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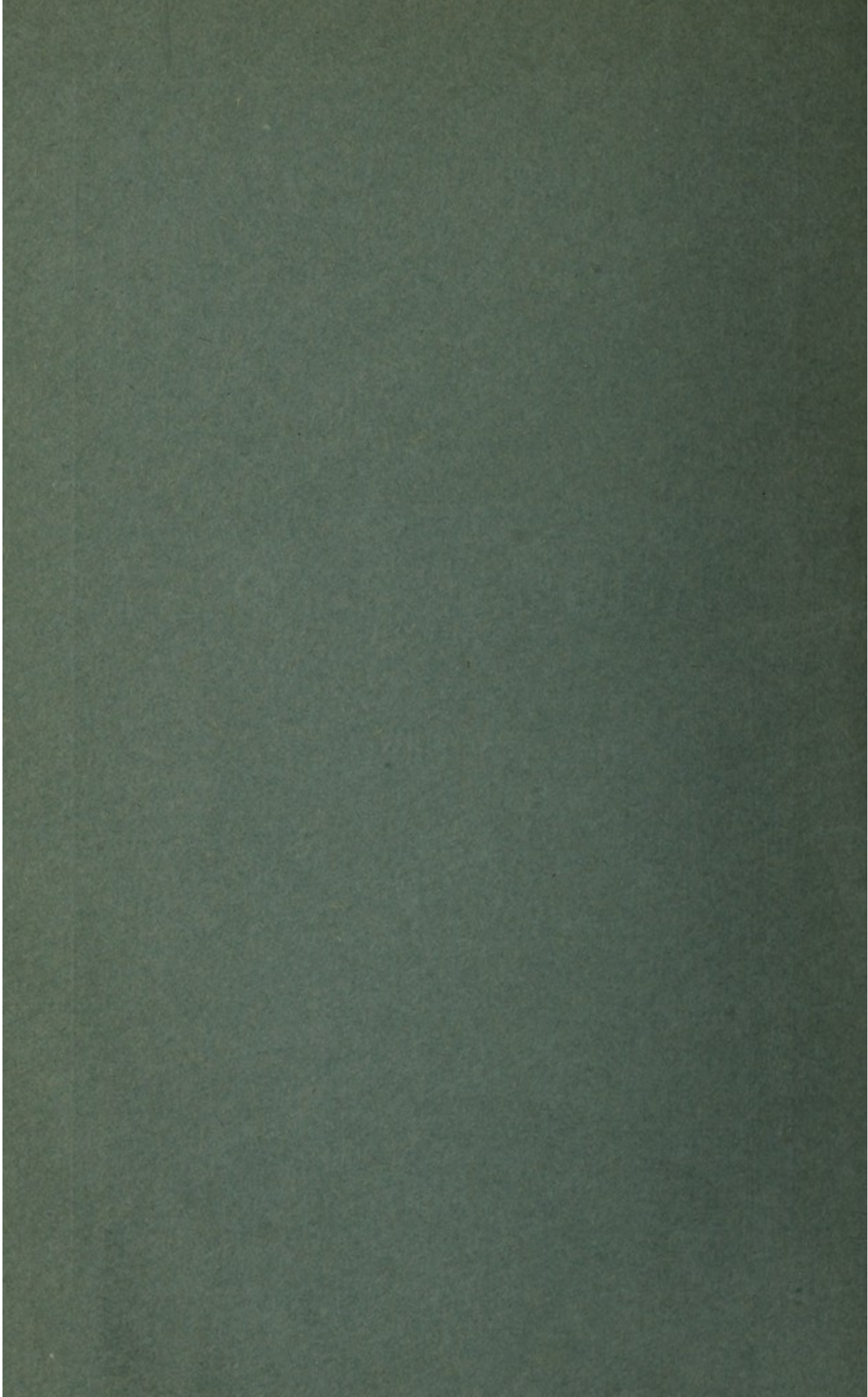


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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

In presenting this annual report, readers will note that the layout has been considerably altered from previous years. An attempt has been made to mention the work of the department and supporting services which have not previously been noted.

In this preface I will comment on various matters affecting the health of the town and the work of the department, but commentary appears in the report where it is appropriate to the detailed subject.

The population continues to increase and is now in the 70,000 range. It should be observed that we have not an over-preponderance of aged in our population compared with the rest of Hampshire County and as generally thought for a South Coast town. The number of births showed a decrease but the general trend is upward and one year's figures must not be viewed in isolation.

During the year the plans for the Health and Welfare Services of Local Authorities in England and Wales were published in the Development of Community Care Report which stands alongside the Hospital Plan Report published in 1962.

The Community Care Report tries to foresee the expected development of the Community Health and Welfare Services. Four main categories were emphasised and I will use these groups to illustrate our local services.

The Care of Mothers and Young Children still remains a primary service for Local Health Authorities but ways of giving care are rapidly changing. General Practitioners are calling increasingly for the services of Nurses employed by the Local Health Authorities and want them to work closely with their practices. Locally we have deployed all Health Visitors to work with General Practitioners. Specialised work about handicapped young children still leaves much work for Local Authority Officers to do. The sub-normal child needs careful assessing and locally our Junior Training Centre works constantly to discover and develop the abilities of these children.

Likewise our Day Nursery nurtures the young from an early age. Nearly three-quarters of the children in the Nursery are priority cases where it is known that home conditions are not altogether conducive to good emotional and physical development of children.

The Care of the Elderly makes up a large section of the Community Report. It is emphasised that the Elderly should be cared for at home if possible. My report records the work of the Home Helps amongst the Elderly and many Home Helps in Gosport, without any wish for further recompense, give a service far above their official duties in helping the aged.

A time arrives, however, when some of the aged need more constant care and I envisage soon the necessity for further residential accommodation in this area. I believe the present local provision is inadequate, when compared with other areas, even allowing for the smaller proportion of elderly in our population and taking into account the contribution made by the three Nursing Homes in the area.

Gosport Corporation are well aware of the need for good suitable housing for the elderly and the Housing Committee make provision for this in their yearly programmes.

I am sure it would be well worth while if more accurate knowledge were available about housing accommodation for the elderly. It is known that housing agents locally have some hundreds of aged on their lists who are looking for reasonably economic accommodation. The Corporation Housing Department have also many names and Welfare Officers are constantly being asked to help find suitable reasonably-priced dwellings for the aged but no one agency has a complete picture of requirements. It ought to be possible to obtain, by a little systematic research, an accurate assessment of requirements for some years ahead.

The next part of the Community Care Report dealt with the Mentally Disordered and in my Report will be noted our expending mental health services. With the help of the Mental and Health Education staffs of the County Health Department, we held a Mental Health Exhibition during the Gosport One-Day Carnival in August. Mrs. Sprent, the Supervisor of the St. Francis Junior Training Centre and Mr. Smith, the local Mental Welfare Officer, put much work into this exacting task of helping the public at large to accept mental illness.

The last main topic of the Community Report dealt with the physically handicapped and in this field we get fine support from many voluntary organisations. I need only mention one development: the opening of the new Red Cross Centre in Gosport.

A new section of my annual report is about School Health. Historically, Education Authorities have been immersed in the

overall care of children, but now our concern is for school children handicapped in various ways. Foxbury School is mentioned for the first time. Here we now have a local school where children, with slower learning capacities, are taught and I am pleased to record the fine co-operative spirit of the Headmaster with staff in both the Health and School Health Departments.

It must not be forgotten that urban man will never cure all his ills by calling in technicians. He ought to realise that by improving his environment he can enhance his living conditions. We must remember that many of our ways of living are not necessarily healthy. I need only mention the association of cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

The reason for finishing on this note is to draw attention to the environmental section of this report. There it will be noted the continuing work of the public health inspectorate and the necessity to relieve them of some of their simpler repetitive duties. A general foreman was appointed to supervise and maintain public conveniences which are controlled by the Health Committee, but his more important duty was to co-ordinate the work of all engaged in the eradication of mosquitoes. This can only be successful if we get much better co-operation from the Army Authorities, who control large areas of land within the Borough where mosquitoes are known to breed. The general public too can help a great deal by seeking out stagnant water in discarded containers which commonly rot away in ill-kept gardens.

As the town becomes more urbanised, complaints about noise increase and in cases we have investigated it is frequently found that the perpetrator of the noise cares little about how much he disturbs the neighbourhood.

People must help each other to live happily in the Community and there must be give and take.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN J. F. FAIRHALL).

Chairman : ALDERMAN J. A. WHEELER, I.S.M., J.P.

Vice-Chairman : COUNCILLOR E. T. W. LANDER.

ALDERMAN H. T. ROGERS, O.B.E.

COUNCILLOR MRS. E. C. M. C. BOULIND.

COUNCILLOR H. W. COOLEY.

COUNCILLOR SIR JOHN LANCASTER, K.B.E., C.B.

COUNCILLOR J. LIVESEY.

COUNCILLOR H. R. PINK.

COUNCILLOR J. PITTARD.

COUNCILLOR A. POLLARD.

COUNCILLOR MRS. G. M. SKIPPER.

COUNCILLOR A. F. TAVENER.

