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COUNTY BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

for 1945 on the

HEATH OF EASTBOURNE.

Vital Statistics, Sanitary Circumstances, &c.

JOHN FENTON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.



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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Whole Time Officers.

Medical Officer of Health.

John Fenton, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.C., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspectors.

Arthur Lindfield, Cert. R.S.I. (Senior)

F. T. Rippin, Cert. S.I.B. G. N. Richards, Cert. S.I.D.

L. R. Godfrey, Cert. S.I.B.

(Returned from the Forces 12.11.45) L. G. Howard, Cort. S.I.B. (from 18.6.45).

Health Visitors.

Miss E. K. N. Cumming (Senior) S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss A. Wilcock, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (to 8.12.45)

Mrs. L. Foster, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss B. Brewer, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (to 22.8.45)

Miss M. J. Rafferty, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. Miss M. Wheeler, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (from 1.10.45)

Miss R. A. Hayman, S.R.N., H.V. Cert. (from 24.7.45 to 4.12.45)

Miss I. M. Rainey, R.S.C.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert. (from 24.9.45)

Home Teacher for the Blind

Miss L. E. Jackson.

Clerical Staff

H. T. Hounsom (Lay administrative Officer)

A. H. Hookham, F.R. Met. Soc.

* K. N. Dean (to 14.3.45)

* T. J. Lorraine (from 15.10.45)

* Miss D. M. Larkin.

* Miss D. A. Higgins

Mrs. V. C. Punnett (to 15.9.45)

* Miss G. E. Woods (from 17.9.45)

P. Wood (from 13.2.45 to 1.9.45)

Miss D. M. Beetlestone (from 19.11.45)

* Temporary.

The following permanent members of the staff were serving in H. M. Forces:

Deputy Medical Officer of Health. Dental Surgeon. lerical Staff

Theodore H. Parkman, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

M. G. Berry, L.D.S.

W. L. Peck.

C. A. Hemsley.

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Public Health Department, Avenue House, EASTBOURNE.

September, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor, and to the Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Eastbourne.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health of Eastbourne for the year 1945.

This Report, the seventh which it has been my privilege to present, is the fifty-fourth in the Series. It is once more, for the last time I trust, presented in typescript and in abridged form.

The year 1945 saw the end of the greatest war of all time and considering the stresses, strains and anxieties of nearly six years of war, coupled with long hours and hard work, the health of the people on the whole continued to be remarkably good.

Some eight hundred and two cases of infectious disease were notified, compared with three hundred and twenty-two in the previous yeer. An epidemic of measles was responsible for six hundred and fifty-one notifications. Two cases of polio myelitis (infantile paralysis) occurred. The one case of diphtheria occurring in a boy aged nine years, was mild in severity and the child made a good recovery.

The scheme for Immunisation of children against diphtheria continued to function smoothly and five hundred and twenty-one children were dealt with at the Clinics and Welfare Centres.

Scabies was again prevalent. Most of the four hundred and thirty-two cases notified to the Department, as well as a number of contacts, were treated at the out-patient treatment centre at the Sanatorium. Affected persons were very ready to avail themselves of the free treatment facilities provided and in no instance was it necessary to resort to action under the Scabies Order, 1941.

Verminous conditions were found in some one hundred and sixteen families. The Health Visitors in the employment of this Buthority also hold the appointment of School Nurse, and infested children were generally found at the routine term examination of heads in School. In the course of home visiting, the Health Visitors dealt as far as possible with the pre-school child, and special attention was paid to families where other children were known to be infested. Infestations in adults to the number of seven were dealt with. In dealing with vermin, a welcome change noticed in recent years is the more co-operative attitude of parents and others.

The statistics for the Venereal Diseases Clinic generally show no significant change compared with those for 1944. Of the two hundred and eighty-six persons who attended, thirty-seven were suffering from Syphilis, ninety-eight from Generhoea and one hundred and fifty-one from non-venereal conditions. The Clinic was held one evening weekly for women and children, and one evening for men. Special appointments were given when necessary for persons who could not attend during Clinic hours. The Senior Health Visitor continued to act as Sister to the Clinic and she carried out any special treatments at times convenient to the persons concerned. Miss Cumming also carried out the very important duties of Social Worker in connection with the Scheme. No legal action was taken under Regulation 33b, but as before it helped to bring under treatment cases that might otherwise be lost sight of. Cases for treatment by Penicillin were admitted to St. Mary's Hospital.

Two hundred and eighty-one cases of Tuberculosis were on the Department's Register on December 31st - an increase of fifty-eight on the

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numbers at the commencement of the year. Of the ninety-six persons notified seventy-three were pulmonary and twenty-three non-pulmonary cases. In connection with the Tuberculosis Dervice five hundred and twenty-nine X-Ray examinations of persons suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from the disease were carried out at St. Mary's Hospital. On the whole it was found possible, without prolonged waiting, to provide suitable institutional accommodation for persons needing it. In this connection the accommodation at the Gildredge Hospital proved of inestimable value, and the arrangement made with the East Sussex County Council whereby that Authority admits to their Darvell Hall for chronic cases at the Gildredge Hospital, worked very satisfactorily. Eighteen persons died during the year from Tuberculosis of the respiratory

Cancer was again high on the list of principal causes of death.
Under the scheme made by this Authority under the Cancer Act, 1939, twelve cases were sent to the Westminster Hospital for treatment.

The total number of live births was six hundred and sixty-seven as compared with four hundred and eighty-nine in the previous year. There were eighteen still births and twenty-four children under one year died. There was no death of a woman from any cause associated with pregnancy or child birth.

The Maternity Home re-opened early in March and three hundred and twenty confinements took place there. Twenty-six women were confined at St. Mary's Hospital.

The two full-time domiciliary midwives dealt with one hundred and seventy-five cases, including eleven cases of abortion.

Continued efforts to find one or more women to act as Home and Domestic Helps met with no success till the close of the year when the services of one woman were secured on a part-time basis.

The circumstances of twenty-nine unmarried expectant mothers were investigated and all possible help was given them in making arrangements for their confinements, and for the well being of the children.

In four cases allowances were paid direct by the Authority to foster-mothers who undertook the care and maintenance of illegitimate children.

There was a very considerable increase in the numbers of children under five years attending the four Infent Welfare Centres.

Birth notifications showed that twelve babies were born prematurely and the Death Returns indicate that prematurity was the cause of death in the cases of seven infants. Wastage of infant life from this cause is to be deplored and everything possible in the circumstances prevailing is being done to combat it.

The War-Time Day Nursery in Salchurst Road functioned to capacity and there was a waiting list of children for admission all through the year. Only children of mothers doing essential work were admitted, and in view of the continued shortage of female workers of all types in so many vital undertakings there is unquestionably still a need for this Nursery Service. It is to be hoped, however, that the time is not too far distant when the need for mothers of children under two years to go out to work will not srise. One would wish to see most children under two years brought up entirely in their own homes. If children between two and five years need to be catered for, the Nursery School under the Local Education Authority, would appear to be the more appropriate place for them.

The Residential Nursery, evacuated to Broad Oak, Heathfield, returned to Linden Cottege, Green Street, in November. The Boys' Home in Dacre Road and the Girls' Home in Green Street re-opened in February. It was felt that the time had come to provide more up-to-date accommodation for the children in the Nursery and in the Homes and provision has been made in the five year plan

of Capitel Expenditure for the purchase of a suitable property for use as a Nursery. Efforts to find a suitable existing building have so far not been successful, and it is not, of course, possible to contemplate the erection of new buildings in the near future. Meanwhile, the premises in use, whilst perhaps not ideal in every respect, are functioning satisfactorily and the children are happy and well cared for.

