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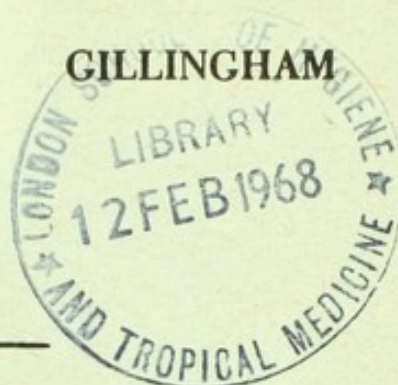
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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1962.

This is my twelfth and final annual report submitted to you.

During these years considerable expansion and improvement has occurred in the health services, and since April 1960 when the health and welfare functions were delegated to the Borough, facilities have been provided which have proved most valuable to the community.

Two clinics in Council houses have been put into use on a temporary basis whilst a purpose built clinic will be available in approximately two years. The midwifery service has been expanded and clinic facilities have been made available for ante-natal purposes in the Borough which has proved advantageous to patients and staff.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Council for their continuous support during these years.

My thanks are also due to the staff for their valuable assistance without which it would have been impossible to administer the department efficiently.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. L. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

**STAFF PUBLIC HEALTH, SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE, AND
COUNTY COUNCIL DELEGATED HEALTH SERVICES**

Medical Officer of Health:

Meta L. Dunlop, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

Helen E. Mair, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officers: (S.H.S./D.H.S.)

A. L. Kelly, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (part-time)

L. M. Corall, M.B., D.P.H. (part-time)

N. Browne, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (part-time)

J. Ruffell, M.B., Ch. B., (part-time)

R. Nicol, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (part-time)

Ophthalmologist: (S.H.S.)

J. D. Clark, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S. (part-time)

Dental Surgeons: (S.H.S.)

William C. Griffiths, L.D.S., R.C.S. (part-time)

H. Causey, L.D.S. (part-time)

D. W. Kyle, B.D.S. (part-time)

J. L. Melville, B.D.S. (part-time)

A. W. Wallace, L.D.S. (part-time)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

F. J. Hedgecock, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Cert. Inst. Mun. E.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

R. C. Langley, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspectors:

F. G. Barney, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

H. Moule, C.R.S.H.

N. Smith, M.A.P.H.I.

G. J. H. Roscow, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

B. Clark, M.A.P.H.I. (resigned 7.12.62)

Health Visitors: (D.H.S./S.H.S.)

E. W. Jordan, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

N. Legg, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

P. W. May, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (resigned 7.9.62)

J. Tombleson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

D. G. Purt, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

F. M. Tomlin, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

H. V. Wilson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

R. Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (resigned 31.12.62)

P. C. D. Brenton, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (part-time)

J. A. Hewitt, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (part-time)

M. Monk, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (part time) (commenced
12.11.62)

District Nurses: (D.H.S.)

A. M. Darley, S.R.N.

E. C. Davidson, S.R.N.

J. P. Davis, S.R.N.

E. J. Flynn, S.R.N.

F. J. Hassett, S.R.N. (commenced 20.10.62)

O. J. Hyland, S.R.N.

J. Hummel, S.R.N. (resigned 30.8.62)

F. M. McGargle, S.R.N.

F. B. Morris, S.R.N., S.C.M.

M. H. Rayner, S.R.N., S.C.M.

O. Stirzaker, S.R.N.

A. T. Stonehouse, S.R.N.

M. K. Stanton, S.R.N.

M. Turpin, S.R.N.
H. Waterman, S.R.N.
B. D. Frapple, S.E.A.N. (part-time)

Midwives: (D.H.S.)

M. A. Baldwin, S.R.N., S.C.M.
E. Daly, S.R.N., S.C.M.
K. Holland, S.R.N., S.C.M.
K. Lowry, S.C.M.
W. D. Maisey, S.C.M.
G. M. McGregor, S.R.N., S.C.M.
M. M. Shorey, S.R.N., S.C.M.
S. I. Shorey, S.E.A.N., S.C.M.
M. E. White, S.C.M.

Chief Administrative Assistant:
S. Pett

District Officer: (D.H.S.)
M. Clegg

Domestic Help Organiser: (D.H.S.)
J. M. Preston, M.I.H.H.D. (Cert.)

Senior Administrative Assistant:
M. McKeen

Clerks:

H. Gomersall
R. C. Thomas (S.H.S.)
P. Rome (D.H.S.)
J. Kelso (D.H.S.)
J. Weir (D.H.S.)
M. M. Morris (D.H.S.)
C. Greenfield (S.H.S.)

Shorthand/Typists:

B. McCauley
J. Hunt

Dental Attendants: (S.H.S.)

A. F. Wooton
A. E. Turner

Disinfector:

S. Baker

Rodent Operative:

W. E. Goodwin

N.B.—D.H.S. = Delegated Health Service.
S.H.S. = School Health Service.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (land, inland water and foreshore)...	11,201
Rateable Value (April, 1962)	£988,389
The sum represented by a penny rate (1962-63)	£4,110
In 1962-63 the total Rates were 21/6 in the £ (excluding water rates and charges).	

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Total Population (Registrar-General) ...	73,970
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Live Births

Number of Live Births.. .. .	1,363
Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population	18.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	5.7

Stillbirths

Number of Still Births	26
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	18.7
Total Live and Still Births	1,389
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	27

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	19.8
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	17.1
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	64.1
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	12.4
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	11.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	30.2

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	—
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	0.0

Deaths (all causes)

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population	11.3
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Deaths in Public Institutions

364 or 44% of the total, took place in Institutions.

Natural Increase of Population

This is measured by the excess of births over deaths. The figure for the year 1962 was 528 and for previous years as follows :—

Year								Natural Increase of Population
1953	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	542
1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	339
1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	386
1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	462
1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	413
1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	421
1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	509
1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	446
1962	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	528

Cancer

Year						Cancer Death Rate.	Percentage of Total Deaths
1953	...	...	...	...	...	1.6	17.1
1954	...	...	...	...	...	1.8	21.8
1955	...	...	...	...	...	1.7	18.2
1956	...	...	...	...	...	1.8	17.5
1957	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	19.8
1958	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	18.6
1959	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	17.5
1960	...	...	...	...	...	2.0	20.7
1961	...	...	...	...	...	2.2	19.3
1962	...	...	...	...	...	2.2	19.6

Violence

Deaths from motor vehicle accidents numbered 12, from suicide 5 and from "all other accidents" 13.