HEALTH & WELFARE (DELEGATED FUNCTIONS) COMMITTEE.

Members of the Health Committee plus the following Co-opted Members :—

A. J. EALES, Esq., J.P. (*Portsmouth Group Hospital Management Committee*)

Mrs. R. FULLER (*British Red Cross Society*).

Mrs. B. HARRISON (*Women's Voluntary Services*).

Dr. A. D. MACLEAN (*Gosport Medical Committee*).

Mrs. D. L. RIDDELL (*St. John Ambulance Brigade*).

Miss B. M. ROGERS (*Child Welfare Centre Voluntary Workers*).

MAIN STAFF (at 31st December, 1963).

<i>Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer</i>	I. D. M. NELSON, M.B., B.CH., B.A.O., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.
<i>Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Divisional Medical Officer</i>	E. M. WALLIS, M.B., CH.B., D.OBST., R.C.O.G., D.P.H.
<i>Assistant County Medical Officers (part-time)</i>	R. BRADMORE M.B., CH.B., D.C.H., C.P.H. A. D. MUNRO, M.B., CH.B. A. B. COWAN, L.R.C.P.I. & L.M., L.R.C.S.I. & L.M.
<i>Chest Physician (part-time)</i>	... J. BUTTERWORTH, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.
<i>Consultant Child Psychiatrist (part-time)</i>	... I. HADFIELD, B.M., B.CH., D.P.M.
<i>Educational Psychologist (part-time)</i>	V. P. HOUGHTON, B.A.
<i>Psychiatric Social Worker (part-time)</i>	Miss D. M. SHEPHERD, M.A., D.P.A.
<i>School Eye Clinic Oculist (part-time)</i>	A. E. BARRETT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.
<i>Speech Therapist (part-time)</i>	... Miss G. M. DAVIES, L.C.S.T.
<i>Audiologist (part-time)</i>	... R. M. MACPHERSON.
<i>Dental Officers</i>	... H. J. MILLER, L.D.S., R.C.S. E. W. KING-TURNER, L.D.S., R.C.S. R. W. STEVENS, L.D.S., R.C.S.
<i>Dental Officers (part-time)</i>	... Miss E. O. BETTS, L.D.S., R.C.S. H. D. YOUNG, L.D.S., R.F.P.S.
<i>Dental Anaesthetist (part-time)</i>	... D. JONES, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
<i>Chief Public Health Inspector</i>	... H. G. COPE, a. b. c.
<i>Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector</i>	J. G. POGSON, a. b. d.
<i>District Public Health Inspectors</i>	... G. BROWNSWORD, a. b. W. B. FORD, a. b.
<i>Area Nursing Officer (part-time)</i>	... Miss W. M. MACKIE e. f. g. h.

<i>Health Visitors/School Nurses</i>	...	Mrs. A. I. AIMSON, <i>e. f. g.</i> (also Chest Clinic Health Visitor)
		Miss M. L. R. ALLEN, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Mrs. E. R. DORAN, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Mrs. E. M. EDWARDS, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Miss E. M. HEWITT, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Mrs. M. E. LUTMAN, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Miss E. E. MORRIS, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Miss M. F. M. PAYNE, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Mrs. G. F. RICH, <i>e. f. g.</i>
<i>School Nurse (part-time)</i>	...	Mrs. G. J. MOORHOUSE, <i>e.</i>
<i>Clinic Nurse (part-time)</i>	...	Mrs. H. L. HUMPHREYS, <i>e.</i>
<i>Midwives</i>	...	Mrs. R. BLAKELEY, <i>e. f.</i>
		Miss E. A. GARNETT, <i>e. f.</i>
		Mrs. C. P. A. GRIMSHAW, <i>e. f.</i>
		Mrs. P. J. LIHOU, <i>e. f.</i>
		Miss N. I. MILNE, <i>e. f.</i>
		Miss R. E. PETT, <i>e. f.</i>
		Miss V. R. TOPLEY, <i>f. i.</i>
		Mrs. F. M. A. THOMPSON, <i>e. f.</i>
<i>District Nurses</i>	...	Mrs. E. GREEN, <i>e. f.</i>
		Mrs. M. F. HUGHES, <i>e. h.</i>
		Miss G. LARCOMBE, <i>e. f. g.</i>
		Mrs. R. Y. MILLERCHIP, <i>e. h.</i>
		Miss V. M. MORGAN, <i>e. h.</i>
		Miss S. M. PEARCE, <i>e. h.</i>
<i>Relief District Nurse/Midwife</i>	...	Mrs. D. COX, <i>e. f. h.</i>
<i>Home Help Organiser</i>	...	Mrs. D. MOORE.
<i>Matron, Podd's House Day Nursery</i>		Mrs. O. PENNINGTON.
<i>Mental Welfare Officers</i>	...	T. J. D. SMITH.
		R. PALMER (<i>part-time</i>).
<i>Chief Clerk</i>	...	H. J. MOORE.
<i>Senior Clerk (Delegated Services)</i>	...	E. M. GOODMAN.
<i>Senior Clerk (School Health Services)</i>		Mrs. M. ROGERS.

CODING : *a* — Cert. R.S.I. and Joint Board.
b — Cert. R.S.I. (Meat and Food Inspection).
c — Cert. R.S.I. (Sanitary Science).
d — Cert. R.S.I. (Smoke Inspection).
e — State Registered Nurse.
f — State Certified Midwife.
g — Health Visitor's Certificate.
h — Queen's Nurse.
i — Enrolled Assistant Nurse.

SECTION 1.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	...	...	...	6,770 acres
Estimated Population (Mid-Year 1963)	...	...	...	...	69,900
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£2,397,035
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£3,685
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1963 according to Rate Books)	...	...	...	...	18,500

								England
								GOSPORT & Wales
								1962 1963 1963
Live Births :								
Number	...	...	...	...	1,511	1,484	856,368	
Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	21.5	19.9	18.2	
Illegitimate Live Births :								
Number	...	...	...	...	66	85		
Percentage of Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	4.3%	5.7%		
Stillbirths :								
Number	...	...	...	...	23	17	15,074	
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	15.0	11.3	17.3	
Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	1,534	1,501	871,442	
Total Deaths	...	...	...	...	570	663	572,377	
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	11.0	11.8	12.2	
Infant Deaths (Deaths at Ages Under 1 Year)								
...	...	...	...	...	30	26	17,870	
Infant Mortality Rates :								
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	19.8	17.5	20.9	
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	19.4	17.9		
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	30.3	11.7		
Neonatal Mortality Rate :								
Deaths at Ages Under 4 Weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	12.5	9.4	14.2	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate :								
Deaths at Ages Under 1 Week per 1,000 Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	11.2	7.4		
Perinatal Mortality Rate :								
Stillbirths and Deaths at Ages Under 1 Week Combined per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	26.0	18.6		

Maternal Mortality :

				England & Wales
Number of Maternal Deaths ...	...	Nil	Nil	244
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births		Nil	Nil	0.28

Population Trends :

1954 ...	62,520	1959 ...	66,040
1955 ...	61,860	1960 ...	65,760
1956 ...	63,160	1961 ...	66,800
1957 ...	64,510	1962 ...	68,850
1958 ...	65,220	1963 ...	69,900

Age-Sex Structure of Population at 1961 Census :

Age-Sex Structure ...	GOSPORT		Hampshire	England & Wales
	Numbers	%	%	%
0—4 years ...	6,242	10.0	8.1	7.9
5—9 years ...	5,178	8.3	7.1	} 15.1
10—14 years ...	5,504	8.8	8.0	
Males 15—44 ...	13,278	21.2	19.5	19.7
Females 15—44 ...	12,522	20.0	19.2	19.6
Males 45—64 ...	6,445	10.3	11.6	12.4
Females 45—59 ...	5,517	8.8	10.0	13.5 (a)
Males 65 and over ...	2,424	3.9	5.2	4.4
Females 60 and over	5,347	8.6	11.3	7.4 (b)

NOTE : (a) For England and Wales — Females 45—64.

(b) For England and Wales — Females 65 and over.

DEATHS IN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE.

