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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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For the year 1967.



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August 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Urban District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your attention and consideration the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1967. It has been prepared as far as possible in accordance with instructions contained in Ministry of Health Circular 1/68, dated 2nd January 1968.

As you are aware your Medical Officer of Health during the year was the late Dr. Segerdal who had acted in that capacity for many years and whose death occurred in April 1968, shortly after the cessation of his appointment. Most of the statistics presented in this report have been prepared from records kept by him. It was his custom briefly to detail the general provision of health services in the area, but as I understand that no changes in these have taken place during the year, the information contained in his last report is still relevant and it has not been thought necessary, on this occasion at least, to do more than mention the fact.

Had Dr. Segerdal been presenting this report he would, I am sure, have been wishful of expressing some appreciation of the help and co-operation extended to him by the Public Health Inspector, Mr. F.H. Wynne, the members of the staff of the Public Health Department and other officers of the Authority as well as the members of the Council. I hope it will not be taken amiss if I do so on his behalf.

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General Statistics and
Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres).	5,985
Population (R.G.'s. estimate).	7,770
Number of occupied houses.	2,661
Number of occupied Council houses.	690
Rateable value (at 1st April, 1967).	£294,882
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£1,141
Comparability factor - Births.	1.00
- Deaths.	1.03

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1967</u>		<u>Provisional</u> <u>figures</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u>	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1966</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>				
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
Legitimate.	58	40		
Illegitimate.	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		
	<u>61</u>	<u>42</u>		
		<u>103</u>		118
Crude live birth rate per 1,000 population.	13.3		17.2	
Adjusted live birth rate per 1,000 population.	13.3			15.5
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national ratio.	.77			
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births.	4.9			
<u>Still Births.</u>				
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
Legitimate.	0	0		
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
		<u>0</u>		2
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	.0		14.8	16.7
<u>Total Live and Still Births.</u>				
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>		
Legitimate.	58	40		
Illegitimate.	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		
	<u>61</u>	<u>42</u>		
		<u>103</u>		120

	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>Provisional</u> <u>figures</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u>	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1966</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate.	1	0	1
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
			0
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate.	1	0	1
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
			0
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate.	1	0	0
Illegitimate.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			0
<u>Infant Mortality Rates.</u>			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.	10	18.3	0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.	10.2		0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	0		0
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births.	10	12.5	0
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births.	10	10.8	0

	<u>Urban District 1967</u>	<u>Provisional figures England and Wales</u>	<u>Urban District 1966</u>
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
Deaths under one week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births.	10	25.4	16.7
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion).</u>			
Number of deaths.	0		0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	.0	.20	.0
<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	30	36	66
Crude death rate per 1,000 population.	8.5	11.2	9.7
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.	8.7		10.4
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.	.78		

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967.

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks. & under 1 yr.	Age in Years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
(1) Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	
(10) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	
(11) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M F	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	
(12) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- 1	
(13) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
(14) Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	
(17) Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	M F	3 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	1 2	2 4	
(18) Coronary Disease, Angina.	M F	6 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	2 2	3 4	
(19) Hypertension with Heart Disease.	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	
(20) Other Heart Disease.	M F	2 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1 3	
(21) Other Circulatory Disease.	M F	4 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	3 2	
(23) Pneumonia.	M F	2 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	1 3	
(24) Bronchitis.	M F	1 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- 1	
(32) Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases.	M F	2 1	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1	
(33) Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
(35) Suicide.	M F	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	
Total all Causes.	M F	30 36	1 -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	3 7	8 20	
Total all Sexes.		66	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	10	15	32

Water Supply.

There has been no shortage of water during the year.

Four samples of mains water were taken for bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

The fluoride content of the water is approximately 0.2 parts per million.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district are as follows:

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	2,649
Estimated population	..	..	..	7,746

Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	3
Estimated population	..	..	..	5

Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	9
Estimated population	..	..	..	19

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	..	Nil
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	..	Nil
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1967.	..	..	12

Approval has been received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the reconstruction of Packington Sewage Disposal Works at an estimated cost of £300,000. The scheme is expected to commence in the Autumn of 1968.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number of houses in district on 31st December, 1967						2,661
(a)	Privies	..	..	..	..	-
(b)	Pail Closets	..	..	..	..	10
(c)	Water Closets	..	..	..	..	2,651

Public Cleansing.

A weekly refuse collection service was maintained throughout the year. A new Dennis Paxit 40-yard continuous loading vehicle was delivered in November and is giving excellent service. The Dennis side loader which has been in use for 13 years has been sold and the S.D. Fore and Aft freighter is now on standby duties.

A recount of the dustbins in the area indicated that 3,234 dustbins were being collected per week at the end of the year.

Trade refuse was collected from offices and shops by agreement with the occupiers.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Total number of complaints received	..	..	..	20
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	..	18

Particulars of Inspections made.

	<u>Number of Inspections.</u>
Animal Keeping.	7
Bakehouses.	3
Dairies.	10
Drainage Works.	16
Dwelling-houses.	1,338
Infectious Diseases Inquiries.	Nil
Food Poisoning Inquiries.	Nil
Food Premises.	70
Offensive Trades.	Nil
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	298
Rodent Control.	71
Schools.	11
Shops and Offices.	5
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection.	261
Smoke Control.	6
Verminous and Dirty Premises.	2
Caravans etc.	5
Water Supplies.	16
Factories and Workshops.	15
Other Inspections.	103
Total number of inspections -	<u><u>2,237</u></u>

Notices.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding at 1st January, 1967.	-	2
Issued during year.	-	10
Complied with during year.	-	12
Outstanding 31st December, 1967.	-	-

Statutory.