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES**

Smallpox and Diphtheria

There were no cases of smallpox or diphtheria.

Scarlet Fever

Notifications numbered 12. 1 case was removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

**IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING
COUGH.**

**VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND
POLIOMYELITIS, 1962.**

Immunisation and Vaccination 1962.

I have set out below the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation, smallpox and poliomyelitis vaccination and Triple Antigen Immunisation figures for 1962.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	2	—
1-4 years	36	17
5-14 years	14	131
15 years and over ...	—	—
Total all ages	52	148

200 persons were immunised or re-immunised against Diphtheria by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	11	—
1-4 years	21	12
5-14 years	2	7
15 years and over ...	—	—
Total all ages	34	19

53 persons were immunised or re-immunised against whooping cough by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Age at Date of Vaccination	Vaccinated	Re-vaccinated
Under 1 year	367	—
1-4 years	940	78
5-14 years	778	775
15 years and over ...	1021	1852
Total all ages	3106	2705

5811 persons were vaccinated or re-vaccinated against smallpox by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table gives the number of second injections and third injections and oral vaccine given during the year ended 31st December, 1962.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Second Injections	Third Injections	Fourth Injection
Under 1 year	120	117	—
1-4 years	794	1,397	—
5-14 years	140	498	826
15 years and over ...	738	1,644	—
Total all ages	1,792	3,656	826

6,274 persons were vaccinated or re-vaccinated against poliomyelitis by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

TRIPLE ANTIGEN IMMUNISATION (DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS)

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	383	—
1-4 years	702	213
5-14 years	44	175
15 years and over ...	—	—
Total	1,129	388

1,517 persons were immunised or re-immunised by Triple Antigen injections by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

Puerperal Pyrexia

2 cases were notified.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases were notified.

Enteric Fever Group

No cases were notified.

Dysentery

55 cases were notified.

Anterior Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified.

Para Typhoid "B" Fever

No cases were notified.

Pneumonia

6 cases were notified.

Measles and Whooping Cough

	Number of cases notified	Deaths
Measles	380	—
Whooping Cough	4	—

Tuberculosis

Notification of new cases :—

	Pulmonary Rate per 1,000 of population	Non-Pulmonary Rate per 1,000 of population
1953	1.4	0.1
1954	0.8	0.1
1955	0.8	0.05
1956	0.9	0.04
1957	0.8	0.1
1958	0.7	0.01
1959	0.8	0.1
1960	0.4	0.01
1961	0.5	0.06
1962	0.5	0.08

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1930

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Number on Register at 1st January, 1962	535	82	617
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962	547	86	633

Notifications

Table compiled from local records, giving details with regard to sex, age, etc., of notified new cases during 1962.

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	—	1	1	—
5—14 years	—	—	—	—
15—24 "	4	3	—	—
25—44 "	9	9	1	2
45—64 "	8	1	—	—
65 and over	—	—	1	1
Total ...	21	14	3	3

Tuberculosis Death Rate

The following table is inserted for purposes of comparison :

Year	Death Rates per 1,000 of Population		
	All Forms	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1953	0.16	0.13	0.03
1954	0.09	0.09	0.00
1955	0.03	0.02	0.01
1956	0.10	0.08	0.02
1957	0.07	0.06	0.01
1958	0.12	0.12	0.00
1959	0.09	0.09	0.00
1960	0.02	0.02	0.00
1961	0.11	0.11	0.00
1962	0.05	0.04	0.01

Particulars of patients from the Gillingham Area dealt with at the Chest Clinic, during 1962.

(These figures were kindly supplied by Dr. H. J. Robinson, Consultant Chest Physician).

	Adults		Children		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Pulmonary	39	22	1	—	40	22
Non-pulmonary	2	2	—	—	2	2
Total	41	24	1	—	42	24

Total attendances numbered 2,164.

Number of patients sent to Sanatoriums or Hospitals—24.

Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C. D. Routh, Director of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee's Special Clinic in Rochester, for the subjoined figures.

New Patients—Gillingham :

	Male	Female	Total
Syphilis	2	3	5
Gonorrhœa	11	7	18
Non-Venereal	58	24	82
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Totals	71	34	105
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Attendances of Gillingham patients—764

Infant Mortality

Deaths of infants under 1 year numbered 27, which represents an infant mortality rate of 19.8 per 1,000 live births.

The rate for England and Wales was 21.4 per 1,000 relative live-births.

Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths associated with pregnancy.

Nursing Homes—Public Health Act, 1936.

There were 2 Nursing Homes on the Register at the end of the year, which provided 26 beds for aged persons.

ANALYSIS OF INFANT DEATHS DURING 1962

CAUSE OF DEATH (Local register)	AGE AT DEATH									
	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 and under 3 weeks	3 and under 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 and under 3 months	3 and under 6 months	6 and under 9 months	9 and under 12 months	Total under 1 year
Prematurity ...	8	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Bronchitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	5
Gastro Enteritis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Atelectasis ...	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Congenital malformations	2	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	4
Meningococcal Septicaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Congenital Heart ...	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Birth Injury ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other causes ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
ALL CAUSES ...	16	1	—	—	17	5	3	—	2	27

ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS FOR THE YEARS 1953 TO 1962

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Number of still births	20	23	28	22	15	24	31	28	28	26
Number of neo-natal deaths	19	19	23	15	19	20	19	13	23	17
Total number of still births and neo-natal deaths	39	42	51	37	34	44	40	41	51	43
Number of deaths of infants 1 to 12 months of age	9	12	14	8	12	9	5	6	5	10
Number of live births	1050	1103	1093	1199	1245	1208	1232	1268	1264	1363
Number of still births	20	23	28	22	15	24	31	28	28	26
Total live and still births	1070	1126	1121	1221	1260	1232	1263	1296	1292	1389

MORTALITY RATES CALCULATED PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Still births	19	20	25	18	12	19	24	22	22	19
Neo-natal deaths	18	17	20	12	15	16	15	10	18	12
Perinatal deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	23	37	30
Deaths of infants 1 to 12 months of age	8	11	12	6	9	7	4	4	4	7
Still births and all deaths up to 1 year	45	48	58	37	36	43	44	36	39	39
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	27	28	34	19	25	24	19	15	22	20

DELEGATED HEALTH SERVICES

Under the Local Government Act of 1958, the Borough is responsible under a scheme of delegation, for the administration of County Council Health and Welfare functions as indicated below.