	SEX	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	Over 75	Total	Grand Total
Diseases of	M.			1	1	1	1	2	9	32	50	51	148	270
Circulatory System	F.				1	1	1	3	6	17	27	66	122	
Neoplasms	M.			1			2	1	7	18	15	21	65	121
	F.							1	15	12	16	12	56	
Diseases of	M.							1		2	14	21	38	90
Nervous System	F.						1		2	9	14	26	52	
Diseases of	M.	1						2		8	12	23	46	76
Respiratory System	F.	1	2					1		1	11	14	30	
Other Defined and	M.	6		2					2	2	2	4	18	42
Ill-Defined Diseases	F.	4	2	1	1					3	5	8	24	
Accidents	M.		1		1	7	3		1	1	2	3	19	27
	F.		1								2	5	8	
Diseases of	M.		1							1	1	1	4	11
Digestive System	F.					1					2	4	7	
Congenital Malformations	M.	1	3	1									5	8
	F.	1	2										3	
Suicide	M.					1	1	2	1	1			6	7
	F.											1	1	
Diseases of	M.									1	2	2	5	6
Genito-Urinary System	F.											1	1	
Infective and	M.							1		2			3	5
Parasitic Diseases	F.			1								1	2	
Totals	M.	8	5	5	2	9	7	9	20	68	98	126	357	663
	F.	6	7	2	2	2	2	5	23	42	77	138	306	
Grand Totals		14	12	7	4	11	9	14	43	110	175	264	663	

Deaths and Death Rates :

Year	Deaths All Causes			Death Rate per 1,000 Population	
	M.	F.	Total	GOSPORT	Eng. & Wales
1959 ...	279	236	515	10.4	11.6
1960 ...	319	249	568	11.5	11.5
1961 ...	309	263	572	11.4	12.0
1962 ...	308	262	570	11.0	11.9
1963 ...	357	306	663	11.8	12.2

Number of Deaths and Death Rates from Tuberculosis and Cancer :

The numbers of deaths and death rates per 1,000 population in 1963 were as follows :—

	GOSPORT				England and Wales			
	M.	F.	Ttl.	Rate	M.	F.	Total	Rate
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	—	3	.053	2,027	586	2,613	.056
Other Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	168	181	349	.007
Cancer of Lung/Bronchus	20	7	27	.483	20,742	3,680	24,422	.519
Other Cancer ...	45	49	94	1.681	34,438	43,520	77,958	1.658

Deaths from Cancer of Lung :

Year	M.	F.	Total	Rate per 1,000 population	
				GOSPORT	Eng. & Wales
1960 ...	20	4	24	.486	.481
1961 ...	24	5	29	.578	.494
1962 ...	19	7	26	.502	.510
1963 ...	20	7	27	.483	.519

Infectious Diseases :

Corrected Notifications	1963	1962
Dysentery ...	5	11
Erysipelas ...	6	8
Food Poisoning ...	4	17
Malaria (Contracted Abroad) ...	1	1
Measles ...	1,113	406
Meningococcal Infection ...	4	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	1
Pneumonia ...	19	10
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	10
Scarlet Fever ...	20	10
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary ...	26*	19
Tuberculosis, Non-Pulmonary ...	3	1
Whooping Cough ...	14	—

*Mass Radiography Mobile Unit visited Gosport in Jan-Mar., 1963.

EMPLOYMENT IN GOSPORT IN 1963.

Mr. P. Allerton, Manager of the local office of the Ministry of Labour has kindly let me have the following commentary on the town's employment position during the year :—

“ The Ministry's statistics of employment are built up from information obtained on counting National Insurance Cards exchanged annually. As certain classes of people, whose insurance contributions are paid by some means other than that of affixing a stamp to a card are not included in this count, i.e., serving members of the Armed Forces and established non-industrial civil servants, the estimates of working population for Gosport, therefore, are clearly lower than would be expected. The figures given are restricted to persons actually working within the Gosport boundaries and exclude persons who work in Portsmouth or other adjacent localities.

Estimate figures of the insured working population in the area in June 1963 indicate a drop on the previous year. About a third of the 16,700 persons employed locally are women. Little change has occurred however in the industrial structure of the area and about 3,700 men and 900 women are shown as working in engineering, including electrical engineering, aircraft and shipbuilding. Other manufacturing industries employ just over 1,100 men and 950 women ; mainly in clothing, chemical and paper work. Although affected early in the year by the severe weather conditions the building trade retained a labour force in the area of some 1,800 men. Transport and public utility concerns have just under 500 workers and the distributive trades remain at their previous year's level of about 1,400.

Insurance, banking and professional services generally (education, health, law, etc.) now have just over 1,600 persons. Employment for just under 1,700 other workers is provided in other miscellaneous services such as garages, hotels, restaurants, laundries, domestic service, etc., and nearly 3,000 people are employed in public administration, both national and local government service. There are of course many other employees of national government working in the various industries mentioned, in particular, engineering, aircraft engineering and shipbuilding.

The severe winter weather conditions experienced in the early months of 1963 resulted in a big increase in the number of outdoor workers who became unemployed. For the remainder of the year the unemployment registers kept at about their normal seasonal level, although towards the end of 1963 the unemployment position for women workers was lower than for a number of years previous. The average unemployment

figure of 342 adults was, however, higher than in 1962. Demands for skilled workers remained at a steady level but towards the end of the year an acute shortage of women workers was being experienced by a number of local employers. Local wage rates showed an improvement during 1963 and the introduction of incentive bonus systems in some Admiralty establishments was welcomed.

The employment position of young persons improved during the year — the average unemployment among young persons being 45. The ratio of young people unemployed to the total amount of unemployment fell from 17% the previous year to 11% in 1963. Although the number of vacancies available to young persons was higher than in 1962, the paucity of local openings in occupations such as hairdressing, typing and clerical work has remained a problem.

In 1963 the Employment Services placed in employment 2,188 adults and 455 young persons of whom 73 were registered disabled persons. The average unemployed register of disabled persons was 33.

Ex-regular service men have continued to be a valuable source of new civilian labour and persons trained under Government vocational training courses have been readily absorbed into industry. It is hoped, however, that more use will be made of the Ministry's training facilities by unskilled persons seeking to improve their future employment prospects."

SECTION 2.

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

		Males	Females	Total 1963	Total 1962
Live Births.					
Legitimate	...	689	710	1,399	1,445
Illegitimate	...	36	49	85	66
Total ...	...	725	759	1,484	1,511
Still births.					
Legitimate	...	11	4	15	21
Illegitimate	...	1	1	2	2
Total ...	...	12	5	17	23

Infant Mortality.

26 Children under the age of one year died, giving a rate of 17.5.

Of the 26 deaths, 11 occurred during the first week of life, resulting in a perinatal mortality rate of 18.6, that is the number of infant deaths under one week added to the stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. Three deaths occurred between the ages of 1 week and 4 weeks, and the remaining 12 deaths occurred between the ages of 4 weeks and a year.

TABLE OF BIRTHS AND MORTALITY RATES.

Year	Live Births		Infant Deaths		Still-births		Neonatal Deaths		Perinatal Deaths	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1959	1,337	19.8	31	23.2	24	17.6	22	16.4	43	31.6
1960	1,414	20.9	18	12.8	18	12.5	12	8.5	29	20.2
1961	1,477	21.6	24	16.2	19	12.7	20	13.5	34	22.7
1962	1,511	21.5	30	19.8	23	15.0	19	12.5	40	26.1
1963	1,484	19.9	26	17.5	17	11.3	14	9.4	28	18.6

The causes of the 26 infant deaths were :—

Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	7
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	12
Accidents (other than motor vehicle accidents)	...	...	...	...	2

Maternal Mortality.

No Gosport women died in childbirth.

Live Births.

1,484 Live births were registered compared with 1,511 last year.

Premature Infants.

There were 74 premature babies born in hospital and 6 born at home or nursing home. Of the 74 hospital births, 7 died within 28 days ; 3 of the 6 born elsewhere were transferred to hospital and 1 died within 28 days ; One of the remaining 3 also died within 28 days.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Clinics were held as follows :—

General Practitioners on Rota

(Patients by Appointment only)

Blake Maternity Home ... Thursday afternoons.

Midwives only

Blake Maternity Home ... Monday afternoons.

Bridgemary C.W.C. ... Thursday afternoons.

16 Sessions were held by the General Practitioners and 55 Sessions by the Midwives. A total of 615 women attended for ante-natal examination.

Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes.

Midwives conducted 5 Classes (30 Sessions) at Blake Maternity Home and 4 Classes (24 Sessions) at Rowner C.W.C.

A total of 65 women (34 institutionally booked and 31 domiciliary booked) made 310 attendances during the year (178 at Blake M.H. and 132 at Rowner C.W.C.).

Child Welfare Centres.

There are 7 in the Borough :—

Alverstoke Brodrick Hall, Clayhall Road.

Friday afternoons.

Bridgemary Hall of Christ the King, Wych Lane.

Thursday afternoons.

Elson Blake Maternity Home, Ham Lane.

Tuesday mornings and afternoons.

Forton Crossway Hall, The Crossways.

Friday afternoons.

Lee-on-Solent British Legion Hall, High Street.

Tuesday afternoons.

Rowner Rowner Church Hall, Brune Lane.

Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

Town 2 Stoke Road.

Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

Number of Sessions at all Centres held by

Medical Officers	411
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Health Visitors only	128
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Number of Children who attended at all Centres during the year :

Born in 1963	1,266
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Born in 1962	920
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Born in 1958-1961	629
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Number of Children referred elsewhere for special treatment or advice	121
Number of Children on "at risk" register at end of year	159

One of the Health Visitors with the agreement of the Local Health Authority and the blessing of the Naval Welfare Authorities started a Weekly Advisory Clinic in the Church Hall of H.M.S. Sultan. Here mainly Naval wives come and discuss with the help of visual aids various topics concerning their growing families. Various speakers come and join the discussions and the idea is well accepted by the mothers.

Dental Treatment.

During the year, 87 Sessions were devoted to the treatment of expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5.