In October, the Council decided that "the Medical Officer of Health be designated as the Officer responsible to the Council for all matters concerned with Children and Young Persons for whom the Council is responsible, except that the Social Welfare Officer continue to deal with maintenance contributions and settlement proceedings in respect of children chargeable under the Foor Law Act, 1930".

Of all matters likely to affect the health, well-being and comfort of a community, housing continues to present the gravest difficulty. By the end of 1945 the number of applicants on the waiting list had risen to one thousand, three hundred and sixty-one. This Authority has done everything possible to expedite the provision of the living accommodation so urgently needed by so many families.

The aged and infirm persons for whom the Authority was responsible continued to be accommodated in All Saints Hospital. Difficulty is being experienced in finding a building suitable for adaptation for use as an Old Folks' Home. As the All Saints Authorities wish to again use the building in which the old people are temporarily housed as a Convalescent Home for children, the matter of finding other accommodation is urgent.

The work of the Department in the year 1945 was again far from normal and heavy demands were made on the Staff. Doctor D. G. Churcher continued to act as my Deputy in a part-time capacity, and I take this opportunity of thanking him for the help he so willingly and so ably gave me at all times.

The full-time Steff again cerried out their various duties most cheerfully and efficiently.

To you, Mr. Mayor, to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to every Member of the Council, I express my gratitude for the support and encouragement I again received from you.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servent,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The following are the statistics furnished by the Registrar-General;-Estimated Civilian Population - 39,300.

Births:-		00,000.	
	Total	Mele.	Female.
Live Births - Legitimate	572	291	
- Illegitimeto	95	46	281
C44111 mt		20	49
Still Births - Legitimate	17	11	
- Illegitimete	1	1	6
Deaths: - All causes	myste to S	1	0
	680	308	372
		-00	0/2
	Eastbo	urne. Eng	land end Wales
Birth rate per 1,000 population:			Tond end Mercs
Live Births			
Still Dirths	16.99		16.1
Death rate per 1.000	0.45		0.46
Not Infent Mortality per 1,000 births	17.30		11.4
per 1,000 births	35.98		46
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:			
Fuerperal Sepsis			
Other Maternal Causes	0		
	0		
Death rate of infants			
under 1 year of aug.			
#11 infants per 1 000 live binch	77.00		
Legitimate infants per 1.000	35.98		46
LCEItimate live bimth-	60 82		
lilegitimate infants per 1,000	29.73		
illegitimete live births	73.68		
	70.00		
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Principal Causes of Death.	Males.	Fomelos	mada 1
Discours - a u		Females.	Total.
Diseases of the heart and			
Cencer circulatory system	104	141	045
Intra-Cranial Manual	61	68	245 129
Intra-Crenial Vescular lesions Puberculosis (Pulmonary)	47	65	112
Influenza	10	8	18
Respiratory Diseases	2	1	3
Puerperal Causes	17	16	33
Violence	-	_	-
	6	11	17
There was one death from measles, o			

There was one death from measles, one from diarrhoes (under 2 years of ege), and none from whooping cough.

AGE MORTALITY.

The deaths in the various age groups were as follows:-

	Males.	Females.	Total
Under 1 1 - 5 5 - 15 15 - 45 45 - 65 65 and over	14 1 1 13 75 204 308	10 1 17 63 280 372	24 2 2 30 138 484 680

INFAMPILE MORTALITY.

The net number of deaths of infants under 1 year was Males 14 -

METEOROLOGY.

Mr. A. Lindfield, Senior Senitary Inspector, was appointed Temporary Recording Meteorologist in October. The various instruments were replaced and the Station prepared for the resumption of reedings on January 1st. 1946.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED AND MAINTLINED BY THE AUTHORITY.

l. GENERAL. St. Mary's Hospital continued to be administered by the Social Welfare Committee under Part IV of the Public Assistance Order, 1930. The legislation now before Parliament will probably result in the passing of ownership and direct control of hospitals out of the hands of local authorities and consequently, the matter of "Appropriation" to which so much thought has been given, is not likely to arise. The hospital, normally, provides accommodation for approximately 250 patients. Under the Emergency Hospital the demand never approached that number. In the year under review the number of beds required to be reserved for E.M.S. cases was reduced to 30. The East Sussex County Council adjoining Eastbourne continued to operate.

Shortage of nursing staff again caused much concern. The permanent Nursing Staff at the end of the year consisted of the following:

15-4		
Matron Deputy Matron Sister Tutor and Thestre Sister Home Sister Night Sister Fhysiotherapist	1 (1)	Ward Sisters 7 (6) Staff Nurses 9 (8) Male Nurses 3 (1) Assistant Nurses 1 (2) Student Nurses 20 (39) Male Attendant 1 (-)

(Figures in brackets denote the pre-war establishment for 252 beds)

The Civil Nursing Reserve helped to relieve a difficult situation, but not to the same extent as in previous years: two trained nurse members, 2 assistant nurse members and 6 nursing auxiliaries were on the steff at December 31st.

The hospital continued to function as a complete training school for Nurses. Of the seven student nurses who sat for the final examination of the General Nursing Council, six were successful. Two student nurses sat for the preliminary examination and both passed.

Statistics for the year were at follows:

In Hospital on 1st. January, 1945 Admissions Discharges Deaths In Hospital on 31st. December, 1945 Total "patient" days spent in the	37 605 465 125 52	70 650 504 129 87	16 324 310 10 20	TOTAL. 123 1579 1279 264 159
Total "patient" days spent in the hospital Average number of beds occupied during the Highest number of beds occupied (6th. Decen Lowest number of beds occupied (18th. July Number of surgical operations in operating Number of abdominal sections Total number of patients seen in out-patien (excluding X-Reys) Total number of attendances at out-patient of the section of the sectio	theatre	ment		53,359 146 172 126 253 75 378 4,421

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Number of women confined in hospital	
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Fifty-eight chronic sick and infirm cases for whom the Authority was financially responsible were still accommodated at All Saints Hospital on December 31st.

2. FEVER. The Sanatorium buildings provide, in five pavilions, accommodation for between 60 and 70 cases of infectious disease. The temporary pavilion, which was reconditioned in 1939, was used as the Scabies Out-Patient Treatment Centre.

Here also, the Staffing problem was most acute throughout the year. The Agreement made with the Hailsham Rural District Council, under which that Authority paid a retaining fee of £150 per annum, and a weekly maintenance rate for each case admitted, was by mutual agreement between both Authorities, admitted whenever possible during 1945, but owing to the very uncertain staff The number of cases of infectious disease occurring in Eastbourne, and number of nurses was able to staff Hollins and Rowe Wards continuously and in addition, Martin Ward when required.

- 3. SMALL FOX. The Small Fox Hospital, situated on the Crumbles continued under requisition by the Military Authorities. It is a corrugated iron building, with a most difficult, and indeed, frequently impassable approach road. It is to be hoped that the need to re-condition and re-equip it will never arise. Accommodation for the treatment of any cases of Small Pox occurring in the Borough is provided for in the Agreement with the Hastings Corporation and the East Sussex Western Joint Small Fox Board, under which such cases would be admitted either to the Hastings Small Fox Hospital at Brede, or the Sedgewick Hospital at Chailey.
- 4. TUBERCULOSIS. The Gildredge Hospital, situated within the Borough, at the foot of the Downs, provided accommodation for 12 men and 12 women in cubicles, each containing two beds.
- 5. MATERNITY. The Maternity Home in Upperton Road has accommodation for 23 cases in the following lay-out:

Floor.	No. of Rooms.	No. of beds in each room.	Total.
Ground First	2 2 2 3	4 1 2 3	8 2 4 9 23
Tm - 22221			- The same

In addition there are two beds in separate rooms for cases, or suspected cases of infection.

HOSPITALS NOT PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Princess Alice Hospital provides 120 beds for acute Medical and Surgical cases.

Leef Hospitel provides 31 beds for acute Medical and Surgical cases, including beds in 7 single rooms for private patients.