The County Council continues to be responsible for the remaining services and also for policy and finance in respect of the delegated services.

National Health Service Act, 1946.

Section 21	..	..	Health Centres
22	..	..	Care of Mothers and Young Children
23	..	..	Midwifery
24	..	..	Health Visiting
25	..	..	Home Nursing
26	..	..	Vaccination and Immunisation
28	..	..	Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care
29	..	..	Domestic Help

Mental Health Act, 1959.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 29	..	..	Welfare arrangements for blind, deaf, dumb and crippled persons, etc.
30	..	..	Voluntary organisations for disabled persons' welfare.

Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1958.

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act, 1948.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Tuberculosis—Notifications

During the year 42 persons were notified as suffering from tuberculosis. On the 31st December, 633 persons remained on the registers.

Provision of Extra Foods

39 recommendations were made by chest physicians, of which 37 were approved, the remainder not being approved, at the time of recommendation, the patients' financial circumstances brought them outside the application of the Council's assessment regulations.

B.C.G. Vaccination

The carrying out of this vaccination includes all persons of 13 years or over who are in full-time attendance at schools and educational establishments as well as persons in close contact with patients suffering from tuberculosis. By the end of the year 722 schoolchildren had been vaccinated and 136 contacts. The schoolchildren were vaccinated at clinics by Assistant County Medical Officers and the contacts by chest physicians at the chest clinics.

Illness Generally—Recuperative Care

Recuperative residential care is provided under Sections 22 and 28 of the Act. This is restricted to instances where a person has suffered from an illness which has been treated either in a hospital or at home and whilst needing further medical and/or nursing care of the type that can be provided by a general practitioner and home nurse, cannot have that care at home.

8 applications for recuperative care were received, 2 of these were withdrawn and arrangements were made for 6 patients to have 2-4 weeks care in suitable nursing homes.

Welfare of the Permanently and Substantially Handicapped

At the 31st December, 1962, 66 persons were registered as permanently and substantially handicapped.

Various assistance and advice was given. 29 persons received regular visits from the Occupational Therapist employed part-time in the Borough for Craft instruction. 9 persons were supplied with Domestic Aids and adaptations were carried out in the homes of 4 persons to secure their greater comfort and convenience.

5 severely handicapped persons were provided with holidays.

One person was conveyed regularly by ambulance service vehicles to clubs for the disabled, financial responsibility for these journeys being accepted by the Borough. It has now been possible to make alternative arrangements with the aid of a voluntary organisation.

15 Car Badges were issued to Disabled Drivers in the Borough in accordance with the recommendation of the Minister of Health, the object being to enable them to be readily identified, both by the Police and other road users and to ease the difficulty of severely disabled drivers in finding suitable parking places.

Medical Loans

38 persons were provided with nursing requisites during the year.

Chiropody

During 1962, there were 116 new applicants for chiropody treatment. The total number of attendances for treatment was 1,393, of which 531 (including 157 domiciliary visits) were by private chiropodists approved by the County Council, and 862 (including 301 domiciliary) by the chiropodist appointed by the County Council to work part-time in Gillingham in addition to other areas.

The charges by private chiropodists as from 1st April, 1962, were 7s. 6d. per visit to the surgery, and 12s. 6d. per domiciliary visit. The maximum amount payable by patients is 4s. per treatment, and of the total number of 251 patients, 62 paid the maximum charge of 4s.; 4 paid lesser amounts on assessment, and 185 received treatment free of charge.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Notification of Births Under the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following is an analysis of the births notified during 1st January to 31st December, 1962, showing the place of confinement:—

Number of Births	Domiciliary	Hospital
1580	542	1038

The adjusted totals of notifications received during the year, i.e., the deduction of those births occurring within the Borough but relating to non-Borough residents, and the addition of those births occurring outside the Borough but relating to Borough residents, gives the following result from the Registrar General:—

Live births	1,363
Still births	26
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			Total	1,389
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Child Welfare Centres.

The Child Welfare Centres in the Borough are as follows:—

Balmoral Gardens, Gillingham.

Holding Street, Rainham.

54 Goudhurst Rd., Twydall Estate.

2 Magnolia Avenue, Wigmore.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held at
Balmoral Gardens Centre.

The total attendances at child welfare centres during the year were 18,820 covering 2,763 children; of these 1,022 under one year of age attended for the first time during this period. At ante-natal and post-natal clinics there were 942 first attendances and 825 subsequent attendances.

Special Care of Premature Infants.

During the year notifications were received of 39 babies who weighed $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth. Details of these are given in the following tabulation from which it will be seen that 5 were born in hospitals and in nursing homes.

Notifications were received relating to 4 premature still births, and details of these are also given in the following table:—

Weight at Birth (1)	Premature Live Births														Premature Still-Births				
	Born in hospital			Born at home and nursed entirely at home			Born at home and transferred to hospital on or before 28th day			Born in nursing home and nursed entirely there			Born in nursing home and transferred to hospital on or before 28th day			Born in hospital (17)	Born at home (18)	Born in nursing home (19)	
	Total (2)	Died within 24 hrs. of birth (3)	Survived 28 days (4)	Total (5)	Died within 24 hrs. of birth (6)	Survived 28 days (7)	Total (8)	Died within 24 hrs. of birth (9)	Survived 28 days (10)	Total (11)	Died within 24 hrs. of birth (12)	Survived 28 days (13)	Total (14)	Died within 24 hrs. of birth (15)	Survived 28 days (16)				
(a) 3 lb. 4 oz. or less (1,500 gms. or less)	6	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
(b) Over 3 lb. 4 oz. up to and including 4 lb. 6 oz. (1,500-2,000 gms.) ...	8	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Over 4 lb. 6 oz. up to and including 4 lb. 15 oz. (2,000-2,250 gms.) ...	9	—	9	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Over 4 lb. 15 oz. up to and including 5 lb. 8 oz. (2,250-2,500 gms.) ...	16	1	15	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	39	5	30	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1*	—

* Weight unknown

Health Visiting

The number of children under five years of age visited totalled 5,563. First visits were paid to 55 expectant mothers and to 1,288 children under one year of age. The number of families or households visited during the period was 3,352 and the total number of visits paid by health visitors was as follows:—

To expectant mothers	...	...	...	...	69
To children under 1 year	...	...	...	...	4,953
To children aged 1 and under 2 years	...	...	...	...	3,151
To children aged 2 and under 5 years	...	...	...	...	3,990
To patients with tuberculosis	1,427
Other visits (hospital care, care of old people, etc.)					780
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Total Visits	14,370
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Nurseries and Child Minders (Regulation) Act.

