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THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GAINSBOROUGH.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1942

Caskgate Street,
Gainsborough.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your district.

SECTION A.

The area of the district is 78,598 acres.

The estimated population is 10,300.

The Rateable Value on 31st March was £34,804.

The estimated product of a penny rate for the year ending March 31st, 1943, was £140.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live births:	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	80	92	172
Illegitimate	9	4	13
Still births	2	1	3

The birth rate is 17.96 per 1,000.

DEATHS.

Disease.	Male	Female
Whooping Cough	1	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	1	2
Other forms of Tubercular disease		1
Measles		1
Acute Encephalitis		1
Cancer of stomach	2	
Cancer of breast		1
Cancer of all other sites	7	2
Diabetes	1	1
Intra Cranial Vascular lesions	7	8
Heart disease	17	19
Other diseases of circulatory system		1
Bronchitis	2	1
Pneumonia	6	2
Other respiratory disease	1	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years		1
Other digestive disease		3
Nephritis	4	2
Premature birth		1
Congenital malformation	1	1
Road traffic	1	1
Other violent causes	1	3
All other causes	13	5
Total	65	58

Total

The death rate is 11.942.

The death rate from Puerperal causes is nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—

	Male	Female
Legitimate	4	2
Illegitimate		2

Death rate under 1 year 43.24 per 1,000.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. (a) One part-time Medical Officer of Health.
(b) One Sanitary Inspector.
2. (a) Laboratory Facilities. There is a Public Health Laboratory service of the County Council in Lincoln.
(b) Nursing. There are district Nurses in several villages.
(c) Isolation Hospital. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to the Urban Council Isolation Hospital.

SECTION C.

WATER SUPPLY.

The piped supply for the district has started well but like many other schemes is being held up owing to existing circumstances.

9 samples of water were taken for analysis during the year.

2 wells have been cleaned and repaired.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Six drains have been examined and repaired.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The only existing premises have been regularly inspected and no contravention of byelaws found.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. Inspections :
20 Houses inspected during the year.
2. Defects.
16 defects were remedied in consequence of informal action.
3. New Houses.
8 new houses have been built.

SECTION E.

(a) MILK SUPPLY :

This is quite good on the whole. The County Council is responsible for testing samples.

No. of milk shops and dairies on the register 259

No. of inspections all new registrations

No. of cowsheds 259

Contravention of regulations Nil, with the exception of lime washing

(b) MEAT :

There are no slaughterhouses on the register.

SECTION F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1942.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	14	6	nil
Diphtheria	3	3	nil
Puerperal pyrexia	23	10	nil
Erysipelas	4	nil	nil
Measles	37	nil	1
Whooping Cough	22	nil	1
Pneumonia	9	nil	8
Poliomyelitis	2	nil	nil

Age Group Analysis :—

Disease.	Under 1yr.	1yr.	2yrs.	3yrs.	4yrs.	5yrs.	10yrs.	15yrs.	20yrs.	35yrs.	45yrs.	60yrs.+
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	1	...	8	3	1	...	1	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	7	1	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Measles	1	6	2	3	1	12	7	3	1	1	...	...
Whooping Cough	1	1	2	3	4	7	3	1	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	1
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...

SCABIES.

This has not caused a great deal of trouble. Delousing facilities were established at the Isolation Hospital and adequate treatment was obtainable. Transport was one of the main difficulties.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

I think one may say that on the whole the response to the appeal has been good. Most of the schools have the greater proportion of the scholars now immunised. The age group 1-5 years is being largely dealt with by the County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases notified and mortality during 1942.

Age Period.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1 years	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	1
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65+ "	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Totals ...	1	2	4	3	1	3	...	1

Five cases of notified Tuberculosis moved in the district from other areas.

2 Female pulmonary cases. 2 Male pulmonary cases. 1 Male non-pulmonary case.

I am indebted to your Sanitary Inspector for his ever ready help.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. B. WILLOUGHBY SMITH,

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