	Expectant and Nursing Mothers	Children Under 5
Numbers : Examined	26	455
Treated	23	268
Made Dentally Fit	23	268
Treatment Provided :		
Scalings and Gum Treatment	15	17
Fillings	32	251
Silver Nitrate Treatment	—	248
Extractions	21	184
General Anaesthetics	1	86
Radiographs	—	8

(No dentures were provided during the year).

Mother and Baby Homes.

There are no Mother and Baby Homes in the borough, but during the year financial responsibility was accepted for 4 cases which were sent to Homes in other areas.

No field worker is employed for the Care of Illegitimate Children but there is full co-operation between Health Visitors, Diocesan Moral Welfare Workers, County Children's Officers and Welfare Officers for this work.

Welfare Foods.

National Welfare Foods are sold at Child Welfare Centres when open, except Stoke Road, where there is a Welfare Foods Centre which is open daily Mondays to Fridays. Sales in the year were :—

	Welfare Foods Centre	Six C.W. Centres	Total
National Dried Milk (tins)	6,760	6,896	13,656
Orange Juice (bottles) ...	5,319	9,583	14,902
Cod Liver Oil (bottles) ...	537	929	1,466
Vitamin Tablets (packets)	685	1,012	1,697

Proprietary Welfare Foods are also sold at all 7 Child Welfare Centres and sales in the financial year 1963-64 amounted to £4,740.

Day Nursery.

Podds House is a Non-Training Day Nursery, approved for 70 children, with a Staff consisting of Matron, Warden, 2 Staff Nursery Nurses and 8 Nursery Assistants and 4 Domestics.

Number of Approved Places :

Under 2 years	...	...	...	...	18
2—5 years	...	...	...	...	52

Children on Register at End of Year :

Under 2 years	...	...	...	...	18
2—5 years	...	...	...	...	52

Average Daily Attendances during year :

Under 2 years	...	...	...	...	16
2—5 years	...	...	...	...	48

Daily Minders and Registered Nurseries.

At the end of the year there were 2 Registered Nurseries, one for 70 children at Rowner Church Hall on Thursday mornings and one for 50 children at Lowry Memorial Hall, Lee-on-Solent, also on Thursday mornings. Five Child Minders for daily minding of children were also registered at the end of the year.

Midwifery.

The Midwifery Staff was increased by replacing a District Nurse/Midwife with a full-time Midwife giving 8 full-time Midwives augmented by a full-time Relief District Nurse/Midwife employed about quarter-time on Midwifery.

Five of the 8 Midwives are approved teachers and during the year 20 Pupil Midwives completed district training while there were 6 Pupil Midwives undergoing district training at the end of the year.

There were 424 domiciliary confinements during the year, of which 420 were doctors' booked cases and 4 were midwives' own cases. In addition, there were 153 cases delivered in hospitals and other institutions but discharged and attended by midwives before the tenth day.

The Total Visits made by Midwives to all cases in 1963 was 15,683.

Health Visiting.

Some relief in school and clinic work was given to the establishment of 7 Health Visitors/School Nurses and 1 Health Visitor/School Nurse/Chest Clinic H.V. by the appointment of a part-time School Nurse and a part-time Clinic Nurse.

Attachment of Health Visitors to G.P. Practices was commenced in October 1963 but no fair assessment of this new Scheme

could be made by the end of the year. However, the Scheme is being kept continually under review and will be further reported on in my next Annual Report.

Cases Visited by Health Visitors in 1963.

				Total Visits
Children : Born in 1963	...	...	1,596	2,762
Born in 1962	...	...	556	
Born in 1958-61	...	...	610	
Persons aged 65 or over :				
Total Cases	...	...	...	64
Visited at request of G.P. or hospital	...	...	...	45
Mentally disordered persons :				
Total Cases	...	...	...	16
Visited at request of G.P. or hospital	...	...	...	2
Persons, excluding Maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospital) :				
Total Cases	...	...	...	4
Visited at request of G.P. or hospital	...	...	...	2
Tuberculous households visited	...	...	...	103
Households visited on account of other infectious diseases	...	...	...	5
Total Visits to Schoolchildren	...	...	...	501
Total Visits to Expectant Mothers	...	...	...	66

Home Nursing.

The establishment was increased by making 1 District Nurse/Midwife a full-time Nurse, thus there is a Staff of 6 full-time District Nurses and 1 Relief District Nurse/Midwife giving three-quarters time to District Nursing.

21,925 Visits were paid to patients in 1963. This was an increase of 2,208 over last year. There were 737 New Cases in the year of which 10 were under 5 years at the time of the first visit and 489 were over 65 years. These were increases of 6 and 39 respectively compared with 1962.

Vaccinations and Immunisations.

673 Persons were vaccinated and 437 re-vaccinated against *Smallpox*. 882 were vaccinated by their own doctors and 228 at child welfare centres.

Primary Vaccinations :	Under 1	1 year	2—4 years	5—14 years	15 and over	Total
1963	...	250	258	55	46	64
1962	...	1,094	229	264	674	927
1961	...	894	156	84	71	68
						1,273

Primary Vaccinations :		Under 1	1 year	2—4 years	5—14 years	15 and over	Total
Revaccinations :							
1963	...	—	—	36	106	295	437
1962	...	—	—	166)	1,149	2,755	4,070
1961	...	—	—	43	108	207	358
Total Vaccinations and Revaccinations :							
1963	1,110
1962	7,258
1961	1,631

NOTE : (a) Increases in 1962 were due to increased requests for both vaccinations and revaccinations consequent upon the smallpox outbreaks in the Midlands and South Wales.

(b) The 1963 figure of 673 is the lowest for primary vaccinations in the past ten years. This indicates a need for greater activity in this field to guard against complacency, although the decrease may in part be due to children now preferably being vaccinated in the second year of life (as recommended by the Standing Medical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health — M.H. Circ. M.L.10/62, 16th November 1962).

Immunisations against *Diphtheria*, *Whooping Cough* and *Tetanus* continued to be carried out by general practitioners in their own surgeries and by local authority medical officers at child welfare centres. Nearly all the immunisations were carried out with triple antigen and the figures quoted below are for this protective procedure only as a very small number (41) were other combinations of antigen.

Year of Birth		Primary	Booster
1963	...	477	1
1962	...	743	15
1961	...	60	46
1960	...	7	5
1959	...	11	28
1954—1958	...	16	337
1949—1953	...	4	31
Total	...	1,318	463

Arrangements for vaccination against *Poliomyelitis* continued as in previous years, the choice of operator being family doctor or L.A. medical staff at clinics. The great majority of vaccinations were carried out with oral vaccine and only a very few by injection.

Since this scheme commenced in 1956 the following records have been received :—

Primary Immunisations :	During 1963	1956— 1962	Total to 31/12/63	Estimated Acceptance Rate
Born 1963 ...	170	—	170	11%
„ 1962 ...	874	102	976	64%
„ 1961 ...	193	779	972	66%
„ 1943—1960	159	18,527	18,686	90%
„ 1933—1942	47	5,558	5,605	65%
Others ...	89	2,989	3,078	—
	<u>1,532</u>	<u>27,955</u>	<u>29,487</u>	

Re-inforcing Doses :

Third (all groups)	739	25,069	25,808
Fourth (school- children under 12 years) ...	1,004	5,968	6,972

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Tuberculosis.

NOTIFICATIONS.

	Pulmonary							Non-Pulmonary							Grand Total
	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	Total	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	Total	
1954	3	4	17	16	7	1	48	1	1	2	1	3	—	8	56
1955	2	3	23	28	11	2	69	—	1	1	3	1	1	7	76
1956*	1	—	9	13	18	1	42	—	2	3	2	—	—	7	49
1957	1	—	8	16	6	1	32	—	—	3	1	1	—	5	37
1958*	—	1	9	22	18	3	53	—	—	2	3	1	—	6	59
1959	—	—	6	6	8	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
1960*	3	—	6	21	6	7	43	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	46
1961	—	—	9	5	5	2	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
1962	—	—	4	6	7	2	19	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	20
1963*	—	—	1	10	14	1	26	—	1	—	—	1	1	3	29

*Mass Radiography Unit visited Gosport in these years.

Extra Nourishments (milk and eggs) were approved for 15 cases recommended by the Chest Physician : the total cost was £495 in the year.

B.C.G. Vaccination.

The B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme in Schools had to be curtailed because of medical staff shortages.

	Pre-School Children	School Children	Adults
Contact Scheme :			
Number skin tested ...	37	33	7
Number found positive	—	8	3
Number found negative	37	25	4
Number vaccinated ...	42	24	7
School Children Scheme :			
Number skin tested ...		224	
Number found positive		14	
Number found negative		204	
Number vaccinated ...		200	

Medical Loan Equipment.

Medical aids and equipment, for issue on loan to patients treated at home, are provided by the British Red Cross Society as agents for the Local Health Authority and an allowance is made in the County Council's annual grant to the Society.

Articles are loaned on production of a covering medical certificate and no charge is made for the first six weeks of loan. Thereafter a hiring fee (ranging from 6d. per week for articles costing up to £5, to 3/- per week for articles costing over £18) is charged.