At the end of the year the following premises were registered as Nurseries or persons registered as Child Minders under the Act.

	No. registered at end of year	No. of children provided for
Day Nurseries	2	20
Daily Minders	3	56

Domestic Help Service.

The figures given below show various categories of households where service was provided during the year.

Maternity (lying-in) patients	...	...	...	...	89
Tuberculosis patients	...	...	...	...	2
Person or persons over 65 years	...	...	...	...	460
Others, e.g., illness, mental subnormal, etc.	...	...	...	...	76
Total households served	...	...	...	...	627

The average number of helps employed at the end of the year was 56.

Family Care Service

Number of applications from the Children's Dept.	...	20
Number of families in which help has been provided	...	18
Number of children concerned for care	...	77

The following details are given showing the circumstances calling for the provision of this service.

(a) Mother in hospital for confinement or complications of pregnancy or confinement...	...	...	...	6
(b) Mother to hospital	...	...	...	11
(c) Mother deserted the family	...	...	...	1
(d) Mother died	...	...	...	—
(e) Mother to convalescent home	...	...	...	—

Family Welfare Service

One case was recommended as suitable for this service.

Night Attendant and Evening Service

The following table gives details of services provided under the above scheme:—

	Night	Evening
Number of applications received	84	13
Number of cases where help was provided	83	16
Number of cases terminated during 1962	83	11
Number of cases carried forward to 1963	—	5
Average age of patients	80 years	

It was anticipated that the already apparent upward trend in the demand for Domestic Help would continue during 1962, and this has been the case. An increase of 34 in the highest number of families served at any one time has shown that the steady growth of the service has been maintained.

This gradual expansion applies also to the Family Care, Night and Evening Services. It is perhaps worthy of note that out of a total of 83 persons provided with Night Help 36 patients died or were admitted to hospital after one night, emphasising the fact that in each case the need was fully justified, and showing the immediate availability of assistance within the scheme. In addition it is apparent from the numerous and various sources of request that the function of this aspect of Domestic Help is becoming increasingly well known. 43 persons were living entirely alone, and many received a combination of day and night help.

One case was recommended for the provision of Family Welfare Service and although a marked improvement was achieved initially in the home conditions it was impossible for this to be maintained owing to the mental incapacity of the parents.

Midwifery and District Nursing Services.

There were 9 midwives employed by the authority, and they attended 560 deliveries during the year.

During this period the midwifery staff made 393 visits to patients who had been confined in hospital and discharged home before the 10th day of the lying-in period.

District Nursing Service (January to December).

At the 31st December, 1962, there were 14 district nurses employed in the Borough, and one employed part-time only.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
No. of patients attended ...	Medical	Surgical	Infectious Diseases	Tuberculosis	Maternal Complications	Others	Totals	Patients included in (2)-(7) who were 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year.	Children included in (2)-(7) who were under 5 at the time of the first visit during the year.	Patients included in (2)-(7) who have had more than 24 visits during the year.
...	1015	112	—	6	1	3	1,134	527	24	164
No. of Nursing Attendances made by District Nurses ...	35,042	3,412	—	159	10	6	39,123	11,397	174	9,832

BLIND PERSONS

The number of registered blind persons in the Borough at the 31st December, was 158 and the age-sex grouping is:—

Age group	Male	Female	Total
Under 1	—	—	—
1	—	—	—
2	—	—	—
3	—	—	—
4	—	—	—
5-10	—	—	—
11-15	—	—	—
16-20	2	—	2
21-29	6	—	6
30-39	5	1	6
40-49	5	1	6
50-59	12	8	20
60-64	5	7	12
65-69	3	4	7
70-79	14	26	40
80-84	2	17	19
85-89	7	24	31
90 and over	—	9	9
Unknown	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	61	97	158
	—	—	—

The following table shows the action taken concerning the examination of persons alleged to be blind during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1962:—

	Number of Examinations	Certified Blind		Not Certified Blind	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
New Cases	23	7	9	4	3
Re-examinations:—					
Previously blind— still blind	1	1	—	—	—
Previously blind— now not blind	—	—	—	—	—
Previously not blind —still not blind	—	—	—	—	—
Previously not blind —now blind	5	3	2	—	—
Totals...	29	11	11	4	3

St. Dunstaners.

There are 2 St. Dunstaners registered in the Borough of whom 1 is employed and 1 is unemployable.

Home Teacher.

There is one home teacher employed part-time in the Borough, who made 374 visits, and gave 3 Braille lessons as from April 1962. During the year, an average of 19 Registered Blind persons have attended weekly at the Medway Club for the Blind, the Home Teacher for the Blind having attended all sessions giving instruction in pastime handicrafts.

The Blind and Cripple Guild entertain local blind persons at their meetings, and by several outings during the year.

Workshop Employment.

There was one man employed at the Blind Employment Factory, Waterloo Road, S.E.1, as a brushmaker.

The rates of pay in the workshops are agreed rates fixed through the appropriate negotiating procedure. The workers' actual earnings are augmented by a sum of 15s. a week and additional supplementation as is necessary to bring the earnings plus augmentation up to an agreed minimum wage. The augmentation and supplementation is paid by the Council.

Mental Health.

Mentally Ill. 81 sub-normal and severely sub-normal patients were referred to the Mental Welfare Officer during the year, of these 30 mentally ill were admitted to hospital. In the other cases it was decided, either, that no action was necessary under the Mental Health Act, or the patients were eventually referred for out-patient treatment by their own Doctors.

