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GUISBOROUGH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

for the Year 1962

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1962, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 1/54 of the Ministry of Health.

During the year 46 cases of Infectious Diseases were reported and Measles once again accounted for the bulk of these notifications. It is worth noting that there were only 2 new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis within the Urban District and no deaths occurred from this disease. The Mass Radiography Unit again visited the district and the population responded very well to the invitation to have their pictures taken.

A noticeable feature of the year was the outbreak of Smallpox in other parts of the country in the early months. Although this area was not directly affected there was a big demand for vaccination.

There were 132 deaths in the district and diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the majority of these, with cancer a close second.

303 births were registered in the Urban District. This total gave a rate of 22.3 per thousand population which is well above the rate of 18.0 per thousand for England and Wales.

Attendances at clinics continued to rise steadily and the public took full advantage of the facilities offered.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee; Mr. Beel, Clerk of the Council; Mr. Pallister, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Ward, Additional Public Health Inspector, for their help and co-operation. I would also like to acknowledge the great help and hard work of Mr. Nuttall and Miss Fox in the District Health Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1963.

TABLE 1**Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M. B. Rohan		
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Miss J. Sunley	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss M. U. Clegg	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 23/6/62)
Miss E. Kingston	District Nurse/Midwife (commenced 3/9/62)
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk Typist.

SECTION 1.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1962 is 12,520, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1961 of 12,090.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	18,948
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books	....	....	3,882
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£294,163
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£1,190

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	....	167	136	303
Legitimate	....	....	161	133	294
Illegitimate	....	....	6	3	9
Still Births	....	....	3	1	4
Legitimate	....	....	3	1	4
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 303, giving the birth rate of 24.2 per 1,000 population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the birth-rate corrected by this comparability factor is 22.3 compared with the Registrar-General's provisional rate of 18.0 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	....	2	3
Legitimate	....	....	2	3
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—

5 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 16.5 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.6.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics
CAUSES OF DEATH

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	....	—	—
Syphilitic disease	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	....	....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	....	....	—	—
Measles	....	....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	....	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	....	....	3	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	....	....	3	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	....	....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	....	....	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	....	7	2
Leukaemia	....	....	—	—
Diabetes	....	....	—	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	....	....	13	20
Coronary Disease, Angina	....	....	16	12
Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	....	—	—
Other Heart Diseases	....	....	6	11
Other Circulatory Diseases	....	....	2	—
Influenza	....	....	1	—
Pneumonia	....	....	4	4
Bronchitis	....	....	4	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	....	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	....	1	1
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	....	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	....	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....	1	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	....	—	1
Congenital malformations	....	....	—	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	....	3	7
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	1	—
All other accidents	....	....	—	1
Homicide and operations of war	....	....	—	—
Suicide	....	....	—	2
ALL CAUSES	....	....	66	66

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 132 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 11.6 per thousand of population as compared with 11.9 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1962
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un- known
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	42	1	4	4	2	6	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

TABLE 5

Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS	RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	2	—	—	—
45 to 54	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	—	—	—	—
65 to 74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	—	—	—

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred in 1962.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	173	22	17	212
Reinforcing doses	—	6	187	193

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	205	17	222

Immunisation and Vaccination—*continued*

Smallpox	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
	823	576

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

Poliomyelitis	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
	604	966

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

It has been possible to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The following table summarises the position:—

Number of dwellings supplied by Public Supply:—

(a)	Direct to houses	....	....	....	....	3,895
(b)	By means of standpipes	....	....	....	....	Nil
(c)	Number of dwellings receiving water from various private sources	....	....	....	....	19

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD

Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination	12
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AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough	12	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-cream

There are 38 premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. These were inspected regularly.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been reported.

Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses. 9 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven. 15 inspections were made.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections

71 visits were made to food premises. 7 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the making of sausages, etc.

19 pounds of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 197 tins of canned food weighing 480 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds.

TABLE 7
Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	520	12	53	2704	468	—
Number inspected	173	7	21	510	101	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercul- osis and cysticerci ....	.57%	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 12 licensed slaughtermen.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1962

(a) By private owners	....	....	....	106
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	19

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	63
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	154
2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	—
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	—
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			9
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	25

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

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	25
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices				
(a)	By Owners	....	....	....	—
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	....	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices				
(a)	By Owners	....	....	....	—
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	....	—

Housing Statistics—continued

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	5
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	—
D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957			
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	4
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	—
4. <i>Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>			
(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....	Nil
<i>House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959</i>			
(1)	(a) Number of Improvement Grants made	....	28
	(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	0
(2)	(a) Number of applications for Standard Grants	....	30
	(b) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused	....	0
<i>Rent Act 1957. Application for Certificates of Disrepair.</i>			
1.	(a) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	....	Nil
	(b) Number of Decisions to issue Certificates		
	(1) in respect of some but not all defects	....	Nil
	(2) in respect of all defects	....	Nil
	(c) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule	....	Nil
	(d) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	....	Nil
	(e) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	Nil
2.	<i>Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair</i>		
	(a) Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate	....	Nil
	(b) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate	....	Nil
	(c) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection		Nil
	(d) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	....	Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	388
Nuisances found	374
Nuisances in hand previous year	18
Total needing abatement	392
Abated during the year	385
Outstanding at end of year	7
Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.	

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and villages, the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works, with the sewers of the Wilton parish discharging into the sewers of Eston Urban District Council.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District has taken place in connection with private and council house development.

The sewage works and sewer to serve Mount Pleasant was completed during the year.

The construction of sewage disposal works at Upleatham Village and the extension of Guisborough sewage disposal works, including the diversion and renewal of various sewers were commenced. Unsuccessful negotiations were held with Redcar Borough Council regarding the sewerage of Yearby Village and no further progress has been made.

539 inspections were made to old and new drainage systems, 477 tests being made to new sewers and drainage systems.

297 choked drainage systems and sewers were cleared during the year.

Closet Accommodation

6 sanitary pan closets were converted to water closets.

The whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system.

Several properties in Yearby Village still require conversion, the work being delayed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities. Now that the works at Mount Pleasant have been completed and those at Upleatham commenced it is anticipated that conversions and improvements to the properties will take place during the coming year.

125 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal)

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the District. Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

Smoke Abatement

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 48 houses, and 8 other premises, including business premises, had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives very good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

Caravan Sites

There are 5 licensed sites. These were inspected on 12 occasions.

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)

71 visits were paid under the above Act. Two unsatisfactory conditions were found; these were remedied by informal action.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses: 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Building Byelaws (Thermal Insulation), 1960.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8

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

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	25	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	77	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	59	102	—	—

Public Chapter (Public Health) Act, 1911
 The following figures have been furnished to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of
 Labour and National Service regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8
 Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspection made
 by Public Health Inspector)

Factory	Inspected	Not inspected	Total	Remarks
(I) Factories in which Section 1 of the Act is in force and to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	21	43	
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 1 is enforced by Local Authorities	20	77	97	
(III) Other premises in which Section 1 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	
TOTAL	42	98	140	

Inspection of all works at various times during the year 1931-32. The number of factories inspected is given in the table above. The number of out-workers premises inspected is given in the table below.

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