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GUISBOROUGH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1963

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 1963, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulation of the Ministry of Health.

During the year Measles accounted for the great majority of the 87 cases of Infectious Diseases notified.

There was a slight reduction in the number of children immunized against the various infectious diseases and I would like here to emphasize the importance of immunizing children against every disease for which protection is available; too many parents fail to use the services offered by the local health authorities for the protection of their children.

There were 118 deaths in the district and once again diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the majority of these with cancer taking second place.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Heads of Departments for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. Pallister, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Ward, Additional Public Health Inspector, I am especially grateful for their help in all matters concerning the health of the District. Finally I would like to acknowledge the hard work and willing effort 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.

October, 1964.

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 Inspectors | 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 (resigned 11/5/63) |
| Mrs. R. E. Alderson | District Nurse/Midwife |
| Miss E. Kingston | District Nurse/Midwife |
| 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 1963 is 12,800 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1962 of 12,520.

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 | .... | .... | 3,949 |
| 3. Rateable Value | .... | .... | £965,912 |
| 4. Sum represented by a penny rate | .... | .... | £4,055 |

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

| | | | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|--------------|------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Live Births | .... | .... | 143 | 136 | 279 |
| Legitimate | .... | .... | 140 | 135 | 275 |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Still Births | .... | .... | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Legitimate | .... | .... | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | — | — | — |

The number of births registered is 279, giving the birth rate of 21.8 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 19.2 compared with the Registrar-General's provisional rate of 18.2 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

| | | | MALE | FEMALE |
|--------------|------|------|------|--------|
| Total | .... | .... | 5 | 5 |
| Legitimate | .... | .... | 5 | 5 |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | — | — |

10 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 35.8 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 20.9.

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 | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus | 3 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm of Breast | — | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus | — | — |
| Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms | 6 | 9 |
| Leukaemia | — | — |
| Diabetes | 1 | — |
| Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System | 13 | 11 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina | 11 | 10 |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease | 1 | 1 |
| Other Heart Diseases | 4 | — |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | — | 2 |
| Influenza | — | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 5 |
| Bronchitis | 8 | 4 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | — | — |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | 1 | — |
| Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea | — | 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | — | — |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | — | — |
| Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion | — | — |
| Congenital malformations | 1 | 1 |
| Other defined or ill-defined diseases | 7 | 5 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | — | — |
| All other accidents | 2 | 1 |
| Homicide and operations of war | — | — |
| Suicide | — | — |
| ALL CAUSES | 63 | 55 |

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. 118 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 9.96 per 1,000 of population compared to 12.2 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1963

(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 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dysentery | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Measles | 82 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 8 | 39 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Whooping Cough | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Erysipelas | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 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 | — | 1 | — | — |
| 45 to 54 | 1 | — | — | — |
| 55 to 64 | 1 | — | — | — |
| 65 to 74 | 1 | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 3 | 1 | — | — |

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred in 1963.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

| | UNDER 1 | 1 TO 4 | 5 TO 14 | TOTAL |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| Completed | 85 | 102 | 15 | 202 |
| Reinforcing Doses | — | 4 | 85 | 89 |

Whooping Cough Immunisation

| | 0 TO 4 | 5 TO 14 | TOTAL |
|-----------|--------|---------|-------|
| Completed | 188 | 13 | 201 |

Immunisation and Vaccination—continued

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Smallpox | PRIMARY | RE-VACCINATION |
| | 55 | 42 |

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

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Poliomyelitis | PRIMARY | REINFORCING |
| | 392 | 362 |

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. Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, 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 | .... | .... | .... | 3,976 |
| (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 |
|---|------|------|------|----|

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| AREA | NO. OF SAMPLES | RESULT |
| Guisborough | 12 | Satisfactory |

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-cream

There are 41 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. 12 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven. 12 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

103 visits were made to food premises. 6 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the making of sausages, etc.

459 pounds of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 161 tins of canned food weighing 231¼ pounds.

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

| | Cattle exclud- ing cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|-------------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|
| Number inspected | 279 | — | 10 | 1077 | 348 | — |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 21 | — | — | 8 | — | — |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci | 7.5% | — | — | 0.7% | — | — |
| 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 11 licensed slaughtermen.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1963

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| (a) By private owners | 56 |
| (b) By the Council | 20 |

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

| | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 1. | (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 67 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 151 |
| 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 | 6 |
| 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 | 24 |

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 | 24 |
|-----|--|----|

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 | .... | 6 |
| (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 | .... | 24 |
| | (b) Number of Improvement Grants refused | .... | 0 |
| (2) | (a) Number of applications for Standard Grants | .... | 26 |
| | (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 | 332 |
| Nuisances found | 328 |
| Nuisances in hand previous year | 7 |
| Total needing abatement | 335 |
| Abated during the year | 328 |
| 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 have taken place in connection with private and council house development.

The sewage works and sewer to serve the village of Upleatham was completed during the year.

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

The Wear and Tees River Board have deferred for two years consideration of the Council's application for a discharge from the existing septic tank at Newton Village. The Council's consulting engineers have been instructed to prepare a new scheme of sewage disposal for the village.

Closet Accommodation

37 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.

76 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

One complaint of smoke nuisance was received during the year and the necessary informal action taken.

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 34 houses, and 5 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 2 licensed sites. These were inspected on 6 occasions.

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)

103 visits were paid under the above Act. Three 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 | 37 | 74 | — | — |
| (III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 62 | 99 | — | — |