Nine cases were visited in the nature of after-care.

The Sub-Normal and Severely Sub-Normal. 11 patients were admitted to hospitals on a permanent basis and 4 cases were admitted for "short term care" varying from one to two months.

12 patients remained on the waiting list for suitable hospital accommodation. Friendly oversight is available to 52 males and by the Health Visitors, to 44 females.

Training Centre. 22 Gillingham patients attended the Rochester Centre. 13 in the age group, 5-15 years, and 9 aged 16 and over. 2 patients were receiving home training.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

Is provided by the Medway Water Board and 45 samples were taken during the year; 20 from the Gillingham area and 25 from the Rainham area. All proved satisfactory.

24,638 dwellings are supplied directly from the mains, this is 99.9% of the total number of dwellings in the Borough, which consist of :—

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	23,048
Houses, and business premises and shops						1,540
Licensed houses	...	...	...	...		80
Boarding houses	...	...	...	...		4
Total dwellings	..	...	...	...		<u>24,672</u>

Public Health Inspection.

This portion of the report has been prepared by Mr. F. J. Hedgecock, Chief Public Health Inspector.

Foreword

One of the most important events of the past year in local environmental health, has been the confirmation of the Gillingham No. 1 Smoke Control Order. The intention of the Council is to bring the whole of the Borough within Smoke Control Orders by 1972. The first step encompasses 812 acres which contains approximately 5,700 houses, factories and other premises. Grants for conversion of unsuitable heating appliances in private houses are paid in the proportion of 40% by exchequer, 30% by the local authority and the remaining 30% is expected to be met by the owners of the properties concerned. However, there are facilities to reduce the

latter proportion in cases of exceptional hardship. The operative date of the Order was 1st November, 1962, and the expenses, subject to apportionment, that have been notified to the Council total approximately £6,000. Considerable advertising was carried out by the department and this included 12 days of practical exhibition by means of mobile demonstrations provided and staffed by the Solid Smokeless Fuel Federation, the South Eastern Gas Board and the South Eastern Electricity Board. In spite of a most impressive demonstration of the ability of modern solid fuel appliances to burn the cheaper and more plentiful low-grade coke, many householders preferred to retain their existing appliances and depend on the less plentiful premium fuels. Unfortunately the very severe winter overtaxed the general resources of supply of solid fuels and a fair judgement of the effect of the Order, under normal conditions could not be assessed.

There is no doubt that pre-packing of foods has resulted in the reduction of food adulteration and contamination by handlers. It is a statutory requirement that Food and Drug authorities should carry out routine sampling and analysis and although no instances of adulteration have been detected by this means it has been possible to advise some manufacturers in respect of labelling and non-conformity with accepted codes of practice.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

On the register of food shops there are 595 premises from which food is sold excluding public houses, off licences, chemists and clubs.

These comprise as follows:—

- 45 Cafés and Kitchens.
- 33 Fishmongers.
- 32 Bakers, Pastry Cooks and Confectioners.
- 85 Butchers' Shops, including three travelling shops.
- 109 Grocers, including four multiple shops and two travelling shops.
- 66 Fruiterers and Greengrocers.
- 255 General Shops and shops selling sugar confectionery.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Particulars of samples taken by the Public Health Inspectors during the year 1st January to 31st December, 1962:—

Article	No. of Samples	Article	No. of Samples
Almond Paste ...	1	Marzipan ...	2
Arrowroot ...	1	Meat Loaf ...	3
Baked Beans ...	1	Meat Paste ...	3
Baking Powder ...	2	Meat Pies and Stews ...	7
Bicarbonate of Soda ...	1	Meat, tinned ...	1
Biscuits ...	1	Milk, condensed ...	1
Bread ...	2	Milk, pasteurised ...	57
Cake ...	5	Milk, shake syrup ...	1
Cake and Bread Mixes ...	7	Minced Chicken ...	2
Chicken and Macaroni ...	1	Mincemeat ...	5
Christmas Pudding ...	2	Mixed Spices ...	2
Cinnamon ...	2	Mustard ...	1
Coffee and Chicory ...	7	Oil, camphorated ...	1
Cordials and Soft Drinks ...	11	Oil, Olive ...	1
Cream ...	2	Oil, vegetable ...	2
Creamed Rice ...	2	Peanut butter ...	1
Currants ...	1	Pepper ...	5
Custard Powder ...	3	Potted Salmon ...	1
Desiccated Coconut ...	1	Prunes ...	1
Essence ...	1	Salad Cream ...	1
Evaporated Milk ...	2	Sauce and Pickles ...	11
Glycerine ...	1	Semolina ...	1
Hamburger ...	2	Steak and Kidney Pudding ...	2
Honey ...	2	Sweets ...	8
Ice Cream ...	1	Veal ...	1
Instant Whip ...	1	Veal and Ham ...	2
Jams and Lemon Curd ...	12	Veal Curry ...	1
Jelly ...	1	Vinegar ...	6
Lemon Cheese ...	1	Water ...	1
Mayonnaise ...	2	Soups ...	1
Total ...	213		

These were analysed by the Public Analyst and no samples were certified as adulterated.

The subjoined table shows the premises on the registers and the number of inspections made.

	On Register 31st Dec.	No. of visits during 1962
Bakehouses	9	45
Dairies and Milk Distributors Retailers of bottled sterilised milk	221 } 192 }	128
Fried Fish Shops	23	32
Pressed and Preserved Meat Premises	69	70
Premises registered for Ice Cream:—		
(a) Sale... ..	342 }	147
(b) Manufacture	4 }	

Unsound Food

Amount of food condemned weighed 1 ton 3 cwt. 1 qrs. This included tinned foods, cheese and ham.

