315
<u>Tetanus Vaccination:</u>							
Completed full primary course	164	2,352	714	143	125	211	3,709
Received reinforcing injection	19	42	120	43	3,460	2,401	6,085
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination:</u>							
Completed full primary course	159	2,306	705	61	166	70	3,467
Received reinforcing dose	15	49	96	19	3,442	1,431	5,052
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation:</u>							
Completed full primary course	163	2,356	713	142	117	10	3,319
Received reinforcing injection	12	41	117	22	3,404	356	3,952
<u>Measles Vaccination:</u>							
Primary	37	1,188	962	208	263	25	2,683



SECTION 27 -- AMBULANCE SERVICE:

TABLE VIII

	Total Miles	No. of Journeys	No. of Patients Carried
Whole-time ambulances	408,915	11,462	26,453
Hospital Car Service:			
Voluntary ...	1,130,864	25,294	78,697
Sitting case vehicles:			
Whole-time	29,320	762	2,659

SECTION 28 -- PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER CARE:

TABLE IX

Tuberculosis Register, 1973

	Pulmonary	Non- pulmonary
Patients on Register at 1. 1. 73.	442	85
New (Primary) Notifications during 1973	13	7
Inward transfers and restored to register in 1973	3	1
	<hr/> 458	<hr/> 93

Taken off register in 1973

	Pulmonary	Non- pulmonary
Non-tuberculous	-	-
Died	9	2
Recovered	14	5
Removed or lost sight of	2	-
	<hr/> 25	<hr/> 7
	25	7
Patients remaining on register at 31. 12. 73.	<hr/> 433	<hr/> 86

This table is a summary of the registers held by the District Medical Officers of Health.

Chiropody Services:

The Council's arrangements for chiropody treatment for old people continues to be given through an agency agreement with the East Suffolk Old People's Welfare Association. Treatments are given by appointment at sessions arranged in conjunction with old people's clubs or at clinics or in the chiropodists' own surgery but where this is not possible arrangements can be made for the chiropodist to pay a visit to the patient's home. Altogether through this service 27,697 treatments were given to 5,723 old people.

Chiropody treatment for the other priority classes, the expectant mother or the younger physically handicapped person, are dealt with directly by the Department but the demand is small and 46 patients were treated.

In addition 2,108 treatments were given to 497 persons in local authority Old Peoples Homes.



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### Food and Drugs -- Sampling for Chemical Analysis

The County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority for the whole of the Administrative County, with the exception of the Borough of Lowestoft. Responsibility for sampling food and drugs, other than milk, lies with the Council's Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Details in this part of the report are in respect of milk.

#### Milk and Dairies

The principles of Milk Legislation are to ensure that milk used for human consumption is:

1. Safe, and contains no pathogenic organisms or harmful substances
2. Clean, and has a satisfactory keeping quality.
3. Of satisfactory food value and not adulterated.

Appropriate legislation is contained in The Food and Drugs Act 1955, The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963/65, The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1957 and The Sale of Milk Regulations 1939.

During 1973, 94 samples were taken for chemical analysis, 62 for full biological examination, 98 for examination by the Milk Ring Test for brucellosis and for the presence of antibiotics and 573 statutory samples of designated milk for keeping quality and/or efficiency of heat treatment.

#### Biological Examination and Testing for Antibiotics

Milk sold for human consumption or manufacture into milk products without heat treatment is regularly checked by biological examination. Samples are tested for the presence of tuberculosis and brucella organisms and, more frequently, screened for brucella by the Milk Ring Test and examined for the presence of antibiotics.

During 1973, 160 samples were taken of which only 62 were submitted for full biological tests. All samples gave negative results.

#### Sampling for Chemical Analysis

Total number of Samples taken	94
Number unsatisfactory by reason of:	
1. Fat content deficiency	0
2. Solids-not-fat deficiency	1
3. Containing added water	0

The sample which proved unsatisfactory by reason of low solids-not-fat content was deficient to the extent of 1.4%. It was established by the Hortvet (Freezing Point) Test that the deficiency was not due to the presence of added water. The Producer was notified of the result.

### Specially Designated Milk

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, licences to use the Special Designations "Untreated", "Pasteurised", "Sterilized" and "Ultra Heat Treated" in relation to milk sold by Dealers (other than Producers) in the County are issued by the County Council as Food and Drugs Authority.

### Licensing

Of the four plants licenced, three are H. T. S. T. and one is a "Holder" type pasteuriser.

The following Table shows the licences in force in the County on 31st December 1973.

TABLE X

#### MILK LICENCES

Type of Licence	Number in Force 31.12.73.
Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)	4
Dealer's (Untreated)	7
Dealer's (Pre-packed)	200

### Sampling

During 1973 a total of 573 samples were taken for submission to statutory tests under the Regulations. It will be seen from the table below, that of these, 20 proved unsatisfactory.