All Saints Convalescent Hospital, Meads normally provided 200 beds for men and women convalescent cases in the main building and 100 beds for convalescent children in another Block. The whole of the accommodation was included in the Eastbourne group of hospitals under the Emergency Hospital Scheme. A number of our chronic sick and infirm cases, who would normally be in St.Mary's Hospital, continued to be accommodated in the Children's Section.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Births. The five hundred and ninety-nine births which took place in the Borough (368 in 1944) were notified to the Department as follows:-

Maternity Home Midwives Domiciliary Midwives St. Mary's Hospital Private Medical Practitioners Other Midwives Nursing Homes Not Notified	313 142 24 23 49 46
	599

Seventeen still births were also notified.

Twenty-four infants under 1 year died as compared with 11 in 1944. The caus

causes of death	our inf	ents under 1 year died as compared with 11 in 1944.
4 months	F.	le. Broncho Pneumonie.
4 months	F.	la. Empyoma (Staphylococcal) b. Pneumonia.
1 week	M.	la. Inenition. b. Prometure Birth.
16 hours	11.	la. Shock - prolonged labour.
3 weeks	M.	la. Broncho Pneumonia.
7 months	F.	le. Broncho Pnoumonia.
1 week	M.	le. Congenitel disease of the heart.
7 months	M.	la. Broncho Pneumonia
2 minutes	F.	Strongulation from piece of tape tied round the
6 months	E .	la. Bronchitis. b. Marasmus. c. Imperforate Vagina.
5 months	34.	la. Respiratory Failure. b. Broncho Pheumonia. 2. Endocarditis.
3 days	F.	la. Congenital Atresia of oesophagus.
4 days	М.	la. Hasmorrhage from large diseased right kidney.
1 day	M.	la. Intracranial Haemorrhage.
1 month	16.	la. Circulatory Failure. b. Endocarditis.
		2. Congenital hypertrophy of pylorus.
6 months	M.	la. Marasmus. b. Prematurity.
2 hours	М.	1s. Inchition. b. Prometure Birth.
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17 hours	М.	la. Patent Foramen Ovale.
2 hours	F.	la. Prematurity (7 months)
1 month	M.	la. Inanition.
00.1		b. Premature Birth.
20 hours	F.	la. Prematurity.
1 day	F.	la. Respiratory failure. b. Atelectasis. 2. Congenital deformities.
3 months	F.	la. Acute Gastro-enteritis.
5 months	F.	la. Broncho Pneumonia.
Under the G	overnmen	t Scheme 27 expectant mothers were evacuated
(a) (1) Ante-Natal Cl: Home for domiciliary of Maternity Home on Weds	inics. An eases on esday an	te-Natal Clinics were held at the Maternity Tuesday afternoons and for cases for the
(b) Dentel Work Donte		the Maternity Home on Monday afternoons. ent was arranged for in the cases of 78 nursing
provided.	end 4 pro	ont was arranged for in the cases of 78 nursing one-school children. In 15 cases dentures were
(c) Meternity Home.	The Rome	re-opened on 6th. March.
Average d Ante-Nets Number of M D Number of	uration l cases cases d idwives octors	333 320 of stay 320 admitted 14.2 days clivered by: 10 188 132 which Medical assistance Midwives 71
Reasons:-	E CERL	71
(b) After I Rup Ini Ris Inf Ras (c) For Inf Dis Per	crine in layed so tended B complete emature etal dist labour. etured Pe lamed br e of tem puls lamed va. h	ertia
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D310	-med Toe	s <u>1</u> <u>18</u> 71
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for 24 hours or its recurrence within that period).
Number of cases notified
Number of cases of Pemphigus Neonatorum Nil.
Number of infents who at any time received a supplementary or complementary feed while in the Home (excluding those given during the first three or four days while breast feeding was being established)
Number of infants wholly breast fed on leaving
the Home
Number of cases notified as Ophthalmia Neonatorum 1 (There was no impairment of sight in this case)
Number of maternal deaths Nil.
Number of still births 12
Cause in each case was reported to be due to:
(1) Prolapsed cord (2) Ante Partum macmorrhage (3) R. h. Factor (2) (4) Delayed Second Stage. (5) Melpresentation - breech delivery (2) (6) Macerated foctus (4) (7) Birth injuries due to difficult forceps delivery.
Number of infant deaths within 10 days of birth 5
Cause of death in each case:
(1) Congenited Atresia of Oesophagus (P.M.) (2) Haemorrhage from large right diseased kidney (3) Prematurity (4) Patent Foramen Ovele (5) Intracranial haemorrhage.
Ante-Natal Clinic.
Number of cases transferred from Domiciliary Midwives. 145 Number of new bookings
Post-Natel Clinic.
Number of cases attending
(d) Domiciliary Midwives. The following are details of work carried out
Ante-Natal Clinic:
Number of expectant mothers attending

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Bookings: Number of cases on the register on 1st. January, 1945 ... Bookings during 1945 Number of cases transferred to Maternity Home on 259 re-opening Number of cases on the register on 31st. December, 1945 . 84 Confinements: Midwives cases Doctors cases Abortions _11 175 Number of visits paid during labour 397 Number of visits paid during puerperium Medical Aid: Number of cases in which medical aid was sought Reasons: Ante-Natal (8) Albuminuria and hyperpiesis 6 Ante Partum Haemorrhage 1 Abdominel pain and vomiting 1 During Labour (7) Uterine inertia 6 Malpresentation with prolapsed cord .. 1 7 Puerperium (24) Post partum haemorrhage 3 Pyrexia 2 For Infant. Cyanosis 2 Pemphigus 1 Merasmus 1 Sticky eyes 1 Prematurity 1 Number of cases referred to Obstetric Consultant 83 Reasons for reference: ? Breech presentation 35 Small measurements 18 ? Twins 6 Post maturity 10 Unsatisfactory general condition 6 Vertex unengaged at term 3 ? Pregnant 3 ? Foetal death 2 83 Cases referred to own private doctors 32 Referred by Obstetric Consultant for X-Ray examination ... Referred for Vaginal swabs 19 Referred for Dental treatment

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- (e) Midwives. Of the 27 Midwives who notified their intention to practice, were employed at St. Mary's Hospital, 13 at the Maternity Home and 3 were employed in the Authority's Domiciliary Service.
- (f) St. Mery's Hospital. Twenty-six confinements took place at this Hospital.
- (g) Premature Babies. The Birth Notifications showed that 12 babies were born prematurely.
- (h) Home Help. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining staff, the Local Authority was unfortunately without the services of a Home Help until December 19th.
- (i) Unmarried Mothers. Twenty-nine cases of unmarried expectant mothers were brought to the notice of the Department. Arrangements were made under the Government Evacuation Scheme for the evacuation of one case to Woking for confinement. Of the other cases, five made their own arrangements for confinement, one was attended by one of the Domiciliary Midwives in her own home, five were admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, thirteen to the Maternity Home, one subsequently married and three had not been confined at the end of the year. Special institutional treatment was arranged at the expense of the Local Authority for the ante-natal, natal and post-natal care of two of these cases and their babies.
- (j) Bell Hostel. Girls are admitted to this Hostel two months before confinement and kept with their babies for three months after.
- (k) Modical Assistance. Medical aid was sought by Midwives (apart from Institutional cases at St. Mary's Mospital) in 135 cases, viz: Domiciliary Midwives 45, Maternity Home 71 and private midwives 19.
- (1) Infant Welfare Contres. Four centres functioned during the year:-

Avenue House, The Avenue. (From April) Acacia Villa, 357 Sesside. Hampden Park Hall. St. Elisabeth's Church Hall.