The Society have established five Medical Loan Depots in the Borough :—

B.R.C.S. Headquarters, 175 Elson Road,
B.R.C.S. Centre, Beach Road, Lee-on-Solent,
B.R.C.S. Centre, Joseph Street,
Rowner Lodge, Rowner Lane,
125 Albemarle Avenue.

Special items of equipment such as bed hoists, bath hoists, ripple beds, sleighs, are available from the County Health Department on approved medical recommendation.

Chiropody.

Introduced primarily for the elderly, this service continues to grow to provide for expectant mothers and the physically handicapped. It is operated by the British Red Cross Society and the Hampshire Council of Social Service for the Local Health Authority who make grants to both bodies for this purpose.

Chiropodists attend the following Clinics in Gosport :—

British Red Cross Society :

Joseph Street—

Tuesdays and every other Friday, 1.30 to 4 p.m.

175 Elson Road—

second, third and fourth Thursday, all day.

First and fourth Friday mornings.

Third Friday, all day.

Bridgemary Community Centre—Monday, 5 p.m.

Beach Road, Lee-on-Solent—

Fourth Monday and following Friday week, 1 p.m.

W.V.S. for Hampshire Council of Social Service :

35 Bury Road—Every Monday.

Arrangements are made, when necessary, for transport to Clinics and for domiciliary visits.

Health Education.

It is agreed that a better impact is made on the public by presenting the same theme in as many places as possible and, to this end, we were able to secure co-operation of three General Practices to allow us to place the same notices in their waiting rooms as are displayed locally in Welfare Centres and Local Government buildings. It is hoped, in time, that practically all the General Practitioners may agree to this and it will ensure that the public see the same exhortations in waiting rooms of G.P. Surgeries as they see in waiting halls of Welfare Centres.

Four Secondary Schools were visited before the end of the year and discussions took place about Health and Smoking. Two films "Spotlight on Smoking" and "Smoking and You" were shown. Plans were made to cover the remainder of the Secondary Schools in the Spring Term, 1964.

Health Department staff gave ten talks to various organisations with the help of films and other visual aids and we received considerable help from the County Health Education Officer. A local poster store was established and Health Visitors in Gosport were receiving in-service training arranged by Hampshire County Council.

Home Help Service.

There is an organiser, assistant organiser and full-time clerk deploying the equivalent of 58 full-time home helps.

During the year 580 cases were helped — an increase of 26.

Cases aged 65 or over on first visit in 1963 ... 344

Cases aged under 65 on first visit in 1963 :

Chronic Sick and Tuberculous ... 95

Mentally Disordered ... 1

Maternity ... 74

Others ... 66

Total ... 580

The service is costly, amounting to £29,888 for the financial year 1963-64, of which £7,712 was recovered in charges to cases helped. But if the service were not available at its present level we would have many more problems to deal with amongst the elderly.

The home helps held a Dinner with the Mayor and Mayoress present. A presentation of badges was made for services ranging from 1 to 15 years and many compliments were paid to the home helps for the way they consistently gave care to many lonely old people especially in a severe winter. This is the social service tradition which the home helps have been quietly building up over the years and many of them give a service to the elderly in the town far beyond their call of duty.

Mental Health Service.

Referrals during year :—

Referred by :—	Mentally Ill		Psychopath		Subnormal		TOTALS	
	Under 16 M. F.	Over 16 M. F.	Under 16 M. F.	Over 16 M. F.	Under 16 M. F.	Over 16 M. F.	Under 16 M. F.	Over 16 M. F.
General Practitioners ...	—	33 54	—	—	1 —	1 —	1 —	34 54
Hospitals, on Discharge from In-Patient Treatment ...	—	7 11	—	1 —	—	—	—	8 12
Hospitals, after or during Out-Patient or Day Treatment ...	—	8 15	—	1 —	—	—	—	9 15
Local Education Authorities ...	—	—	—	1 —	—	—	—	1 —
Police and Courts ...	—	9 7	—	1 —	—	—	—	10 7
Other Sources ...	—	27 30	—	—	1 1	5 5	1 1	32 35
TOTALS ...	—	84 117	—	1 3	2 1	6 6	2 2	93 123

Visits by Mental Welfare Officer.

	To Patients	To other Persons and Services in connection with Patients	Total
In connection with :—			
Admissions to Hospital	104	263	367
Mentally Ill and Psycho- pathic Patients ...	419	423	842
Subnormal Patients ...	259	249	508
General Liaison Visits and other Visits (not about an Individual Patient)		247	247
To Training Centres ...		63	63

Admissions to Hospital.

Mental Health Act, 1959 :—	Informal ...	...	...	29
	For Observation	...	...	8
	For Treatment	...	...	4
	Emergency	...	...	42
	Recapture	...	...	2
	Court Order	...	...	1
	On Bail ...	...	...	1
	Total	...	...	87

Number of Patients Placed in Employment.

Many patients were placed in employment by District Rehabilitation Officer of the Ministry of Labour after consultation with the Mental Welfare Officer.

The Mental Welfare Officer personally placed three patients.

There were 33 Gosport trainees at the Hampshire Training Industries (Fareham Branch) and 13 new trainees commenced during 1963.

There were 22 Gosport trainees at St. Francis Junior Training Centre and 8 new trainees commenced during 1963.

St. Francis Centre Thursday Evening Club for 14-16 year old trainees run by the Supervisor and her staff on a voluntary basis, had attendances in the 20-30 range with an average of 3 staff attending.

Fourteen Gosport Training Centre trainees and 4 from Fareham Adult Training Centre went on a two-week holiday at Westfield Oaks Hotel, Hayling Island.

Money raised by the Gosport Training Centre Voluntary Committee :—

			£	s.	d.
1.—Fashion Show	...	...	44	18	9
2.—Summer Fete	...	...	114	5	9
3.—Jumble Sale	...	...	20	17	6
4.—Christmas Fair	...	...	97	16	6
5.—Sale of Christmas cards, etc.	...	...	35	0	0

A grant from these funds was made to Hampshire Occupation Centres Holiday Organisation for summer holidays for Gosport children and other monies were used to buy extra equipment for the use of children and to give parties for them.

Money raised by the Hampshire Training Industries (Fareham Branch) Voluntary Committee :—

£230 from Social Evenings, two Jumble Sales and a Christmas Fair.

Most of this money was used for outings and equipment.

Nursing Homes.

There were three Registered Nursing Homes at the end of the year, the use of Penrhyn, 20 Bury Road, as a Nursing Home having been discontinued at the beginning of the year.

Registered Number of Beds.

	Maternity	Other
Arosmor, 50 Marine Parade, Lee-on-Solent	—	10
Langdale, 7 The Avenue, Alverstoke ...	—	14
Thalassa, 79 Western Way, Alverstoke ...	—	15

Hospitals.

Telephone No.

Blackbrook Maternity Home, Fareham	...	Fareham 2275
Blake Maternity Home, Ham Lane, Gosport	...	Gosport 81662
Eye and Ear Hospital, Portsmouth	...	Portsmouth 21711
Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Bury Road, Gosport	... ..	Gosport 81225
Haslar Hospital, Gosport (Naval)	...	Portsmouth 22351
Knowle Hospital, Fareham	...	Wickham 2271
Priorsdean Hospital, Portsmouth (Infectious Diseases)	... ..	Portsmouth 22331
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	...	Cosham 79451
Royal Portsmouth Hospital	...	Portsmouth 22281
St. Christopher's Hospital, Fareham	...	Fareham 2338
St. James' Hospital, Portsmouth	...	Portsmouth 35211
St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth	...	Portsmouth 22331

Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance Station in the Borough is situated in Privett Road and is one of the five stations (Fareham, Gosport, Havant,

Hedge End, Petersfield) in the South-Eastern Division of the County Ambulance Service. The work of these stations is co-ordinated at the Main Station at Fareham and it is there that all calls for ambulances are received. Written requests for transport should be sent to the County Ambulance Station, Fareham, and verbal requests telephoned to Titchfield 3126 (Non-urgent sitting cases : Titchfield 2397).

The Local Health Authority is not under obligation to make arrangements for the conveyance of all persons suffering from illness, but only for those for whom special transport, such as the Ambulance Service provides, is necessary. Under normal circumstances, therefore, transport can be provided only on the authority of a doctor, but in an emergency an ambulance can be obtained by anyone using the "999" system provided by the Post Office telephone service.

Venereal Diseases Clinic.

St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Males : Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Females : Mondays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to noon.

Laboratory Facilities.

Public Health Laboratory Service,
Milton Road, Portsmouth

(Tel. Portsmouth 22331)

Public Analyst's Laboratory,
Trafalgar Place, Clive Road,
Portsmouth.

(Tel. Portsmouth 23641)

SECTION 3.

DELEGATED WELFARE SERVICES.

Physically Handicapped.

The County Welfare Services deploy one Welfare Officer for Handicapped Persons in this Area.

Medical aids and equipment are supplied through the Medical Loan Depots of the British Red Cross Society.

Financial aid is given in approved cases for any necessary adaptations in the home, subject to the case contributing towards such cost according to an assessment scale. Such aid was given to 2 cases in 1963, (i) provision of ramp to front door for access of wheel chair and (ii) additional water closet and internal modifications to a prefabricated bungalow, at a total cost of £149 10s. 0d.