Housing Summary

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

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|-----|-----|--|------|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 2112 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 4445 |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Regulations | 1151 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1379 |
| (3) | | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 18 |
| (4) | | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 39 |

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—

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|--|--|--|-----|
| | | Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers | 185 |
|--|--|--|-----|

3.	Action under statutory powers during the year :—	
	(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	54
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
	(a) By owners	40
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	8
	(b) Proceedings under Housing Act :—	
	(1) Demolition Orders	7
	(2) Closing Orders	11
	(3) Undertakings not to re-let for human habitation	—
	(4) Houses demolished during 1962 as the result of formal action under the Act ...	14

Preliminary and Abatement Notices

During the year the following notices were served :—

Informal Notices for the abatement of various nuisances	74
Abatement Notices concerning various nuisances (Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936) ...	11
Section 24 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Maintenance of a public sewer)	94
Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Defective sanitary appliance)	2
Section 44 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Construction of W.C.)	—
Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Notice to repair defective closet)	3
Section 50 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Leaking Cesspools)	<u>2</u>
Gillingham Corporation Act, 1931, Section 72, respecting choked or defective drains	14
Section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Yard Paving)	—
Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1957 (Provision of Dustbins)	4
Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 (notice to execute works).	45
Total	<u>249</u>

Nuisances Abated

Water Closets :

Wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	—
New pans and traps fitted	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water closets re-built	...	...	..	...	...	1
New water closets constructed	...	...	...	...	...	—
Water closet fittings repaired (water)	...	...	...	...	...	33
Water closet seats, doors, floors, brickwork repaired...						87

Water Supply :

Pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
Internal supply provided	—

Yards :

Drained and paved with cement concrete	34
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Sinks and Baths :

Glazed stoneware sinks fixed	14
Sink waste pipes provided and fixed	9

Drainage :

Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	17
Subsidiary sewers cleared by Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	797
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cesspools emptied by Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	262

Dampness :

Roofs repaired and made watertight	...	...	...	...	...	130
Eaves guttering and down pipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	77
External walls protected from dampness	...	...	...	...	...	137
Internal walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	212
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ventilation provided under floors	...	...	...	...	...	14
Forecourts paved with cement concrete	...	...	...	...	...	2

General

Disused cesspools filled in	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accumulation of refuse in yard removed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dangerous cellar flaps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooking ranges and coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	22
Sashes, doors, frames, floors, and stairs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	354
Ceilings repaired and distempered	...	...	...	...	...	115
Back additions underpinned and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	—
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	32

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

The following Tables give details of the work carried out at factories, and premises used by outworkers.

I. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	38	41	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	141	175	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	5	—	—
Totals	184	221	—	—

II CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which Defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	2	2	—	—	—

Premises, Etc., Visited During 1962

	No. of Visits
Milk shops and dairies and retailers of bottled sterilised milk	218
Refreshment houses or premises where food is prepared	1,397
Miscellaneous, including Pet Animals Act, etc. ...	1,525
Factories, workshops and workplaces	237
Re notified infectious diseases	57
Houses (filthy or verminous)	1
Piggeries and Stables	39
Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	4
Public lavatories	315
Drains tested	112
Complaints received	1,711
Total number of visits of all types made by Inspectors during the year	12,445

Merchandise Marks Act.

13 inspections were carried out and these were chiefly in connection with fresh and dried fruits and meat marking, 3 contraventions were observed and these infringements were immediately rectified upon verbal notice and warning being given.

Shops Acts.

1,219 inspections were carried out in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act. On no occasion was it necessary to take statutory action but on many occasions advice was given in respect of the keeping of the various forms and records.

There are 1,067 shops on the register.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Rats	Mice
Number of complaints received ...	212	104
Infestations found	168	108
Infestations found on independent investigation	134	32
Action taken :—		
Premises treated by Operator ...	168	108
Sewer Treatment :—		
Number of manholes treated ...		325

Eradication of Bed-Bugs, Disinfections, etc.

The number of houses found to be infested was :—

Council Houses	8
Other Houses	24
Bedding removed and disinfected	15
Total number of rooms sprayed for Bugs, T.B., etc.	65
Total number of articles disinfected	2,078

Table showing:—(a) The distribution in age groups of infectious disease cases notified during 1962.
 (b) The number removed to Hospital.
 (Local Records).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED (<i>Diagnosis Corrected</i>)							Removed to Hospital
	All Ages	Under 5	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and Over	Age Unknown	
Pneumonia	6	—	2	—	4	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenzal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Menigococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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 (b) The number removed to Hospital.
 (Local Records).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED (<i>Diagnosis Corrected</i>)										Removed to Hospital
	All Ages	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and Over	Age Unknown		
Scarlet Fever ...	12	—	1	—	10	1	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough...	4	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	380	9	84	102	176	4	5	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Dysentery	55	1	2	3	8	12	8	21	—	—	1

**Causes of Deaths amongst Civilians, Live and Still Births
as provided by the Registrar-General:—**

CAUSES OF DEATH					Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	2	1	3
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	1	—	1
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	1	1
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	1	1
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	15	13	28
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	33	4	37
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	20	20
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	10	10
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms...	...	...	...	40	29	69
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	1	2
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	6	4	10
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	54	61	115
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	109	63	172
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	10	10	20
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	43	47	90
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	16	23	39
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	—	2	2
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	27	20	47
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	32	14	46
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	1	4	5
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	7	2	9
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	2	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	4	—	4
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	4	—	4
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	1	4	5
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	33	28	61
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	10	2	12
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	6	7	13
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	3	2	5
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—	—
ALL CAUSES					459	376	835
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :—							
Legitimate					13	9	22
Illegitimate					1	4	5
Total					14	13	27
Births					For Infant Mortality, etc.		
					M.	F.	Total
LIVE BIRTHS :—							
Legitimate					642	643	1285
Illegitimate					37	41	78
Total					679	684	1363
Still BIRTHS :—							
Legitimate					11	14	25
Illegitimate					—	1	1
Total					11	15	26

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Under the provisions of the Education Act, 1944, Gillingham is an "excepted district."

Number on School Roll	11,399
Average attendance 1962	10,451
"Periodic" cases examined	4,795
Total medical examinations	5,411
Visits to schools by nurses	398
Visits to homes by nurses	27
Inspections by school dentists	52
Treated by school dentists	1,375
Percentage of average attendance found verminous	0.9
Percentage of average attendance excluded for verminous conditions	0.3
Total attendances at various clinics (dental excluded)	4,009

Provision of Milk

Milk is provided free of charge to all school children. During December 8,845 children were supplied with milk each day. This represents 84.6% of the total number of children on the roll.

Infectious Diseases

The following summary gives the number of patients excluded during the years 1953-62 (Private schools included).