The following are the statistics relating to these Centres:-

Attendances of chi	ldren under	5	 	 5995
remoci of Children	under 1			153
Number of children	1 - 5		 	 274

(m) Home Visiting. The Health Visitors paid the following visits:-

To	expectant mothers	123
10	and	OFFICE
10	children 1 - 5 years	2388

- (n) Food. The practice of making special issues of milk foods other than National Dried Milk in special cases, on medical recommendations, was continued.
- (c) Orthopsedic Treatment. This Clinic was held monthly by Mr. J. D. Crook, M. Ch., F.R.C.S. Forty-two pre-school children made 63 attendances to see the Surgeon; 76 pre-school children were given treatment by the Physiotherapist and made 640 attendances and 10 pre-school children received electrical and other forms of treatment as out-patients at St. Mary's Hospital and made 112 attendances.

Following the return, in July 1945, from the Forces of Miss H. J. Murphy, Physiotherapist to the Orthopaedic Clinic, arrangements were made for her to attend at the Maternity Home to give post-netal exercises. One hundred and fifty-four cases in the Home, between July and the end of the year, received 214 treatments in the form of post-netal exercises.

(p) Infant Life Protection. At the end of the year, 17 foster-mothers were receiving 30 children for fee or roward.

- (q) Boarding-Out. At the end of the year 8 children were boarded-out by the Local Authority under the Public Assistance Order.
- (r) Four children under 5 years were sent to hospitals away from Eastbourne for special treatment.
- (s) Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939. Eight notices were received under Section 7
- (t) Care of Illegitimate Children: Circular 2866. Allowances were paid in respect of 4 cases boarded-out under this circular. The payments made ranged from 10/- to 15/- per week, with contributions from the mother amounting to nil in one case, 7/6 to 15/- per week in another case and 7/6 per week in each of the 2 remaining cases. The total allowances amounted to £82. 10.0d. and the contributions to £51. 7. 6d.

Two illegitimate children were accommodated at the Woodside Nursery, Hailsham, for part of the year.

(u) Cottage Homes. The number of cases dealt with in these homes during the year was as follows:

In Homes on 1st. January 1945	13
Admitted during the year	95
Discharged during the year	74
Remaining in Homes on 31st. December 1945.	34

(v) War Time Nursery. The one War-Time Nursery was continued at St. Faith's Nursery, Salehurst Road. The following table shows the average daily attendance of children at the Nursery during the year:-

	Children under	Children aged
	2	2 - 5
January	5.1	8.3
February	4.4	10.7
March	7.4	16.4
April	9.0	19.0
May	14.5	15.5
June	14.0	21.5
July	12.3	20.0
August	10.5	21.3
September	14.5	19.7
October	11.8	18.5
November	13.0	20. ó
December	10.8	20.5

NURSING IN THE HOME.

During the year the Eastbourne District Nursing Association extended its activities by taking responsibility for the provision of a Home Nursing Service in the St. Andrews (Seaside) district, and also in the Hampden Perk district. The Association now provides a service for the whole area of the Borough. The Annual Report for the year ending 31st. March 1946, shows that some 12,930 visits were paid by the Association's nurses to 596 patients.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

One ambulance for the transport of cases of infectious disease was maintained by the Authority. All other ambulance work was done by the Eastbourne Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who maintained four embulances and two cars for sitting cases. The Corporation made an annual grant to the Division in connection with street accident work, and payments at agreed rates were made for the removal of hospital, mental, public health and other cases.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The Eastbourne water is supplied by the Eastbourne Water Works Company. The General Manager, Mr. P.H. Blagrove, has kindly given me the figures relating to the quantity used.

The water is obtained from a well at Friston, 120 feet deep, which is fed from a heading in the chalk approximately 24 miles in length. The floor of the heading lies at depths ranging from 120 - 400 feet below the surface level of the ground.

From Friston the water is pumped to a reservoir on Friston Hill from which it gravitates via a 21" main to distributing reservoirs at Mcads and Mill Gap, but it is not stored in any case for more than a day or two. The reservoirs are modern in design and covered. The supply remained constant and at full pressure all the year round, irrespective of rainfell.

The Catchment area has an area of 4 square miles and is all Downland. Great care is taken as to the gathering ground and the methods of its use, so that there shall be no danger of pollution. About 2,000 acres of this land is leased to the Forestry Commission for afforestation purposes which is the best use to which a gathering ground can be put.

In 1940, the Ministry of Health advised Water Undertakers to chlorinate as a precautionary measure against pollution, and the necessary equipment was installed at Friston in August, 1940. Such treatment of public water supplies has now become general.

Two to two and a helf parts per million of chlorine are added to the water leaving the pumping station resulting in a minute residual at the service reservoirs of about .05 parts per million.

The amount of water pumped into Eastbourne for consumption varied from 21 million gallons per week to 16 million gallons per week, the average amount being 190 million gallons per week.

The quantity and quality of the water remain practically the same year by year. It is very satisfactory to have a source so independent of variations in the amount of rainfall. The supply is constant.

There is a subsidiary source of supply at Holywell, but no water was pumped during 1945. A chlorination plant is in readiness for use in this water if required, but the water has always been found very pure.

Access to the sources of supply is freely permitted to the Medical Officer, and my visits have satisfied me that every care is taken to prevent accidental pollution.

For water from wells in chalk, the Eastbourne water has a comperatively small hardness. Domestic water softening plants are in use in many houses, but no general water softening takes place.

The following is a typical report on a sample of water taken from the Town Main.

Sample labelled: Eastbourne Water from the Main. Sample taken at 10.15 a.m. on the 11.9.45.

The water on arrival had the following characteristics:

Colour. Bright and Clear. Smell. None. Sediment. None.

	Grains per gallon.	Parts per million.
Total solids (dried at 100°C)	24.0	
Solids (after ignition) Chlorine	19.6	
Ammonia (free)	2.5	
Ammonia (albuminoid)		•006
Oxygen taken from permanganete		.012
in 4 hour	Nil	
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in 4 hours	Nil	
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Herdness (total)	Nil	
Hardness (after boiling)	14.8	
Phosphates	3.8	
Metallic impurity Iron	Nil .Ol	
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FREE CHLORINE. Not detected.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

The organisms per ml. which grew on Nutrient ager in three days at 22°C. under aerobic conditions and were then visible to the naked eye as colonies numbered 0 On Ager blood temperature and under serobic conditions colonies were noticed after two day's incubation Probable number of Coli-Aerogenes organisms in 100 ml. of the original water

REPORT.

Both chemically and bacteriologically this water is highly satisfectory. In my opinion it is perfectly safe for drinking purposes and suitable for a Public Supply.

15th. September, 1945.

Sgd. R. F. WRIGHT, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. Public analyst.

A row of cottages in the Languey area comprising 9 dwellings, is supplied by means of a stand-pipe and some 6 cottages, 4 in the eastern end of the town and 2 on the Downs, obtain their supplies from wells. Other than these, every house in the Borough has an internal piped supply.

Inspections and visits made by the Sanitary Inspectors. The following is a summary of visits and inspections carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors:-

Houses inspected	431	Fish Shops and Market	152
Complaints investigated	705	Other food menings	CCR
Po-increations	04/20	Other food premises	557
Re-inspections	53500	Schools	71
Visits for sundry purposes	991	Piggeries, stables etc	200
Factories and workplaces	118	Knackers Yard	000
Cowsheds	000		
De l'actions de l'	207	Places of Public Enterteinment	43
Dairies and shops selling		Visits in connection with Food	
milk	243	and Drugs Act	241
Slaughter House			
Paddenter nouse	917	Air Raid Shelters	46
Butchers shops	266	Public Baths	23
Bekehouses	47		-
Fruiterers' premises	-27	Smoke observations	4
Fruiterers' premises	178		

The above list shows, so far as they can be tabulated, the number of visits etc. made during the year. Many visits were necessary by reason of shortages of material, such as timber and other building materials, for which the builders required certificates to support their application for supplies. Premises for which applications were made for catering licences were inspected and reports made to the Food Executive Officer as to their suitability. Numerous visits were also made in connection with Local Land Charges applications where property was being purchased.