Arising from case (ii) above, the County Council Scheme for Provision of Welfare Services for the Physically Handicapped was amended to include adaptatations in buildings intended for use as homes for handicapped persons and the incorporation of special features or additional facilities in new buildings for such use.

In 1963 there were 96 persons on our Physically Handicapped Register and 31 of these were aged 65 or over.

Blind and Partially Sighted.

This service is administered by Hampshire Association for the Care of the Blind as agents for the Local Health Authority.

Registered Blind Persons.				M.	F.	Total
Age under 16 : Attending Special Schools ...				1	—	1
Age 16 and over :						
At School ...				1	—	1
Employed ...				8	4	12
Undergoing Training for Sheltered Employment ...				2	—	2
Not Employed : (aged 16—64) ...				3	17	20
(aged 65 and over) ...				20	54	74
Total ...				35	75	110
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				M.	F.	Total
Blind Persons in Residential Accommodation				3	7	10
Blind Persons with Other Defects ...				7	27	34
Registered under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 ...				9	4	13

Registered Partially Sighted Persons.	M.	F.	Total
Class A : Near and Prospectively Blind (age 16 and over) Not Working (aged 65 and over)	2	2	4
Class B : Mainly Industrially Handicapped (age 16 and over)			
Employed	5	2	7
Undergoing Training	1	—	1
Not Employed : (aged 16—64)	—	2	2
(aged 65 and over)	1	—	1
Class C : Requiring Observation Only (aged 16 and over)	—	12	12
Class D : Children age 5 and under 16 attending Special Schools	2	1	3
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Total	11	19	30
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Registered under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944	5	1	6

Domiciliary Visits by Home Teacher.

Social Welfare ... ..	...	1,405
Lessons in Braille	34
Lessons in Moon Embossed Type	14
Lessons in Handicrafts	17
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Total	1,470
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Social Activities.

Afternoon Handicraft Classes and an Evening Club for the Younger Blind are held weekly at the Gosport Community Centre. 49 Afternoon Classes and 45 Evening Clubs were held with average attendances of 28 and 12 respectively.

The usual Christmas Party was held and this year 73 attended and were entertained by members of the Evening Club who also had their own Christmas Party at which 19 were present.

Three Outings were organised — half-day to Meon Valley for 20 blind persons, whole-day to Bournemouth for 46 and to Christchurch and New Forest for 31.

Gosport Inner Wheel organised a Party in March at which 80 blind persons were entertained.

The Vicar of Rowner Church held Evensong for the Blind in August which 70 blind persons attended and a Special Carol Service in December with a congregation of 50 blind persons.

Valuable help was also received from Gosport Rotary Club who provide most of the transport free.

The Local Voluntary Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lady London continued to give most valuable help on all occasions and Mr. Nigel Churcher continued to organise the collection of voluntary funds, from which social activities are financed.

Deaf and Dumb and Hard of Hearing.

Mr. R. Village, the Missioner Welfare-Officer for the Hants, I.O.W. and Channel Island Association for the Deaf, reports that there are 23 persons in Gosport who come into the above categories, of which 13 are female and 10 are male. 19 are deaf and dumb, 1 deaf, and 3 hard of hearing.

SECTION 4.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Sewerage.

I am indebted to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. C. Thomas, for the following information on the Town Sewerage System :—

FLOODING RELIEF SCHEME. Following the acceptance by the Minister of Housing and Local Government at the end of 1962 of the Council's £260,000 Flooding Relief Scheme, the proposals were divided into eight contract units and in 1963 work was commenced on six of these units and substantially completed on four as follows :—

(i) The construction of a 45" diameter surface water outfall across Grove Road Recreation Ground to operate at all states of the tide and so eliminate the flooding by surface water which had repeatedly occurred at the Grove Road/Fieldmore Road junction.

(ii) The construction of a 12" diameter foul sewer from Brewers Lane to Carisbrooke Road to divert the sewage of a large area of Bridgemary from the Fareham Road foul sewer to the main Rowner sewer. The object of this diversion was not only to relieve the overloaded Fareham Road sewer but also to enable the trade effluent from the Cyanamid factory to be drained to the main sewage outfall and not discharged directly into Fareham Creek.

(iii) The construction of a 9"/33" diameter surface water sewer in Jellicoe Avenue and Alverstoke Village designed, in conjunction with a Pumping Station at its outfall into Stoke Lake, to relieve flooding at the Village Road/Paget Road junction and to drain the increased impervious area brought about by the making-up of the large number of private streets in the area.

(iv) The construction of a 9"/27" diameter surface water sewer in Bury Road and Foster Gardens similarly designed, in conjunction with a Pumping Station at its outfall into Workhouse Lake, to relieve flooding at the Anns Hill Road/Bury Road junction.

SEA OUTFALL SCHEME. Ministerial approval to the Council's proposal to construct a new main sewage outfall extending some 3,000 feet into the Solent was received in October 1963 and Messrs. Lewis & Duvivier, the Council's Consulting Engineers for the scheme, were instructed to proceed at all speed with the preparation of the contract works.

GENERAL. Sewer descaling was continued throughout 1963 and considerable lengths of both foul and surface water sewers were successfully de-silted. Owing to staff shortage no progress was made during the year on the modernisation of the ejector stations in the Borough, as a result of which considerable running repairs had to be carried out on the existing machinery.

Water — Public Supply.

31 Samples were bacteriologically examined. 29 were satisfactory: 2 reported as "suspicious" revealed defective fittings at the houses concerned and follow-up samples were satisfactory.

Open-Air Swimming Baths and Pools.

There were 51 visits when the baths were open and 39 water samples were taken; 36 were satisfactory and 3 unsatisfactory.

The baths and pools in use were the large swimming bath at Gosport, the children's swimming and paddling pools at Lee-on-Solent and the paddling pool at Stokes Bay. Sea water is used in the Gosport bath, mains water in all others. The water in the swimming bath is filtered and chlorinated, that in the paddling pools chlorinated.

The Clean Air Act.

The position was very much as in 1962. No additional industrial furnaces were installed, but the number of small oil-fired boilers increased. A new form of heating became available to the general public early in the year, this being the night-storage electric heater. By the end of the year a number of dwellings had one or more of these installed and there were quite a lot more awaiting installation. A considerable number of gas-heated appliances were also purchased.

Some of the older Council houses previously dependent solely on open fires had electric power points fitted and eventually all such houses will be equipped with these. A number have already had electric fires installed.

Too many users of solid-fuel domestic boilers appear to think anything remotely combustible can be disposed of in them; it can, but usually produces large amounts of smoke.

Several complaints were received but no contraventions of the Act were noted. 46 Visits were made during the year.

Infectious Diseases and Disinfestations.

194 Visits were made about the control of infectious diseases and 25 premises were disinfested.

Requests to deal with insects of various kinds were received, mainly wasps' nests and bees but, although help was given, these insects are not classed as pests and Local Authorities have no duty to dispose of them. One interesting job was undertaken: a colony of bees was removed from under the floorboards of a large house let as flats.

Rodent Control.

The Rodent Operators made 4,443 inspections and visits. Public Health Inspectors made 381 visits. 327 Private dwellings were treated: 60 other premises were also treated, including refuse tips and business premises, for which the cost is recoverable.

The treatment of sewers revealed no signs of major infestation.

Mosquito Control.

The summer period during which mass breeding occurs was again very wet and this mitigated the effectiveness of control measures. The failure of the War Department to carry out any remedial or palliative work on their land did not help matters.

In the autumn the filling-in of the old septic tanks in Privett Gardens by household refuse started and tipping on the areas adjacent to Fort Gomer continued. The desideratum is the wholesale filling-in of all the hollows and swampland where mosquitoes can breed and this method is always used where possible.

83 Visits concerned with mosquito control were made by the Public Health Inspectors.

Public Conveniences.

No new conveniences were built in 1963, so the number being supervised remained at 24.

The appointment of Mr. Osgood as General Outside Foreman in September relieved the Public Health Inspectors of the need to make so many visits in this connection. It also enabled much closer supervision to be given to the conveniences and the cleaners resulting in somewhat better standards. There was a reduction of water consumption and therefore saving in cost.

The Public Health Inspectors paid 795 calls mainly before Mr. Osgood took over.

Factories Acts 1937 and 1948.

A.—Inspections for purposes of Provisions as to Health.

Premises	No. on Register	Ins- pections	Written Notices
1.—Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	3	—
2.—Factories not included in (1) in which Sect 7 is enforced by Local Authorities ...	158	248	17
3.—Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding outworkers) ...	1	1	1
Total ...	164	252	18

B.—Cases in which Defects were Found.

Particulars	Defects Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M.I.	Referred by H.M.I.
Sanitary Conveniences :				
Insufficient ...	2	—	—	1
Unsuitable or Defective ...	35	21	—	3
Other Offences against the Act ...	7	4	—	—
Total ...	44	25	—	4

C.—Outwork : There were 21 Outworkers.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

There were no material changes during the year. The only public caravan site is at Stokes Bay. This is owned by the Borough Council and takes 72 residential and 59 tourist caravans. The Admiralty caravan site off Grange Lane does not come within our jurisdiction but visits are made occasionally in company with Royal Navy Hygiene Officers.