	Scarlet Fever Cases	Diphtheria Cases
1953	49	—
1954	42	—
1955	22	—
1956	10	—
1957	10	—
1958	19	—
1959	63	—
1960	10	—
1961	3	—
1962	2	—

Summary of Nurses Work

(1)	Total visits to schools	...	...	...	398
(2)	Attendances at routine medical inspections				233
(3)	Attendances at clinics	...	...	...	416
(4)	Visits to homes	...	...	...	27
(5)	Examination of heads and bodies re cleanliness	...	...	...	9,431
(6)	Notices sent re nits (children not excluded from school)	...	...	...	36
(7)	Notices sent re nits and vermin (children excluded from school)	...	...	...	31

Attendances at Treatment Clinics

	Balmoral Gardens	Rainham	Total 1962	Total 1961
Ringworm	3	—	3	4
Ear defects	14	13	27	53
Impetigo	19	19	38	89
Scabies	3	—	3	7
Other skin diseases	15	28	43	35
External eye disease	45	35	80	124
Other conditions	371	478	849	1,036
Totals	470	573	1,043	1,348

Children suffering from the following conditions made first attendances for inspection :—

	Balmoral Gardens	Rainham	Total 1962	Total 1961
Catarrh, sore throats, colds etc.	—	7	7	3
Vermin of head or body, nits, etc.	25	22	47	37
Ringworm	1	—	1	2
Impetigo	7	10	17	20
Scabies	3	—	3	3
Other skin diseases	11	16	27	23
Defective vision, sore eyes, etc.	59	31	90	123
Nose and throat diseases	—	1	1	—
Nervous System	—	1	1	—
Epilepsy	—	—	—	—
Ear disease	9	5	14	11
Heart	2	1	3	—
Orthopædic	1	—	1	4
Convalescents from infectious diseases	—	3	3	7
Other diseases and defects	98	116	214	249
Totals	216	213	429	482

Orthoptic Clinic

During the year 20 cases were referred to St. William's Hospital, Rochester for the orthoptic treatment of children suffering from squint.

Ophthalmic Clinic

The work of the clinic may be summarised thus:—

Sessions held	...	...	...	...	...	66
Number of children examined for first time	...					131
Number of children re-examined	...	...				1,055
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	1,186
Glasses prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	235
Glasses not required or no change necessary	...					951
Referred to hospital	...	...	...	...	...	20

B.C.G. Vaccination of school children

The following summary gives details of the work undertaken:—

Number of sessions	...	...	...	...	...	21
Number of 1st Mantoux tests	...					888
Number found to have positive reactions	...	...				87
Number vaccinated	...	...	...	...	...	709
Number of 2nd Mantoux tests	...					16
Number of conversions	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number re-vaccinated	...	...	...	...	...	13

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

Special Classes and Units in the Authority's Area

Name and Address	Number of classes or units				No. of pupils in each class
	P.S.	P.D.	P.H.	Mal.	
Partially Deaf Unit, Woodlands Road C.P. Infants School	—	2	—	—	Infants 16 J.M. 7
Special Day Unit, Richmond C.P. Infants School	—	—	1	—	12

Handicapped Pupils requiring education at Special Schools approved under Section 9(5) of the Education Act, 1944, or Boarding in Boarding Homes

		Blind (1)	Partially sighted (2)	Deaf (3)	Partially deaf (4)	Physically handicapped (5)	Delicate (6)	Maladjusted (7)	Educationally subnormal (8)	Epileptic (9)	Speech defects (10)	Total (11)
During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1962												
A	How many handicapped pupils were newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes? ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	8	—	—	14
B	(i) of the children included at A, how many were newly placed in special schools (other than hospital special schools) or boarding homes? ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	—	—	8
	(ii) of the children assessed prior to 1st January, 1962, how many were newly placed in special schools (other than hospital special schools) or boarding homes? ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
	TOTAL (B (i) and B (ii)) ...	—	—	1	—	1	7	2	13	—	—	24
	on or about 20th January, 1963, how many handicapped pupils from the Authority's area:— ...											
	(i) were requiring places in special schools—TOTAL											
	(a) day ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) boarding ...	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	3	—	—	8
C	(ii) included at (i) had not reached the age of 5 and were awaiting—											
	(a) day places ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) boarding places ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(iii) Included at (i) who had reached the age of 5 {											
	but whose parents had refused consent to	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	their admission to a special school, were	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	awaiting—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1962		Blind (1)	Partially sighted (2)	Deaf (3)	Partially deaf (4)	Physically handicapped (5)	Delicate (6)	Maladjusted (7)	Educationally subnormal (8)	Epileptic (9)	Speech defects (10)	Total (11)
D	(i) were on the registers of (1) maintained special schools as (a) day pupils	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	32
	(b) boarding pupils	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	6
	(2) non maintained special schools as (a) day pupils	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) boarding pupils	—	—	4	—	4	2	6	3	1	—	20
	TOTAL	—	—	4	—	6	4	6	37	1	—	—	58
(ii) were on the registers of independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL (D (i) and D (ii))	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) were boarded in homes and not already included under (i) and (ii) above TOTAL (D (i), (ii) and (iii))	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
E	On or about 20th January, 1963, how many handicapped pupils (irrespective of the areas to which they belong) were being educated under arrange- ments made by the Authority in accordance with Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(i) in hospitals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(ii) in other groups (e.g. units for spastics, convalescent homes) (iii) at home	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CHILDREN FOUND UNSUITABLE FOR EDUCATION AT SCHOOL

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1962,

(a) how many children were the subject of new decisions recorded under Section 57(1) of the Education Act, 1944—

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933
EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

NUMBER OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
BETWEEN 1st JANUARY, 1962 AND 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

Centre for Examination	No. of Children Examined	No. of Certificates Refused
Balmoral Gardens, Gillingham	122	—
Holding Street Clinic Rainham	40	—
Total	162	—

STAFF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following medical examinations were carried out and x-ray arrangements made in respect of the following during 1962:—

School meals service staff	...	...	...	23
Caretakers and cleaners	...	...	...	8
Prospective student teachers	...	...	...	30
Teachers	...	...	...	20
Clerical and other staff	...	...	...	14
				95