During the early part of the year, before the end of the war in Europe, many visits were made in connection with the Emergency Public Health Services for which the Council had made preparation, and in connection with Civil Defence generally.

Premises felling to be dealt with under those parts of the Public Health Act, 1936 which require the abetement of nuisances etc., were usually attended to after informal notice and in only a few deses was it found necessary to serve statutory notices. The following statutory notices were served during the year:

		No. Served.	No. Complied With.	No. Outstanding at ond of year.
To	abate nuisences repair closets	11 #	5	6
To	repair drains etc.	1	1	3
10	provide dust bins	4	3	1

* Six of these notices were served in the lest month of the year.

In order to expedite the execution of the necessary works the Council delegated its power under several sections of the Public Health Act to the Public Health Committee, thus enabling notices to be served without the delay of awaiting approval of the Committee recommendations by the Council.

Camping Sites. Only one application was received for a licence to use a field as a site for moveable dwellings, After a visit of inspection by a Sub-Committee the application was refused.

Basement Bakehouses. The period of one year without occupation, as prescribed by the Factory act, 1937, expired in the case of one basement bakehouse in connection with which the Certificate of Suitability had continued to apply. These premises therefore, cannot again be used as a bakehouse. Only two such bakehouses now have the required certificate.

Schools. The schools under the control of the Local Education Authority were inspected at intervals throughout the year.

Shops Acts. In addition to the provisions for the health and comfort of shop workers, which are normally supervised by the department, the Sanitary Inspectors continued their war time office of Shops acts inspection generally. No formal action was necessary.

Public Baths. (e) Swimming Baths. Shortage of fuel and labour again rendered necessary the continued closing of two of the three swimming baths. The fresh water bath at Old Town and the larger of the two sea water baths at the Devonshire Baths were closed. The smaller sea water bath, normally reserved for ladies, was the only one in use. This bath is filled from the sea at intervals and is worked on the continuous turnover filtration, chlorination and heating system. Tests to determine the amount of free chlorine were frequently made and samples of the water were submitted for bacteriological examination monthly. The results showed the water to be safe for swimming bath purposes and a free chlorine content of 0.5 parts per million was usual.

(b) Slipper Baths. The Seaside Baths provide slipper accommodation for 15 men and 15 women. The number using these baths was

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36,248 persons (72,509 in 1944 and 52,462 in 1943). The accommodation at the Old Town Baths provides for 12 males and 3 females and was used by 12,402 persons (21,706 in 1944 and 13,510 in 1943).

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act. Ministry of Food methods for the destruction of rats and mice were again used and gave good results. Advice and assistance of the Officers of the Infestation Division of the Ministry were available at all times.

The pre baiting and poisoning method was found to be effective in most cases: in only a few instances was it necessary to repeat the treatment.

No major infestations were discovered; all the 195 minor infestations (usually 1 to 6 rats) reported or found, were dealt with and advice given to prevent recurrence. The estimated number of rats killed (based on the amount of poison beit taken and dead bodies seen) was 607. Regular reports were made to the Ministry of Food Rodent Officer, and reports, methods and the extent of infestation were discussed and considered by the regular meetings of the East Sussex No. 3 Workable area Committee consisting of representatives of all Local Authorities in South East Sussex. The exchange of experiences, and the technical advice given at these meetings was extremely useful and ensured co-operation between the local officer, the War Agricultural Committee officers and the Ministry of Food, with the one object of destroying rats and mice and so conserving valuable food.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Poisoning. No case of food poisoning was notified.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Sampling of Food and Drugs. Seventy-four formal samples and four informal samples were submitted to the Public Analyst, namely :-

	C	Returned as		
	Samples taken.	Genuine	Adulterated.	
Milk Samples other then milk	21 57	20 54	1 3	

The unsatisfactory samples were two of baking powder, one of pudding mixture and one informal sample of milk. The baking powders were found to be deficient in available carbon di-oxide to the extent of 6.2% and 14.2% respectively. On investigation it was found that the baking powders had been long in stock and not kept under ideal conditions. The pudding mixture, whilst satisfactory as regards composition, was found to contain living larve and much web material and was, therefore, reported as unsatisfactory. In all three cases the small remaining stock from which the samples had been taken was withdrawn from sale. Legal proceedings were not taken but a warning letter was sent to each of the vendors.

The sample of milk, found to be 3.5% deficient in solids not fat, was an informal sample submitted on complaint by a purchaser. Follow up samples proved to be genuine milk.

Unsound Food. The foodstuffs set out in the following list wore, on examination found to be unfit. The amounts shown are the total quantities of the various foodstuffs dealt with, but in most cases, the amount inspected at each visit was small and the number of visits made for this purpose throughout the year was considerable.

Where the nature of the food permitted, arrangements were made either directly or through the Ministry of Food Salvage Officer, for the food to be disposed of for animal feeding, and much that would normally have been destroyed was thus put to useful purpose.

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Apples (bots) Bacon (lbs) Beans (lbs) Beans (cans) Beef cubes Beef corned (lbs)	2 63 23 19 400 2784	Lemon squesh (bots) Lentils (lbs) Livers (lbs) Megnesia, creem of (bots) Margerine (lbs) Meat, fresh (lbs)	1 19 20 24
Breakfast foods (pkts) Butter (lbs) Cabbage greens (lbs)	60 7 309 900	Meat (cans) Meat paste (jers)	645 128 256 11
Gake mixture (pkts) Cheese (lbs) Chocolete (lbs) Cocoa (lbs)	2 52 14	Meet & Veg. ration (cans) Milk (cans) Oranges Persnips (tons)	564 659
Corfee (lbs) Cordial (bots) Dates (lbs) Dessert mould (pkts)	128 9 1 70	Pickles (jers) Fork (6 lb. cens) Pork (smell cens)	9 6 5
Eggs Bgg, dried (lbs) Fish, fresh (stones) Fish, dried (stones)	30 9 98 3	Porridge oats (pkts) Potatoes (cwts) Prunes (lbs) Pudding mixture (pkts) Raisins (lbs)	6 75 143 30
Fish, shell (lbs) Fish, paste (jars) Fish, cakes, (lbs) Fish (cans)	139 23 384 484	Selt (pkts) Sausagos (lbs) Semoline (lbs) Soup (cans)	10 204 4 57
Gelentine (lbs)	156 17 2 2	Split peas (lbs) Sust (lbs) Sugar (lbs) Sultenes (lbs)	9 14 69
I omone (1ha)	10 4 2 467	Tomato sauce (bots) Tongue, canned (lbs) Vegetables (cens) Vita cup (cens)	12 6 267 3
1227	280		

Butter, margarine, cooking fats and bacon found to be unfit was by instruction of the Ministries of Food and Health, returned through trade channels to the manufacturers and subjected by them to salvage treatment under supervision. All of the above food would not normally be dealt with by the inspectors were it not for retioning: much food was inspected and certificates issued to enable retailers to obtain replacement, or point credits for goods damaged in transit, whereas in normal times this would be the subject of agreement with transport contractors. Shortage of staff and poor packing material continued to be the main causes of much damage to containers.

Precautions against Contamination of Food. No formal action was taken under Section 13 of the Act. A report on the conditions prevailing in the kitchen of one hotel resulted (after consideration of the case by the Council) in the proprietor being warned that proceedings would be taken against him unless he took the necessary steps to comply with the requirements of the section within seven days.

Slaughter Houses. Since the introduction of meat rationing, all slaughtering of food animals, except the occasional cottager's pig, was carried out at the Ministry of Food selected Slaughter house at Language. In accordance with the long standing policy of the Council a 100 per cent inspection of carceses and offal was made.