The number of individual caravans with temporary planning approval and licences numbered 7.

Noise Abatement Act 1960.

Complaints were received about 4 alleged nuisances from noise. The sources of noise and complaints were each different — a diesel-engined pump operated 24 hours a day by a contractor ; a wire-reinforced hose in which a pump set up a very rapid vibration ; portable radios used at full volume by workers in a factory ; an electric motor in a stationary van. Informal action in all cases resulted in reduction of the noise levels.

Other Visits and Inspections by Public Health Inspectors.

Defects at houses	...	...	...	...	2016
Drainage	...	...	...	...	290
Nuisances, excluding houses	...	...	...	...	224
Verminous persons/premises	...	...	...	...	85
Offensive trades, piggeries, etc.	...	...	...	...	112
Temporary buildings and caravans	...	...	...	...	76
Dustbins, refuse disposal	...	...	...	...	96
Other visits	...	...	...	...	279

Notices.

Informal Notices : Public Health Acts	...	...	...	197
Food and Drugs Act	...	...	...	54
Factories Acts	...	...	...	14
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	2
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	40
Notices Complied with	...	...	...	216

Defects and Contraventions Remedied.

Houses :

Roofs	...	...	...	63	Windows	...	...	30
Walls (external)	...	...	...	17	Sashcords	...	...	44
Chimneys and Stacks	...	...	...	12	Floors	...	...	30
Rainwater pipes	...	...	...	5	Doors	...	...	13
Eaves guttering	...	...	...	36	Vermin and Cleansed	...	...	25
Dampness abated	...	...	...	98	Fireplaces	...	...	9
Wallplaster	...	...	...	22	Miscellaneous	...	...	24
Ceilings	...	...	...	10				

Drainage :

Drains cleared	14	Sinks	11
Drains repaired	15				

Water Closets :

New pans provided	13	Repaired	15
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Offensive Accumulations 7

Contraventions :

Food Premises	118	Factories	25
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	6				

Shops Act and Young Persons (Employment) Act.

Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	1889
Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	343
Number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	1334
Number of dwelling houses found unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	27
Houses below acceptable standard of fitness but capable of repair	...	...	...	...	...	114

Remedy of Housing Defects.

Informal action	...	...	...	...	...	155
Formal action	...	...	...	...	...	37
Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	...	2
Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	3

Overcrowding.

Very few houses are legally overcrowded and where this exists it is nearly always due to the natural growth of a family. As was said in the report for 1962, the standard is very low and needs revision. Two large families were allocated four-bedroom houses during the year but, due to the very small number of such houses which become available, there is a long time lag between allocation and removal.

Twenty-five visits were made in connection with this work.

Housing Progress.

	During 1963	Total post-war
New Houses Built :		
Permanent : (by Local Authority)	274	6988
,, (by Private Enterprise)	247	
Temporary (Prefab.) by L.A.)	—	600
War destroyed houses rebuilt	—	170

Estimated Condition of Housing (at 31/12/63).

Sound houses — suitable as modern homes	...	17,820
Unfit houses — for Closure or Demolition (incapable of being made fit at reasonable cost)	...	45
Good houses (structurally sound but needing improvements to modern standards)	...	1,980
Houses below standard and needing attention (capable of being made fit at reasonable cost)	...	750

Houses in Multiple Occupation.

During the year four such houses came to our notice, in each case as the result of a complaint from a family living in a house so let. The attention of the owners was drawn to their obligations under legislation covering such properties. At the end of the year consideration was being given to the possibility of taking formal action in respect of three of the properties concerned.

Rent Act 1957.

Although no applications for certificates under this Act were received, public enquiries led to Inspectors making 41 visits.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Premises registered : Dairies	...	...	...	4
	Distributors	...	...	33
Licences : Pasteurisers	...	...	...	1
	Dealers Pre-packed (Pasteurised)	...	...	33
	" " (Sterilised)	...	...	10
	" " (Tuberculin Tested			
		Pasteurised)		14
	" " (Tuberculin Tested)	...		1

Milk Sampling.

	Tests	No. of Samples	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised :	Phosphatase	69	69	—
	Methylene Blue		66	3
Tuberculin Tested	Phosphatase	13	13	—
Pasteurised :	Methylene Blue		13	—
Channel Island	Phosphatase	23	22	1
Pasteurised :	Methylene Blue		23	—
Sterilised	Turbidity	16	16	—
Tuberculin Tested	Methylene Blue	11	10	1
(raw)				

Food and Drugs Sampling.

	Genuine		Unsatisfactory	Total	
	Formal	Informal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk ...	4	95	1	4	96
Other Foods	7	94	8	7	102
Drugs ...	—	8	2	—	10
Total ...	11	197	11	11	208

Eleven samples of milk were below the presumptive limits of the Sale of Milk Regulations but were reported genuine, the deficiency being attributed to the natural conditions of the cows.

Action taken re Unsatisfactory Samples.

Channel Island Milk (bulk)	...	Deficient 25% of the prescribed minimum of milk fat.	Follow - up formal samples satisfactory.
Mixed Dried Fruit	...	Label unsatisfactory—no list of ingredients	Vendors advised. Product to be labelled as required.
Marmalade (home made)		Contained only 62% soluble solids instead of not less than 68½%.	Producer advised. New recipe to be used to conform to required standard.
Pork Pie	...	Contaminated with mould	Vendor warned.
Pork Sausages	...	Contained 180 parts per million undeclared sulphur dioxide.	Manufacturer advised to exhibit notice.
Pork Sausages (preserved)	...	Lean meat 30%, fat meat 36%. Inferior quality, lean meat should not be less than 32½%.	Manufacturer advised.
Tea (pre-packed)	...	Contained 30 parts per million of lead. Label failed to disclose name and address of packer.	Matter referred to Food & Drugs Authority in whose area tea was packed.
Pure American Lard (pre-packed)	...	Label failed to disclose a list of ingredients and the name and address of packer.	Vendors advised. New labels printed to conform.
Marmalade (home made)		Contained only 63.% soluble solids instead of not less than 68½%.	Withdrawn from sale until makers of canned oranges supply recipe to conform to standard.
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine	...	Deficient ammonia and slight excess of quinine.	Vendor advised.
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine	...	—do.—	Taken immediately after delivery to retailer. Manufacturer contacted, remainder of stock withdrawn.

Ice Cream.

Premises registered : For manufacture and sale	...	2
For sale only	...	205

Ice Cream Sampling.

	Total	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1	Percentages Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
1963	77	51	12	8	6	66%	81%	10%	7%
1962	74	53	12	3	6	72%	88%	4%	8%

The Public Health Laboratory Service advises that samples should be judged on results of a series and suggests that over a six-monthly period :—

	50%	of Samples should fall into Grade 1
	80%	Grades 1 or 2
not more than	20%	Grade 3
and no		Grade 4.

Five of the six samples reported Grade 4 were soft ice cream.

As was stated in the report for 1962 no legislation exists for efficient control over the method of production. Informal approaches were made in each case and follow-up samples were satisfactory. There is a legal minimum standard for the fat content of all ice cream and this was met.

Twenty-four ice lolly samples were examined. There are no standards for the bacterial content or constituents of ice lollies. Whenever reports on samples have shown them to be below a reasonably acceptable level both the vendor and manufacturer are advised on the need for greater care in making and handling them.

Meat and other foods condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

Fish	...	...	267-lbs.	Fruit	...	...	40-lbs.
Fish	...	...	4 tins	Fruit	...	...	14 tins
Vegetables	...	...	92-lbs.	Vegetables	...	...	46 tins
Meat and Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	...	142-lbs.
Meat and Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	...	158 tins
Various Other Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	324-lbs. and 79 tins

Food Control Duties by Public Health Inspectors.

Visits to food premises about hygienic standards	...	980
Visits about (1) Food and Drug Sampling	...	280
(2) Bacteriological work	...	227
Inspections of food	...	131
Visits about the Merchandise Marks Act	...	18

Food Hygiene.

Many visits were paid and much advice given in an attempt to improve food hygiene in shops, restaurants, staff canteens and other places where food is prepared and/or sold. One is astonished at the number of proprietors and managers — not to mention assistants — who have not read and in quite a few cases have not even heard of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Certain types of food are still exposed to the risk of contamination. Cake shops are a particular instance: in some, the confectionery is much too accessible to the public; tongs are seldom used by assistants when handling small cakes; doors to shops are usually left wide open.

The Regulations do not categorically prohibit the use of newspaper as an outside wrapping for uncooked vegetables. It should be banned altogether. Even when used as an outer wrapping it must be handled by the person serving and, as everyone who reads a newspaper knows, the print comes off on to the fingers in appreciable quantities. The cost of providing clean wrapping paper has increased and newspaper is therefore substituted. It would seem the only way to deal with this prevalent practice is to veto the use of newspaper in food shops.