Issued during year.	-	3
Complied with during year.	-	3

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.67
Offices.	25	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops.	42	3	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs. open to the public, canteens.	5	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	73	3	-	-	-	-

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of site licences issued :

(a) Individual vans	..	..	..	Nil
(b) More than 2 vans	..	..	..	Nil

Verminous Premises.

Particulars of action taken :

No. of Council houses infested	..	..	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found infested	..	..	Nil
No. of houses disinfested	..	..	Nil

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are two licensed pet shops. Six inspections were made during the year.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises within the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A rodent operator is hired from the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council for 8 hours per week.

33% of the sewer manholes in the district were baited and three manholes were found to be infested with rats. These manholes were subsequently treated with poison.

A survey of farms was continued during the year.

No charges are made for treating dwelling houses, but a charge on an hourly basis is made for treating business properties.

The table below gives details of work carried out and visits made.

Properties not including sewers.

1. Number of properties in district.
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.

(b) Number infested by:
Rats
Mice
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.

(b) Number infested by:
Rats
Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
3,054	65
65	3
60 5	3 -
34	-
34 -	- -

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

Number in area :

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	..	1
	No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	7

Three samples of swimming pool water were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

During the season the following persons attended the Hood Park Swimming Pool :

No. of Child Bathers	..	..	..	..	20,071
No. of Adult Bathers	..	..	..	..	11,157
No. of Child Spectators	..	..	..	..	1,438
No. of Adult Spectators	..	..	..	..	5,011
Total	-				<u>37,677</u>

Schools.

New indoor sanitary accommodation was provided at the Infants' and Junior Schools following representations to the Leicestershire County Council Education Department in 1966.

HOUSING

Houses completed during the year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	..	26
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	51

Houses in course of erection at end of year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	..	11
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	138

A block of 25 Old People's Flatlets with warden's flat was completed in October.

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority.	531
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Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise.	590
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Total number of post-war houses completed.	1,121
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	113
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year.	53
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Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in district (estimated).	2,661
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Total number of Council houses occupied in district.	690
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11 houses were demolished and 3 houses were closed displacing 13 persons and 7 families.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

as amended by

Housing Act, 1961

and

Housing Act, 1964

Number of applications received for
standard grants from:-

(1) Owner-occupiers	..	..	..	..	6
(2) Owners of rented property	..	..	..	..	2
Number of applications approved	..	..	..	..	8
Number of applications refused	..	..	..	..	-
Number of properties improved during the year	..	..	..	..	9

Number of amenities provided:-

Baths	..	..	..	..	7
Wash-hand Basins	..	..	..	..	9
Hot water supplies	..	..	..	..	9
W.Cs.	..	..	..	..	9
Food Stores	..	..	..	..	4

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered :

(a) Manufacture and retail	..	..	..	-
(b) Manufacture only	..	..	..	-
(c) Retail only	..	..	..	32

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

Bacteriological Milk Samples.

All samples were taken by the County Council.

Meat and other Foods.

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	3,824
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	3,824
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10% approx.
No. of knacker yards in area	Nil
No. of visits to knacker yards	Nil

Meat Stalls.

Number of inspections	3
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.,

Number of inspections	12
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Prosecutions.

A local dairy was prosecuted under Article 27 of the Milk and Dairies General Regulations 1959. The firm pleaded guilty and was fined £65 plus costs.

A confectioner was prosecuted under Section 1 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 for selling a cream cake not of the quality demanded by the purchaser. The firm pleaded guilty and was fined £10 plus costs.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed.	881	19	1	1407	1516
Number inspected.	881	19	1	1407	1516
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	230	6	-	60	138
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.	26.10	31.57	-	4.26	9.10
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.92
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	3	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	3	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Total weight of carcasses and organs condemned - 5,500 lbs.					

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Food Premises in Categories.	Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises to which Regulation 19 apply.	Premises which comply with Regulation 19.
No. of Grocers & General Food Shops 31	31	31	31
No. of Butchers' Shops .. 6	6	6	6
No. of Greengrocers' Shops .. 3	3	3	3
No. of Fried Fish Shops .. 3	3	3	3
No. of Wet Fish Shops 1	1	1	1
No. of Licensed premises, including Off-Licences .. 22	22	22	22
No. of Bakeries 3	3	3	3
No. of Cafes and Restaurants 8	8	8	8
No. of School Canteens .. 5	5	5	5
Miscellaneous premises .. 3	3	3	3

Number of premises inspected	11
Number of inspections made for the purpose	83
Number of informal notices served	8
Number of informal notices complied with	9
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1967.	0
Number of formal notices served	0

Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The only infectious diseases which were notified were whooping cough and measles. Of the former, 35 cases, 15 males and 20 females, and of the latter 116 cases, 54 males and 62 females were notified, with an age distribution as shown in the accompanying table.

Age Group	Whooping Cough		Measles	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	0	1	0	4
1 - 2 years	1	1	4	8
2 - 3 "	4	5	8	11
3 - 4 "	2	1	5	7
4 - 5 "	2	3	7	4
5 - 9 "	5	8	30	25
10 - 14 "	1	0	0	2
15 - 24 "	0	1	0	0
25 and over	0	0	0	1
Age unknown	0	0	0	0
Total all ages	15	20	54	62

Although no cases of pneumonia were notified, it will be observed that according to the table showing the causes of death (Page 5), 6 deaths, 2 males and 4 females, were due to this disease. No deaths were attributed to whooping cough or measles.

No cases of tuberculosis were notified, but one death was certified as due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	-
Factories not included in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	49	14	2
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	7	8	-
Total -	<u>58</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>

Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number of cases.</u>		
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (unsuitable or defective).	2	2	-
Total -	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Textile weaving.	1	-	-	-	-	-

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