It will be seen from the following table that the number of enimels killed was 10,867, or an average of a fraction under 30 per day (including Sundays) throughout the year.

The incidence of tuberculosis in cows was lower then in recent years, the percentage being 34.95 compared with 46.04% in 1944, 43.9% in 1943 and 42.1% in 1942. This reduction is welcome, but it is nevertheless disturbing

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to find that more than a third of all cows slaughtered were affocted in some degree with tuberculosis.

A few cows were brought in for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938 as a result of inspection on the farms by the Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Once again it is pleasing to report that the Inspectors continued to have the fullest co-operation of the officials of the Ministry of Food which is so desirable in carrying out this most important work of meat inspection.

CARCASES INSPECTED.

Producer Liver to the second	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1865	1047	2330	5124	501
Number inspected	1865	1047 233		5124	501
411 diseases except tuberculosis:				,	
Whole of carcase condemned	5	6	3	19	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned Percentage of the	380	312	5	305	31
number inspected affected with diseases other then tuberculosis Tuberculosis only;	20.64	27.79	0.21	6.32	7.18
Whole of carcase condemned	8	23	1	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	239	343	23		10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	13.24	34.95	1.03	-	2.59

Knacker Yard (Section 57) Only one Knacker Yard was licenced by the Council. Visits were paid by the Inspectors whenever slaughtering was carried out. As the majority of the meat was destined for consumption by domestic pets, an examination of all carcases was made to ensure that no tuberculous or cystic meat or offal was passed out for sale.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1926 - 1943. The number of registered producers of milk and milk retailers was:-

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All cowsheds, dairies and retailers' premises were regularly inspected and where defects were found, they were remedied as soon as possible with the result that no formal action was necessary.

Examination of Milk for the Presence of Tuberculosis. Forty-two samples of milk were taken from cowkeepers' premises within the Borough and from milk coming into the town and sold raw, and submitted for biological examination. Two samples gave positive results on guinea pig test. These results were forthwith notified to the Divisional Veterinary Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. He quickly followed up with a clinical examination of the herds in question, and as a result, affected animals were soon segregated and slaughtered. Where necessary, further samples from selected cows were sent by the Veterinary Inspector for examination.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1936 - 1943.

Licences granted under these Regulations were as follows:-

Producers Licence to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" Producers Licences to use the designation "Locredited" Pasteurisers Licence Supplementary Licence to retail pasteurised will	1 10
Supplementary Licence to retail pasteurised milk processed elsewhere . Dealers Licences to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" Deslers Licences to use the designation "Pasteurised"	1 5 2

Four samples of Tuberculin Tested milk and thirty-nine samples of Accredited milk taken at the place of production were submitted for examination by the prescribed Methylene Blue and Coli tests. The results were as follows:-

	Satisfied both tests.		Failed on Coli only.	Feiled on both tests.
Tuberculin Tested Accredited	4 21	2	5	11

In all cases where a sample of milk failed to comply with the prescribed conditions further samples were taken after the cowsheds and dairies had been inspected and the matter discussed with the producer. Usually some item of equipment was at fault, or sterilization had not been effectively carried out: the follow up samples were in most instances satisfactory. Two producers were called upon to show cause why their licences should not be revoked: efter consideration of their cases a warning letter was sent: subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory.

No milk was retailed under the designation "...ccredited".

In recent years about 90% of the milk sold in the Borough has been "Pasteurised", and following the action of the Ministry of kood, restricting the sale of raw milk under Defence Regulation 55G, all milk brought into the town from large wholesale depots for delivery to the smaller dealers was "Heat Treated", with the result that only a very small quantity of milk, other than Tuberculin Tested Milk, was sold raw.

Only one pasteurising plant operated in the district during the year. The milk of a second large retailing concern was also treated at this plant, whilst that of a third large retailer was brought into the town already pasteurised and bottled, and sold under a Supplementary Licence.

Samples were taken at irregular intervals from each of the retailers and submitted for examination by the Plate Tost, Phosphatese Test and, as the plants were also licenced by the Ministry of Food as "Heat Treatment" plants, the samples were subjected to the Methylene Blue Test.

Samples taken	38 36 1
Failed on Phosphatase only.	1
Failed on Methylene Blue	
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HOUSING.

Number of dwelling houses inspected during the year (under the Public Health and Housing the year	
Number of dwelling houses form the mount sets).	431
Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation Number of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit	1
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence	355
Formal notices served under Section 9, Housing Act, 1936 Number of houses rendered fit after service of formal notice;	278
1. By owners	8
Formal notices served under Public Vi	7
1. By owners	13
Number of houses in respect of which Development	8
Number of houses demolished	-
undertaking by owners under Section 11 not to use the	-
Number of Closing Orders determined the underground rooms	2
been made fit the underground rooms having	-

The calls made upon the depleted number of building trade operatives, coupled with the shortage of materials, made it extremely difficult to get necessary repairs to houses carried out. It was possible in many cases to get other repairs done whilst war damage repairs were in hand, and provision was made to link the two types of repairs wherever possible. The time between the service of an informal notice and the completion of the work, however willing the owner was to get the work carried out, became progressively longer as builders orders piled up. Dampness, at all times a serious problem, was made more difficult to combat by reason of shortage of rain water goods and damp resisting materials.

Unfit Pert of House. One case was discovered where an owner had let for occupation a part of a house that had been formally Closed. The occupier was able to find other accommodation, and the owner was warned of the seriousness of his offence.

applicants for Housing accommodation: The following table shows the position as at December 31st. 1945.

Present Accommodation.	Number of Children									1
Tooli accommodation.	8	7	6			-	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	2 3	. 0	Total.
House	- 1 4 7 12 31 63 77 27	222								
6 rooms	-	-	1	-	1		2 8	3 8	5	28
5 rooms	1	-	-	2	6	1	1 7	8	3	31
4 rooms	-	-	1	1	1	6	16	20	10	57
3 rooms	-	1	-	2	4	24	40	52		161
2 rooms	-	-	-	2	5	15	42	66		190
1 room	-	-	-	-	5	11	31		122	272
Living with reletives	-	-	1	1	3	10			156	400
Potels	1	2	7	15	37	107	266	505	421	1,361

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INFECTIOUS DISE SES.

Eight hundred and two cases of infectious diseases occurring in civilians were notified to the Department as compared with 322 in 1944 and 247 in 1943.

Scarlet Fever. Fifty-eight cases of this disease were notified. The severity was found to be:

Mild in 49 cases Average in 9 cases Severe in - cases.

All but one of the cases were admitted to hospital for isolation and treatment.

Puerperal Pyrexia. The cause of Pyrexia in the 14 cases notified was:

Retained products	4
Pyelitis	1
	1
Mostitis	2
danse)	1
metalied products (Albuminuria and Relampeia)	ī
Caphylococcal and B. Coli Infection	-
(Manual removal of Placents)	1
D. Coll Infection (Forcers delivery)	1
Scarlet Fever	1000
	_2
	14

Diphtheria. One case occurred in a boy aged 9 years.

Whooping Cough. Thirty cases were notified during the year.

Messles. An epidemic of measles of some magnitude began in January and reached its peak in March. Gases continued to be notified up to and including August. In all 651 notifications were received. Twenty-four cases were treated in the isolation hospital and there was one death of a child aged 3 years.

There were 104 admissions of civilian cases resident in the Borough to the Sanatorium (64 in 1944 and 65 in 1943). Details of these cases are set out in one of the following tables.

Summary of Notifications (Civilians).