TABLE XI

#### MILK SAMPLES

Designation	Test	Nature of Samples	
		Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	Phosphatase	544	6
	Methylene Blue	534	13
Untreated	Methylene Blue	7	1
Sterilized	Turbidity	4	0
U. H. T. 1	Colony Count	11	0

### Phosphatase Test Failures

The 6 samples which failed to satisfy the Phosphatase Test for efficiency of pasteurisation were heat treated and bottled at three different dairies. Two were dairies licenced by this authority and one was situated in the area of a neighbouring authority.

### Methylene Blue Test Failures

The 13 samples which failed to satisfy the Methylene Blue Test for keeping quality were taken from retailers in the county during the summer months. As a result of investigations into the cause of the failures advice was given on stock rotation and storage conditions. The suppliers of the milk were also notified.



GENERAL

TABLE XII

Notification of Infectious Diseases

Infectious Disease					Number of cases notified
Anthrax	...	...	...	...	-
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	39
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-
Poliomyelitis -- paralytic	...	...	...	...	-
Poliomyelitis -- non-paralytic	...	...	...	...	-
Measles	...	...	...	...	1,269
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-
Yellow Fever	...	...	...	...	-
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	4
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	-
Encephalitis -- Infective and post infective	...	...	...	...	-
Enteric or typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	-
Paratyphoid fever	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	...	...	...	...	13
Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	8
Food poisoning	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal pyrexia	...	...	...	...	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	...	...	...	...	-
Infective hepatitis	...	...	...	...	5
Tetanus	...	...	...	...	-
Leptospirosis	...	...	...	...	1

Registration of Nursing Homes

Two Nursing Homes were closed during the year leaving a total of 3 on the register at 31st December.

Name		Number of beds available Medical/Surgical
The Old Rectory, Barham	...	15
Raydon House, Raydon	...	14
Mill Lane Nursing Home, Felixstowe		15
		—
		44
		—

SCHOOL HEALTH

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

				<u>Pupils on Roll</u>
Nursery Classes	...	...	...	418
Primary Schools	...	...	...	23,175
Secondary Schools	...	...	...	18,401
Special (E. S. N.) Schools	...	...	...	280
				<u>42,274</u>

SCHOOL CLINICS

(a) County Area:	Address	<u>Services Provided by</u>	
		<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Regional Hospital Board</u>
Beccles	Crowfoot School	Dental Speech Therapy	
Felixstowe	Causton School	Dental	
Felixstowe	Trinity Methodist Church Hall	Speech Therapy	
Ipswich	Central Clinic, Rope Walk	Dental (by appointment only) Audiology	
Leiston	The County Health Clinic "Daneway" Hayling Road	Dental	
Saxmundham	The County Health Clinic		Chest Clinic Child Psychiatry Ophthalmic
Stowmarket	Health Centre Violet Hill Road	Dental Speech Therapy	
Woodbridge	County Buildings Cumberland Street	Speech Therapy	



(b) Lowestoft Excepted District

<u>Address</u>	<u>Services Provided by</u>	
	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Regional Hospital Board</u>
Clapham Road	Dental Minor ailments Speech Therapy	
Kirkley Clinic, Southwell Road	Dental Speech Therapy	
"Penrhyn" Regent Road		Chest Clinic Child Psychiatry Ophthalmic

CHILD GUIDANCE

The Consultant Psychiatrists, Dr. J.G. Howells and Dr. J.M. O'Callaghan, have again been good enough to submit the statistical summary shown below and I am grateful to them for all the valuable work they have put in during the year in respect of children attending the Committee's schools.

	1972	1973
Children ) aged 0 - 5 years	15	11
newly referred) 5 -15 years	128	127
Clinic interviews for the year	988	993
School visits	84	62
Home visits	274	279
Number of children attending on 1st January 1973	260	193
Number of children attending on 31st December, 1973	193	267
Total number of children treated during year	306	327

CLEANLINESS

	Number of Visits		Number of Examinations	Number of children found Verminous	
	School	Home		New cases	Repeat cases
1969	41	49	5,024	75	17
1970	47	51	3,241	49	11
1971	46	74	7,441	88	10
1972	5	76	6,032	108	10
1973	166	160	10,957	169	26

### Swimming Pools

During 1973, 127 pools were in use; of these 29 were permanent, 98 were portable and there were 4 mobile pools owned by the County Council, loaned to 6 schools during the season.

One newly built large pool is sterilized by chlorine gas, the remainder are treated with chlorinated cyanuric granules.

Problems arising during the season were mainly due to algal growths. Generally the standards achieved were very high, teachers and school caretakers involved give careful attention to matters of pool hygiene and water treatment.