SECTION 5.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

This Committee was reconstituted and met in April. Mr. I. J. Llewellyn, Area Children's Officer was elected Secretary and your Medical Officer of Health was Chairman. There were 4 meetings during the year by which time the Committee had considered about 20 family groups. All local Statutory and Voluntary Agencies co-operated in sending representatives to the Committee and the usefulness of the Committee was evident in the exchange of information and, although each officer respected the provinces of the other, there were no frontiers. All felt that useful work was done.

The Gosport Housing Committee agreed to consider sympathetically any case that the Committee recommended to them for re-housing in possibly intermediate accommodation and that one or two officers from the Committee be detailed to specially watch these cases. It is hoped that such families will then gravitate to better class corporation houses.

A constant need for reasonable clothing was evident for some of the children in the cases reviewed and although the W.V.S. were, as always, helpful, there was a definite shortage of children's garments.

SECTION 6.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

GOSPORT COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION SOCIAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Chairman : MR. G. V. MASTERMAN.

Vice-Chairman : COUNCILLOR L. L. HANBIDGE, C.C.

ALDERMEN : A. R. NOBES, O.B.E., J.P.

J. A. WHEELER, I.S.M., J.P.

COUNCILLORS : MRS. F. B. BEHRENDT.

H. W. COOLEY.

J. D. EVANS.

G. J. HEWITT.

J. KEAST.

H. R. PINK.

REV. W. CULLEN, B.A.

MISS M. N. B. TYRRELL.

SCHOOL PROVISION.

Number of school children on the school registers at end of year : 10,862.

		Number of Schools	Average Number of Children Attending
Primary Schools	County	17	4731
	Voluntary	6	1201
Secondary Schools	County	6	2551
	Voluntary	1	258
(All ages)			
Grammar Schools	County	2	1100
Nursery School		1	32
Foxbury Special School for E.S.N. Pupils		1	65

CLINICS.

School Clinic.

This Clinic, held at 2 Stoke Road and served by the Assistant Medical Officers, is a Diagnostic or Special Investigation Clinic. Children are referred for special medical examinations and supervision. It is used for sorting out cases who may need to be passed on to other more specialised Clinics. School children are examined for suitability for part-time employment and adults, mainly students and teachers, for suitability for training and super-annuation.

Number of school children examined for employment	... ..	245
Number of students examined for admission to Training College	... ..	38
Number of teachers examined	... ..	6

County Council Special Clinics.

The following Clinics are held at 3 Spring Garden Lane :—

Child Guidance.

Psychiatrist : Friday all day, alternate Tuesday afternoons.

Psychologist : Thursday all day.

Psychiatric Social Worker : Tuesday afternoons, Friday all day. Children seen by appointment only.

Minor Orthopaedic.

Every second Tuesday morning in the month.
Children seen by appointment only.

Speech.

Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday all day.
Children seen by appointment only.

Ear, Nose and Throat.

Cases for examination by an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist are referred to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Hospital Board Special Clinics.

Major Orthopaedic.

Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Surgeon's Clinic : Thursday afternoon.
Remedial Clinic : Friday all day.

Ophthalmic.

3 Spring Garden Lane.

Wednesday afternoons and, additionally from May, the fourth Thursday of each month morning and afternoon.

Children seen by appointment only.

Chest Clinic (Patients of All Ages).

Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Monday : 9.30 a.m. — noon Old Patients,
2.0 p.m. New Patients.
5.30 p.m. Evening Clinic, 3rd Monday in month.

Tuesday : 9.30 a.m. By Appointment only.
1.30 p.m. Refill Session.

PERIODIC MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Number of Children examined :

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	Number of Pupils		Inspected Total
	Boys	Girls	
1959 and later	12	6	18
1958	195	177	372
1957	394	337	731
1956	80	76	156
1955	29	45	74
1954	25	17	42
1953	18	13	31
1952	15	1	16
1951	7	9	16
1950	7	8	15
1949	6	17	23
1948 and earlier	196	225	421
TOTALS :	984	931	1915

Periodic Inspections of Leavers :

Full Periodic Medical Inspection	...	82
Partial Medical Inspection for Particular		
Defects ... ..	...	107
Interview only (not examined)	...	229
TOTAL :		418

Physical condition of children examined :—

		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.	%	No.	%
Boys	...	977	99.29	7	.71
Girls	...	928	99.67	3	.33
TOTAL :	1905	99.47	10	.53	

OTHER EXAMINATIONS.

Special Examinations	...	793
Re-inspections	...	4013
TOTAL		4806

RESULT OF INSPECTIONS.

The following table shows the defects found at periodic and special inspections :—

T — Referred for Treatment.

O — Requiring Observation

Defect or Disease				Periodic Inspections								Inspection T O	
				Entrants		Leavers		Others					
				T	O	T	O	T	O	T	O	T	O
Skin	...	...	...	14	58	9	15	2	4	25	77	9	10
Eyes (a)	Vision	...	...	86	146	35	21	11	15	132	182	24	55
	(b)	Squint	...	26	37	—	1	1	2	27	40	—	2
	(c)	Other	...	7	31	—	2	2	3	9	36	3	5
Ears (a)	Hearing	...	...	41	267	3	2	3	10	47	279	11	67
	(b)	Otitis Media	...	10	95	6	4	1	2	17	101	1	7
	(c)	Other	...	—	79	—	1	—	8	—	88	1	7
Nose and Throat	..	...	...	48	425	1	13	3	29	52	467	8	65
Speech	:	...	...	12	47	—	1	2	6	14	54	18	11
Lymphatic Glands		...	...	3	344	1	7	—	20	4	371	—	41
Heart	...	...	...	2	33	1	2	—	1	3	36	1	4
Lungs	...	...	...	18	182	—	4	1	5	19	191	6	32
Developmental :—													
	(a)	Hernia	...	2	3	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—
	(b)	Other	...	3	60	—	—	—	5	3	65	2	6
Orthopaedic :—													
	(a)	Posture	...	20	64	4	6	5	8	29	78	9	16
	(b)	Feet	...	59	211	9	16	9	27	77	254	9	23
	(c)	Other	...	11	93	4	14	—	18	15	125	8	15
Nervous System :—													
	(a)	Epilepsy	...	4	7	—	2	—	—	4	9	1	1
	(b)	Other	...	3	16	—	1	—	2	3	19	3	9
Psychological :—													
	(a)	Development	...	1	18	—	1	1	2	2	21	—	4
	(b)	Stability	...	2	121	3	3	3	8	8	132	16	37
Abdomen	...	...	...	3	51	—	6	—	8	3	65	3	11
Other	...	...	...	4	47	14	13	3	9	21	69	14	41
TOTALS :				379	2435	90	135	47	193	516	2763	147	469

Speech Therapy.

A Speech Therapist from the County staff works in Gosport for 2½ days each week at the School Clinic, 3 Spring Garden Lane. It is the practice for all children referred to her by Head Teachers, School Medical Officers and General Practitioners to have hearing tests before they can have assessment and possible treatment.

The Speech Therapist resigned during the year and we were fortunate in securing a locum. The original Speech Therapist returned to the post 3 months later.

Work done :—

Number of Sessions	...	...	...	197
Number of Consultations	...	...	...	55
Number of Children admitted to Register and treatment begun	...	...	...	55
Number of Children discharged	...	...	...	53
Number of Appointments made	...	...	...	1090
Number of Treatments given	...	...	...	828
Number of new children referred during year	...	...	...	63
Number of Children on Register at end of year	Boys	39		
	Girls	11	...	50
Number of Children on Waiting List	...	...	...	6

Re-arrangement of Dental Services.

Staff : The Dental Services were brought up to full establishment on 4th November 1963, the total staff being :

- 3 Full-time Dental Surgeons
- 2 Part-time Dental Surgeons working one day a week each.
- 1 Part-time Medical Anaesthetist 8 sessions per month
- 3 Full-time Dental Attendants
- 2 Part-time Dental Attendants

Clinics : With the above staff it was possible to operate :

(a) 2 Full-time Surgeries at Stoke Road serving the Lee-on-Solent, Alverstoke, Privett, Newtown, Elson, Leesland and Brockhurst districts ;

(b) 1 Full-time Surgery at Bridgemyr Infants School serving the Bridgemyr area ;

(c) 1 Part-time Clinic at Holbrook School 2 days a week and serving the Holbrook and Rowner districts.

NEW DENTAL CLINIC AT BURY ROAD.

The Gosport Dental Services have been systematically built up over the past 4 years. It is considered that the above staff establishment should be stable for a considerable time ahead but the Dental Clinic at Stoke Road has become inadequate and more space is necessary. The intention is to move the Services from Stoke Road to a new Clinic at 22 Bury Road.

The new building should make available 3 surgeries, 2 recovery rooms, full X-ray plant and more modern equipment. It is hoped that the new Clinic will be available some time in 1964.



Work done - 1962

Number of Patients	171
Number of Consultations	37
Number of Children admitted to Hospital and Homeless	25
Number of Children admitted to Hospital	1
Number of Children in Home	100
Number of Patients given	100
Number of new children referred to Hospital	20
Number of Children in Hospital at year end	
Boys 10	
Girls 11	
Number of Children on Waiting List	

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