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Admitted to Isolation Hosp- itel Eastbourne,	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever Puerperal Pyrexia Acute Primary Pneumonia Erysipelas Whooping Gough Measles Influenzal Pneumonia Ophthalmia Neonatorum Dysentery Malaria Diphtheria Anterior Polio Myelitis	28 - 16 1 16 334 4 1 1	30 14 13 4 14 317 1 2 2	58 14 29 5 30 651 5 3	57 	611111111111111111111111111111111111111
	403	399	802	86	9

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Total	58	14	29	5	30	551	5	3	3	1	1	2	802

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Admissions and Discharges (Civilians) 1945.

Borough Cases.

	In Hosp. 1st.Jan.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	In Hosp.
Scarlet Fever Contacts (S.F) Diphtheria Moasles Chicken Pox Observation Pneumonia (& Measles) Whooping Cough Whooping Cough Contacts Mumps Impetigo Skin Condition Acute Polio Myelitis Vincents Angina Acute Laryngitis	3	57 2 1 24 1 1 6 2 2 1 2 1 2	53 2 1 25 1 5 2 2 1 2 1 2		7:11:11:11:11:11
Cotal	4	104	100	1	7

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	In Hosp. 1st.Jan.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	In Hosp 31st.Dec
Scarlet Fever. ? Cerebro Spinal Fever. Diphtheria Observation.	6	28 1 1	29 1 - 1	2 1 1 1	5
Total.	7	30	31		

Scabies. The number of cases brought to the notice of the Department was 432, (253 in 1944 and 238 in 1943). It will be seen from the following table that with the exception of two cases all the affected persons received either in or out-patient hospital treatment.

0 - 5	<u>Ages.</u> 5 - 15	Over 15
1 54 -	6 166 -	8 195 2
55	172	205
	1 54 -	0 - 5 5 - 15 1 6 54 166

The 415 patients attending the Borough Sanatorium made 882 attendences for treatment. Fifty-eight contacts also attended and received one treatment each.

Diphtheria Immunisation. Four hundred and fifty-seven children under 5 and 64 children of school age (5 - 15) were immunised by the staff of the Department during 1945. (The figures for 1944 were 273 and 24 respectively). From December 1939, when the intensive campaign began, to December 31st. 1945, 3,675 children had been immunised through the School Clinics and Welfare Centres. It is estimated that of the child population under 5 years of age at December 31st. 47.35 per cent had been immunised and 67.62 per cent of those between 5 and 15 years. If the children in the age group 0 - 1 year are excluded, the estimate for the 1 - 5 group rises to 59.1 per cent.

The school medical records of the 4,872 children show that 3,567 (73.36 per cent) had been immunised, 588 (11.89 per cent) had not been immunised, and in 717 cases (14.75 per cent) information as to immunisation had not been recorded.

Bacteriological and Pathological Examinations carried out on behalf of the Local Buthority.

The arrangement made with the Medical Research Council for all Public Health Bacteriology to come under the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service from the 1st. May, 1942 continued to operate satisfactorily throughout 1945. Under this arrangement, Dr. A.G. Shera again carried out the bacteriological examinations at his laboratory at the Princess Alice Hospital. The following are details to the end of the year:

Diphtheria Swebs:	Positive.	Negative.	Total.
For Practitioners For Isolation Hospital For Clinics (including	1 3	47 35	48 38
Contacts) For St. Mary's Hospital	1	178 56	178 57
	5	316	321

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Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli:	Positive.	Negative.	Total.
For Fractitioners For T.B. Section Borough Sanatorium and Gildredge	4	58	62
Hospital For Chest Clinic For St. Mary's Hospital.	69 31 1	66 68 19	135 99 20
	105	211	316

Other Examinations 399

Clinical Pathology:

RADIOLOGICAL SERVICE.

Under the direction of Dr. E. O. Fox, the following X-Ray examinations were carried out at St. Mary's Hospital:

Ohest:	For Chest Clinic	488	
	and Gildredge Hospital	41	529
Maternit	y and Child Welfare:		
	For Diagnosis	20	20
Orthopae	die:		
	School Medical Cases	11 9	20
Dental:	School Medical Service	12	12
(Total 1944	396) Total		581

TUBERCULOSIS.

Two hundred and eighty-one cases were on the register at Docember 31st. as compared with 223 cases on January 1st. Pulmonery cases numbered 194 and non-pulmonary 87.

Notifications during 1945.

age Groups.	Pulm	onary	Non-P	ulmonary	To	tal.
	Moles	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 1 year						
l - 5 years	_	1	-	-	-	
5 - 10 years	1	1	-	-	-	1
10 - 15 years	-	1	6	2	7	3
15 - 20 years	-	-	3	1	3	1
00 - 25 years	2	2	-	-	2	2
25 - 35 years	8	5	-	-	8	5
35 - 45 years	14	11	2	3	16	14
s se years	3	5	1	1	4	6
5 - 55 years	3	4	-	3	3	0
55 - 65 years	3	4	_	_	3	7
ver 65 years	4	2		1		4
					4	3
	38	35	12	11	50	46

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Of the 96 cases notified, 43 pulmonary and 15 non-pulmonary were new cases not previously notified in any other district,

Thirty-six of the pulmonary and 12 of the non-pulmonary cases received institutional treatment: 35 of the former and 8 of the letter were provided with institutional treatment by or at the expense of the Local Authority.

Notification Register. Number of Cases on Register.

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Pul Males	monary Fcmales	Non-Pu	Imonary. Fcmeles	Tot	sl Females.
87	66	29	41	116	1.07
24	19	6	9	30	28
14	16	6	2	20	18
2	6	_	-	9	
127	107	41	52	Married Woman or Williamson	159
11 5 3	9 8 4	2	1 2	11 7	10
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Dispensary - Dispensary Register, 1945.

THE PART OF THE PART OF	Ac	dults.	Chi	y ldren.	Ad	Non-Pu	lmon	ary.	m-+-x
MARINE DESIGNATION	М.	F,	M.	F.	14.	F.	M.	F.	Total
On 1st. January 1945.	79	47	2	2	6	13	18	15	182
Add: Transfers from other areas									
Returned to	16	18	-	-	2	2	5	2	45.
Eastbourne	3	4	_	_					
New Cases	19	13	1	3	1	-	7	-	7
	117	82	3	5	9	5	3	2	47
Less:					9	20	26	19	281
Fatal	11								
Left the Town	5	6		-	-	-	-	-	17
Arrested		8	-		2	2	-		17
The second of the	18	4	-	~	-	-	-	1	7
	10	18		-	2	2	-	1	41
n Register									
31st.Dec.1945	99	64	3	5	7	18	26	18	240

Dispensery Cases attending during 1945.

	Constant	lults.	Ch	ildren.
	vases.	Attendances.	Cases.	Attendances.
Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary Contacts Observation	76 7 34 39	218 14 37 46	5 25 65	14 53 83 15
	156	315	105	165

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Institutional Treatment.

	Т. В.	Section, Bo	orough	Othe	er Institu	tions.	Total.
	М.	F.	٥.	M.	F.	a	
In Hospital 1st.Jan 1945. Admitted during year. Discharged Died In Hospital 31st. Dec. 1945.	5 24 14 7	8 14 9 5	11111	2 16 11 1	3 12 11 1	5 6 8	23 72 53 14

Extra Nourishment.

Seven thousand five hundred and eighteen pints of Milk were supplied free to 28 females and nine thousand and twenty-five pints to 34 malos.

Memo 266/T Allowences.

Standard Maintenance. Allowences were granted to 2 female and 9 male patients. A discretionary ellowence was also given to one of the male patients. The total amount in allowances granted for the year was as follows:

Standard meintenance allowance £615. 15. 4.

Discretionary allowance £618. 5. 4.

CLINIC FOR NERVOUS DISORDERS.

Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1945.

Physician in Cherge, Dr. B. Reid, M.D., Ch.B. (Clas)., F.R.C.P. (Edin).,
D.P.M. (Mench).,
Hospital, Hellingly.

