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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF


The Acting Medical Officer  
of Health

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For the Year 1942

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## Medical Officer of Health

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*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Gloucester.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Health Report on the Sanitary conditions and Vital Statistics of the District for the year 1942. The Report itself is abbreviated and retains only essential features and such figures as may be necessary for the purposes of record and comparison, and has been compiled by me from the various records in the office and by data submitted by the Registrar-General. I am indebted to Mr. Hale and Mr. Hook, your Sanitary Inspectors, for their kind assistance in the preparation of the summary of the work of their department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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*Acting Medical Officer of Health.*

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Area in acres	...	...	...	71,490
Population	...	...	...	32,100
Rateable value	...	...	...	£181,207
Sum represented by one penny rate	£726	8s.	1d.	

## Vital Statistics.

Births (Live).				Still Births.			
	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total
Total ...	337	292	629	Total	9	9	18
Legitimate ...	315	272	587	Legitimate ...	8	9	17
Illegitimate	22	20	42	Illegitimate	1	—	1

Birth rate per 1,000 population ... 19.5.

### Infantile Death Rate.

	M.	F.	Total
Total ...	13	9	22
Legitimate ...	12	8	20
Illegitimate ...	1	1	2

Infantile Death rate per 1,000 Live Births ... 34.9.

### Deaths.

Net Deaths, 359 (Males 183, Females 176).

84 deaths were transferred into the District.

388 deaths transferred out to their own areas, being non-residents who died in the Gloucester R.D.C.

Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 11.1.

The Causes of Death as certified were as follows :—

Disease :	M.	F.	Disease :	M.	F.
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	6	8	Pneumonia ...	14	6
Others Forms ...	6	5	Other Respiratory Diseases	4	—
Syphilis dis. ...	1	2	Ulcer of Stomach and		
Influenza ...	2	—	Duodenum ...	2	1
Acute Encephalitis ...	1	—	Diarrhoea under 2 years ...	1	—
Cancer :			Other digestive diseases ...	8	2
{ Bucc.			Nephritis ...	12	2
{ Uterus ...	—	1	Puerperal Sepsis ...	—	2
Stomach Duodenum	4	3	Premature Birth ...	2	3
Breast ...	—	5	Congenital Debility, etc. ...	4	3
Other sites ...	15	20	Suicide ...	1	2
Diabetes ...	3	3	Road Traffic Accidents ...	8	5
Intra-Cranial Vascula lesions	9	20	Other Violent Deaths ...	7	7
Heart disease ...	43	42	All other causes ...	14	13
Other diseases of the			Total ...	183	176
Circulatory System ...	5	12			
Bronchitis ...	11	6			

Cancer accounted for 13% of the deaths and Tuberculosis 6.9%.

## Infectious Diseases Notified.

Measles, 209 ; Scarlet Fever, 130 ; Whooping Cough, 78 ; Diphtheria 47 ; Pneumonia, 42 ; Erysipelas, 7 ; Puerperal Pyrexia, 9.

## Tuberculosis Notifications.

PULMONARY.			NON-PULMONARY.			
M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Total.
18	25	43	5	7	12	55
Number on the register at the end of 1942 :—						
82	29	111	77	36	113	224

## Diphtheria Immunisation at the end of year 1942.

No. of children immunised : 987	2,451
Under 5 years of age.	5 and under 15 years of age.
35.6%	68.9%

## Birth Rate, Death Rate and Infantile Mortality Rate.

	England and Wales.	County of Gloucestershire.	Gloucester R.D.C.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	15.8	18.1	19.5
Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	11.6	11.8	11.1
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births ... ..	49	38	34.9

## Housing Act 1936, Part IV. Overcrowding.

Owing to war conditions no action taken.

### Inspection of (Dwelling)-Houses during the Year.

1.	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Acts ...	120
	(b) Number of Inspections made for that purpose ...	132
2.	(a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head 1 above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... ..	nil
	(b) Number of Inspections made for that purpose ...	nil
3.	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	nil

## Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	No. of In- spections.	Notices served		Nuisances abated after Notices	
		Informal.	Formal.	Informal.	Formal.
Dwelling-houses	163	28	12	13	11
Cowsheds and Dairies ...	345	22	—	16	—
Bakehouses ...	29	4	—	—	—
Factories and Workshops, etc.	70	5	—	6	—

Number of Visits made to premises for the purpose of Disinfecting  
after Infectious Diseases ... .. 187

### Eradication of Bed-bugs.

Two houses were found to be infested and were disinfested by the Department.

### Water Supplies in Parishes.

In connection with the Council Schemes for Parishes south of Gloucester, the City Corporation mains have been extended to part of the following parishes: Quedgeley, Hardwicke, Moreton Valence, Haresfield, Wheatenhurst, Frampton-on-Severn, and Fretherne-with-Saul.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining labour, further extensions have, for the present time, been postponed.

### Newnham Water Works.

Chlorination plant has now been installed and is satisfactory, but there is a great shortage of water during the summer period in the District.

### Drainage and Sewage.

The work of constructing the new outfall works at Longford is proceeding satisfactorily. This, when completed, will also take the drainage from the Parish of Churchdown.

### Trade Refuse.

Several complaints have been received during the year ; further measures have now been adopted and are proving more satisfactory.

4. Number of dwelling-houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-section found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	38
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**Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Informal Notice.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers ... ..	12
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**Action under Statutory Powers during the year.**

A. (i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served regarding repairs ... ..	14
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners ... ..	14
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	nil
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(a) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices regarding defect to be remedied ... ..	8
(b) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :	
(a) By Owners ... ..	8
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	nil

**Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

Inspection of Factories, Workshops, Workplaces including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances :

Premises :	Inspections.	No. of Written Notices
Factories including Laundries ... ..	32	5
Workshops including Workshop Laundries ...	80	6

**Defects found in Factories, Workshops, Workplaces.**

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :	No. of Defects	
	Found.	Remedied.
Want of Cleanliness, etc. ... ..	4	4
Inefficient Sanitary Accommodation ...	2	2

**Refuse Collection.**

Owing to the erection of a large number of War Department Naval and Air Force buildings in the District, the work has been greatly increased.