TABLE XIII  
RETURN OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN  
PART I

New assessments and placements		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
During the calendar year ended 31st December 1973														
A	Children newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes	1	2	-	3	6	-	10	11	12	1	1	-	47
(i) included at A		-	-	-	3	3	-	6	6	3	-	-	-	21
B	Children newly placed in special schools (other than hospital special schools) or boarding homes.	2	1	1	6	3	-	3	13	11	1	-	-	41
(ii) assessed prior to January, 1973														
(iii) TOTAL newly placed		2	1	1	9	6	-	9	19	14	1	-	-	62

PART II  
HANDICAPPED PUPILS AWAITING PLACES IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS; INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS; IN SPECIAL CLASSES AND UNITS,  
UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, 1944; AND BOARDED IN HOMES

On 17th January 1974		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Children awaiting places in special schools														
Under 5 years of age	1 waiting before 1st January 1973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(a) day places (b) boarding													
2 newly assessed since 1st January 1973	(a) day places	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	4
	(b) boarding	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Aged 5 years and over	3 waiting before 1st January 1973	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	4
	(a) day places (b) boarding													
4 newly assessed since 1st January 1973	(a) day places	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
	(b) boarding	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	1	-	10





TABLE XIV  
EAST SUFFOLK (including Lowestoft excepted District)  
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT  
(year ended 31st December, 1973).

PART I -- MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

TABLE A -- PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups inspected (by year of Birth)	No. of Pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination
		Satisfactory	Un- satisfactory	Number	
1969 and later	115	115	-	-	
1968 ...	1,249	1,249	-	-	
1967 ...	2,255	2,254	1	-	
1966 ...	647	647	-	-	
1965 ...	142	142	-	-	
1964 ...	71	71	-	-	
1963 ...	244	244	-	328	
1962 ...	823	823	-	806	
1961 ...	488	488	-	245	
1960 ...	161	161	-	-	
1959 ...	81	81	-	-	
1958 and earlier	2,685	2,685	-	-	
TOTAL	8,961	8,960	1	1,379	
	Percentage	99.99	0.01		

TABLE B — OTHER MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	3,344
Number of re-inspections	2,108
Total	<u>5,452</u>

TABLE C — INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a) Total Number of individual examinations of pupils in schools	10,957
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	169
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944).	NIL
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944).	NIL



PART III — TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING  
MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TABLE A — EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint . . . . .	1
Errors of refraction (including squint)	551
Total . . . . .	552
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed . . . . .	320

TABLE B — DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Received operative treatment —	
(a) for diseases of the ear . . . . .	119
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis . . . . .	361
(c) for other nose and throat conditions . . . . .	51
Received other forms of treatment	168
Total . . . . .	701
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids —	
(a) in 1969 . . . . .	21
(b) in previous years . . . . .	70

TABLE C — ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out- patients' departments . . . . .	102
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects . . . . .	-
Total . . . . .	102





# DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY

TABLE XV

## INSPECTIONS

	Number of Pupils		
	Inspected	Requiring treatment	Offered treatment
First inspection — school	16,729	8,268	8,242
First inspection — clinic	3,561		
Re-inspection — school or clinic	1,677	812	-
Totals	21,967	9,080	8,242

## VISITS (for treatment)

	Ages 5 - 9	Ages 10 - 14	Ages 15 & over	Total
First visit ... ..	2,731	2,183	434	5,348
Subsequent visits ...	2,583	2,943	699	6,225
Total visits ... ..	5,314	5,126	1,133	11,573

## COURSES OF TREATMENT

Additional courses commenced	397	549	53	999
Total courses commenced	3,128	2,732	487	6,347
Courses completed	-	-	-	5,103

## TREATMENT

Fillings in permanent teeth	1,412	4,533	1,141	7,086
Fillings in deciduous teeth	4,491	384	-	4,875
Permanent teeth filled	1,159	3,930	1,001	6,090
Deciduous teeth filled	4,079	352	-	4,431
Permanent teeth extracted	115	708	135	958
Deciduous teeth extracted	2,556	813	-	3,369
General anaesthetics	464	162	7	633
Emergencies	473	228	37	738

Pupils X-rayed	...	...	...	212
Prophylaxis	...	...	...	625
Teeth otherwise conserved				800
Teeth root filled		...	...	22
Inlays	...	...	...	-
Crowns	...	...	...	13

### ORTHODONTICS

New cases commenced during the year	43
Cases completed during the year	28
Cases discontinued during the year	7
Removable appliances fitted	64
Fixed appliances fitted	1
Pupils referred to Hospital Consultants	14

### DENTURES

Pupils fitted with dentures for the first time:-

- (a) with full denture
- (b) with other dentures

Ages 5 - 9	Ages 10 - 14	Ages 15 & over	Total
-	-	-	-
-	6	3	9
	10	3	13

Dentures supplied (first or subsequent time)

### SESSIONS

Sessions worked by Dental Officers

Treatment	2,396
Inspection at school	228
Dental Health Education	67



Notes