Social Worker. Miss S. C. Sinfield, Hempstead Grove, Hailshem. Tel.337

Forty-nine Sessions of this Clinic were held during the year at the Princess #lice Hospital.

The number of ettendances was as follows:

Total number of new patients 120
Attendences of old patients 358

Patients came from the following sources:-

Medical Officer of Health and St. Mary's Hospital	75 17
Ministry of Pensions	15
Probation Officers and other sources	5

Analysis of New Patients.

Recovered following treatment	21
Recommended for admission to House and Translation	. 5
Died	8
	5
Carried forward	39

Sent for examination and advice only	39 24
Institutions or Neurological Centres Removed from the area Number of children treated at Clinic Still attending the Clinic	14
Total	120

Report. The total of 478 attendances was an increase of 111 upon the previous year's total of 367.

Service Patients. Twenty-two Service end Ex-Service patients have been seen.

Electrical Convulsion Treatment. Fourteen patients were given a course of Electrical Convulsion Treatment at the Princess Alice mospital and at Hellingly on an out-petient arrangement.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The total attendances at the Clinic were 764, a decrease on the previous year's figures of 183. The following are details of the cases treated:

	Males		Females		Tot		
Allowage re	Old Cases	New Cases	Old Cases	New Cases	Males	Females	Grand Total
philis norrhoea ft Chancre ner Conditions.	15 (51) 20 (41) - (-) 1 (-)	7 (1) 44 (13) - (-) 40 (49)	13 (12) 11 (7) - (-) - (-)	2 (4) 23 (19) - (-) 110 (74)	22 (52) 64 (54) - (-) 41 (49)		37 (68) 98 (80) - (-) 151 (123)
al	36 (92)	91 (63)	24 (19)	135 (97)	127(155)	159(116)	286 (271)

figures in brackets are those for 1944)

Regulation 33B. During the year five "1st" notifications were received in respect of 4 females and 1 male, four females attending for treatment and one male being transferred to another area.

Pathological Work. One thousand, eight hundred and eighty-four specimens in connection with venereal disease were examined at the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital Laboratory by Dr. J. G. Shera, who is also Medical Officer of the Venereal Diseases Clinic.

BLIND PERSONS.

There were 81 blind persons on the register at the end of 1944.

Of these, six died in 1945, and six cases were transferred to other areas on removal from Eastbourne. Nineteen new cases were certified in the year under review and five were transferred to Eastbourne from other areas. Of these three cases died leaving a total of 90 persons (38 males and 52 females) on the Register at the end of the year.

Domiciliary assistance, in accordance with the Scale set out below, to the amount of £1,933. 2. 6d. was afforded to 57 blind persons during the year, through the Department.

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		Military Marketon	Wook
(a)	For male applicant and dependent wife, or female applicant with dependent husband	39.	0.
(b)	For male or female applicant where rate (a) does not apply:-		
	Age 21 and over	27. 25. 23. 21. 19.	0. 0. 6. 6.
(c)	For dependents (other than wife or husbend) :-		
	Age 16 and over		

Increases in Allowances.

Rent - The above scale rate (a) may be increased by a rent allowance not exceeding 15s. per week, and scale rate (b) by a rent allowance not exceeding 3s. 6d. per week in cases where rent is paid apart from board lodging.

Fuel - The above scale rates (a) and (b) may be increased by a WINTER fuel allowance of 3s. 6d. per week in cases where fuel is provided by the applicant, during the months of November to March inclusive.

Discretionary - Discretionary allowances not exceeding 10s. per week may be made in necessitous cases to cover any special expenses not provided for above.

Decreases in Allowances.

The above scale rates (a) and (b) will be reduced (i) by the amount of Old age or Blind Pension or other income (excluding Pensions from Blind Charities) and (ii) the deductions outlined in the appendix to Circular 2833 of the Ministry of Health (Rules for determining the need and assessing the needs of applicants who are members of households.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

Mental Defectives. Three males and three females were added to the Register, two of the latter being notified by the Local Education Authority.

Two males (one de-certified and one certified under the Lunacy Sets) and four females (one married and lost trace of, two died and one certified under the Lunacy sets) were removed from the Register.

The total on the Register at the end of the year was 73 males and 76 females. Of these 30 males and 29 females were in Institutions, 5 males and 5 females were on licence from Institutions, 4 males and 4 females were under Guardianship, and 34 males and 38 females were under supervision.

The 59 Institution cases were distributed as follows:

	Males.	Females.
Newton Llandidloes Public Assistence		
Institution	1	-
Brentry Colony, Bristol.	12	-
Ellen Terry National Home,		1
Reigate	1	-
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol.	10	9
Bervin Perk Certified Institution,		
Herts.	1	
Frincess Christian Farm Colony,		
Hildenborough.	2	
East Sussex Public Assistance.		
Institution, Chailey.	1	-
Pewsey Colony, Wilts.	1	-
Rampton State Institution.	1	1
St. Terese's Certified Institution,		
Nr. Farnham.	-	13
The Old Rectory, Bathridge Hill,		
Beth.	-	1
Etloe House Certified Institution,		
Leyton.	-	2
Mount Tabor Certified Institution,		
Besingstoke.	-	3
	30	29
	-	-

Domiciliary assistance to mental defectives was dealt with through the Department, 20 cases receiving a total of ±866. 2. 6d. through weekly payments ranging from 10/- to 25/- in individual cases.

MENTAL TREATMENT.

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	14,	Y,	G.	M.	F.	G.	14.	8.	C.
Patients in Hospital 31, 12, 44.	52	95	_	3	1	9	-	7	-
Patients admitted during 1945	9	21	-	1	1	2	1	1	
Patients discharged during 1945	10	17	-	3	-	1	,	1	-
Patients died during 1945	4	5	_	-	-	1	-	,	-
Petients remaining in Hospitel on 31. 12. 45.	47	94	1	1	2	9	1	7	-

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CANGER ACT, 1939.

During 1945, twelve cases were registered, vizt 4 males and 8 females, and dealt with through the Council's Scheme.

Since the commencement of the Scheme in 1942, the following

CASOS	have	hoon	don't	mid + he
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Year.	Sex.	Localization of Disease.	Fresent Condition.
1942	1. Female	Cervix Uteri	Diagnosis not confirmed,
	2. Female	Right Supra Clavicular	
		Triangle.	Dead,
1943.	3. Male	Right ear	Satisfactory.
	4. Female	Glands of Neck	Dead.
	5. Female	Çervix Uteri	Dead.
	6. Female	Uterus	Fairly good.
	7. Mele	Lip	Dead.
	8. Femnle	Gervix Uteri	Received treetment privately.
	9. Female	Breast	Satisfactory.
	10. Mele	Palate	Doad.
	11. Male	Anel Canel	Fairly astisfactory.
	12. Female	Breast	Dead.
	13. Male	Bladder	Doad.
1944.	14. Female	Breast	Dead.
	15. Female	Breast	Dead.
	16. Male	Tonsil	Dead.
	17. Female	Cervix Uteri	Deteriorating.
	18. Female	Sebaceous cyst of scalp.	Dead.
	19. Female	Overy	Refused treatment.
	20. Female	Uterus	Dead.
	21. Female	-	Diagnosis not confirmed.
	22. Female	Tongue	Transferred to another Authority.
	23. Female	Cervix Uteri	Dead.
	24. Male	0esophagus	Dead.
1945	25. Female	Breast	Satisfactory.
	26. Male	Stomach	Dead
	27. Female	Uterus	Dead
	28. Female	Uterus	Transferred to another Authority.
	29. Female	Intestinal	Dead.
	30. Female	Rectum	Dead.
	31. Female	Breest	Fairly satisfactory.
	32. Male	Bledder	Dead.
	33. Female	Urethra	Fairly satisfactory.
	34. Male	Roctum	Fair.
	35. Male	Skin on leg	Dead.
	36. Female	Breast	Feir.