STATISTICAL TABLES

PART I—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TABLE A
PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By years of birth)	No. of pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No. (3)	% of Col. 2 (4)	No. (5)	% of Col. 2 (6)
(1)	(2)				
1958 and later	9	9	100.0	—	—
1957	923	897	97.2	26	2.8
1956	986	958	97.2	28	2.8
1955	129	127	98.4	2	1.5
1954	401	389	97.0	12	3.0
1953	203	198	97.5	5	2.5
1952	17	17	100.0	—	—
1951	625	608	97.3	17	2.7
1950	839	804	95.8	35	4.2
1949	287	276	96.2	11	3.8
1948	21	21	100.0	—	—
1947 and earlier	355	352	99.2	3	0.8
Total ...	4,795	4,656	97.1	139	2.9

TABLE B
PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT
PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS
(excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth) (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1958 and later	—	1	1
1957	21	202	171
1956	33	188	183
1955	7	18	19
1954	30	53	57
1953	4	11	12
1952	—	—	—
1951	83	96	140
1940	87	112	170
1949	20	36	50
1948	1	2	2
1947 and earlier	61	44	83
Total ...	347	763	888

TABLE C
OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	215
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	401
Total	...	...	616

TABLE D
INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a)	Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	9,431
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	...	...	103
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	...	...	—
(d)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	...	...	—

**PART II—DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION
DURING THE YEAR**

**TABLE A
PERIODIC INSPECTIONS**

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
(1)	(2)								
4	Skin	34	11	6	—	26	6	66	17
5	Eyes—								
	a. Vision	61	96	62	6	224	70	347	172
	b. Squint	53	17	1	—	10	5	64	22
	c. Other	9	3	1	—	17	2	27	5
6	Ears—								
	a. Hearing... ..	23	67	—	—	14	31	37	98
	b. Otitis Media ...	5	4	—	—	2	2	7	6
	c. Other	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—
7	Nose and Throat ...	123	72	10	—	31	22	164	94
8	Speech... ..	22	35	—	—	4	9	26	44
9	Lymphatic Glands ...	1	3	—	—	1	1	2	4
10	Heart	13	15	1	—	7	22	21	37
11	Lungs	19	7	—	—	17	14	36	21
12	Developmental—								
	a. Hernia	8	9	—	—	4	5	12	14
	b. Other	2	21	—	—	4	59	6	80
13	Orthopaedic—								
	a. Posture	3	8	—	—	2	19	5	27
	b. Feet	74	13	21	—	143	22	238	35
	c. Other	3	8	3	2	22	11	28	21
14	Nervous System—								
	a. Epilepsy	2	—	—	—	4	5	6	5
	b. Other	5	4	—	—	2	3	7	7
15	Psychological—								
	a. Development ...	1	4	—	—	—	13	1	17
	b. Stability	1	13	1	1	5	13	7	27
16	Abdomen	6	4	2	—	7	4	15	8
17	Other	2	4	—	—	2	2	4	6

TABLE B

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No.	Defects or Disease	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment	Pupils requiring Observation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4	Skin	48	2
5	Eyes—		
	a. Vision	19	16
	b. Squint	—	—
	c. Other	32	1
6	Ears—		
	a. Hearing.. ...	1	4
	b. Otitis Media ...	5	—
	c. Other	7	1
7	Nose and Throat ...	—	—
8	Speech... ..	4	1
9	Lymphatic Gland ...	—	—
10	Heart	—	1
11	Lungs	—	4
12	Developmental—		
	a. Hernia	—	—
	b. Other	1	—
13	Orthopaedic—		
	a. Posture	—	—
	b. Feet	—	—
	c. Other	—	1
14	Nervous System—		
	a. Epilepsy	—	—
	b. Other	—	1
15	Psychological—		
	a. Development ...	—	1
	b. Stability	1	1
16	Abdomen	—	—
17	Other	160	23

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	128
Errors of refraction (including squint) ...	1,314
Total ...	1,442
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	235

TABLE B
DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment	
(a) for diseases of the ear	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis...	34
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	—
Received other forms of treatment ...	—
Total ...	34
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids	
(a) in 1962	3
(b) in previous years	4

TABLE C
ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	—
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	—
Total ...	—

TABLE D
DISEASES OF THE SKIN
(excluding uncleanliness, for which see Table D of Part I)

					Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	...	...	...		—
(b) Body	...	...	...		1
Scabies	...	...	...	...	3
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	17
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	22
Total					43

TABLE E
CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics ...	15

TABLE F
SPEECH THERAPY

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists ...	52

TABLE G
OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

					Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	...	...	...		304
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	...	...	...	...	1
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination					722
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above					
Please specify:					
Catarrh, Sore throats	...	...	...		—
Total (a)-(d)					1,027

**PART IV—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT
CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY**

(1)	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers—		
	(a) At Periodic Inspections	... ..	10,085
	(b) As specials	... ..	492
	Total (1)	... ..	10,577
(2)	Number found to require treatment (includes 1(b))	... ..	5,830
(3)	Number offered treatment	... ..	5,621
(4)	Number actually treated	... ..	1,375
(5)	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at 11 (h)	...	4,529
(6)	Half days devoted to:		
	(a) Periodic (School) Inspection	... ..	52
	(b) Treatment	... ..	544
	Total (6)	... ..	596
(7)	Fillings: (a) Permanent Teeth	... ..	2,287
	(b) Temporary Teeth	... ..	1,565
	Total (7)	... ..	3,852
(8)	Number of Teeth filled: (a) Permanent Teeth	...	1,933
	(b) Temporary Teeth	...	1,439
	Total (8)	... ..	3,372
(9)	Extractions: (a) Permanent Teeth	... ..	291
	(b) Temporary Teeth	... ..	1,388
	Total (9)	... ..	1,679
(10)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	... ..	932
(11)	Orthodontics:		
	(a) Cases commenced during the year	... ..	41
	(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	... ..	22
	(c) Cases completed during the year	... ..	8
	(d) Cases discontinued during the year	... ..	29
	(e) Pupils treated with appliances	... ..	5
	(f) Removable appliances fitted	... ..	4
	(g) Fixed appliances fitted	... ..	—
	(h) Total attendances	... ..	125
(12)	Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth	...	10
(13)	Other operations: (a) Permanent Teeth	... ..	68
	(b) Temporary Teeth	... ..	—
	Total (13)	... ..	68