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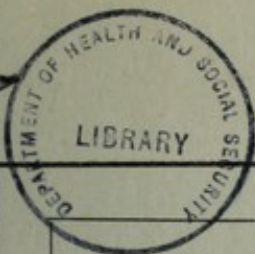
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GUISBOROUGH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1966

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1966, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

During the year 185 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified and, of these, Measles accounted for 172.

There were 155 deaths in the district. Once again diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the majority of these with deaths from cancer coming second.

It is heartening to see that in the infant mortality table only one death is recorded bringing the rate down to 3.8 per 1000 live births compared to 14.8 per 1000 for England and Wales.

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


I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1967.



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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 Mr. G. K. Hope

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. W. Raspin	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss E. Kingston	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mrs. N. Rickaby	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. D. E. Seccombe	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 1966 is 13,240 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1965 of 13,110.

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	....	....	4,200
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£1,163,607
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£4,619

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	125	139	264
Legitimate	118	132	250
Illegitimate	7	7	14
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Still Births	5	—	5
Legitimate	5	—	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 264, giving a corrected birth rate of 17.5 per 1,000 population compared with the rate of 17.7 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

				MALE	FEMALE
Total	—	1
Legitimate	—	1
Illegitimate	—	—

One infant under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 3.8 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 19.0.

TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics
CAUSES OF DEATH

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	....	—	—
Syphilitic disease	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	....	....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	....	....	—	—
Measles	....	....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	....	....	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	....	....	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	....	....	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	....	....	—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	....	9	6
Leukaemia	....	....	—	—
Diabetes	....	....	—	—
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	....	....	8	29
Coronary Disease, Angina	....	....	26	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	....	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	....	....	2	6
Other Circulatory Diseases	....	....	—	—
Influenza	....	....	2	1
Pneumonia	....	....	7	12
Bronchitis	....	....	5	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	....	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	....	1	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	....	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	....	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....	—	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	....	—	—
Congenital malformations	....	....	2	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	....	—	3
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	2	—
All other accidents	....	....	1	1
Homicide and operations of war	....	....	—	—
Suicide	....	....	1	—
ALL CAUSES	....	....	76	79

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. 155 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 10.9 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.7 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1966
(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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	172	4	20	27	20	17	80	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	8	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	—	—

One death from tuberculosis occurred in 1966.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

		UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	....	181	73	—	254
Reinforcing Doses	....	—	21	168	189

Whooping Cough Immunisation

			0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	....	....	254	—	254

Immunisation and Vaccination—continued

Smallpox	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
	44	26

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

Poliomyelitis	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
	310	120

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 was found necessary to make use of the above act on one occasion during the year.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The supply to the area throughout the year has been of satisfactory quantity and bacteriological purity.

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD
Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological

Examination	10
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AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough U.D.	10	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, all premises used for the manufacture, sale and storage of ice cream have to be registered by the Local Authority. The number registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream is 46. There is one cold mix ice cream manufacturer in the district. Regular routine inspections have been carried out during the year.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been notified during the year.

Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses in the district. 10 inspections and visits were made.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are seven fish frying premises in the district. These were inspected on fourteen occasions.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Regular inspections have been carried out during the year and informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

Food Retail Premises

6 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, brawn, pies, etc. 111 visits of inspection were made during the year and 302 tins of various foodstuffs weighing approximately 264½ lbs. were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Licensed Premises

There are 19 licensed premises in the area: 38 inspections were made to these.

Meat Inspection

100% inspection of all animals slaughtered for human consumption has been carried out during the year and for this purpose 644 visits were made. 961½ lbs. of meat and offal were condemned as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption and the whole of this amount was voluntarily surrendered.

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	593	12	4	2524	940	—
Number inspected	593	12	4	2524	940	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	1	—	1	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	21	—	—	16	14	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercul- osis and cysticerci	3.54%	8.33%	—	0.67%	1.49%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.16%	—	—	—	0.31%	—
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 15 licensed slaughtermen.

There are no poultry processing premises in the area.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1966

(a) By private owners	....	....	....	102
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	43
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	61
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			5
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	....	....	23

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	23
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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
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices				
(a)	By Owners	....	....	....	1
(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	....	2
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	2
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	....	3
(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. *Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding*

(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

(1)	(a) Number of Improvement Grants made	....	16
	(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	—
(2)	(a) Number of applications for Standard Grants	....	17
	(b) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused	....	—

Rent Act 1957. Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1.	(a) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	....	1
	(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	....	1
	(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	403
Nuisances found	385
Nuisances in hand previous year	22
Total needing abatement	407
Abated during the year	377
Number of summonses or legal proceedings —	Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms, 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 house development.

No further progress has been made with the sewerage of Yearby Village.

The sewage disposal works to serve Newton Village and the laying of the foul sewer has been satisfactorily completed.

Closet Accommodation

1 sanitary pan closet was converted to a water closet.

The whole of Guisborough, with the exception of those houses in Stokesley Road which are served by septic tank drainage, 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.

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

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection within the Urban District is carried out by 2 drivers with 2 vehicles and 9 loaders. This labour strength has remained static for a number of years, whereas, due to erection of houses on new estates, the number of collections has increased. For efficient working it is not possible to increase the teams and the Council have decided to institute the paper sack system of refuse collection. A pilot scheme of 412 Council Houses was put into operation and this proved successful. One private housing site has been fully equipped with paper sack stands and residents on three further private housing sites are being persuaded to install paper sack holders in lieu of dustbins.

Smoke Control/Clean Air

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

The following table shows the deposit in tons per square mile in respect of the deposit gauges at Guisborough.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION TESTS

Month	DEPOSIT GAUGE ROBIN'S BARN DEPOT, GUISBOROUGH				DEPOSIT GAUGE BURTON'S FACTORY, WEST END, GUISBOROUGH				DEPOSIT GAUGE CHESTNUT CLOSE, LAZENBY			
	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe ₂ O ₃	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe ₂ O ₃	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe ₂ O ₃
Jan.	5.2	0.89	5.52	0.80	—	—	—	—	6.3	0.85	6.41	2.05
Feb.	5.1	1.17	3.08	0.69	4.2	1.76	3.43	0.46	5.4	1.52	5.67	0.98
March	4.8	3.41	3.88	0.67	5.0	2.92	3.78	0.65	5.0	2.20	1.65	0.42
April	5.7	1.44	8.52	0.90	5.5	1.35	8.22	0.98	5.7	1.30	8.82	2.25
May	4.8	2.42	5.48	1.17	5.0	2.23	3.74	0.65	4.3	2.00	4.98	0.88
June	4.9	1.05	3.92	0.25	4.5	1.24	3.89	0.62	4.5	1.12	5.92	0.52
July	—	—	—	—	4.6	2.79	3.07	0.80	4.5	2.53	2.15	1.05
Aug.	—	—	—	—	4.5	2.86	6.05	0.97	4.5	2.46	4.94	1.47
Sept.	—	—	—	—	3.8	4.26	2.44	0.28	4.5	4.18	5.52	1.28
October	—	—	—	—	5.2	1.71	2.17	0.33	5.3	1.13	3.24	0.54
Nov.	4.0	3.83	3.94	1.00	4.1	3.78	2.17	0.49	5.5	3.36	5.22	1.26
Dec.	4.0	3.31	5.08	1.10	4.5	2.98	2.71	0.67	4.2	2.88	3.75	1.30

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949—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 82 non-agricultural and 2 agricultural properties had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are 2 licensed sites for the stationing of one to two residential caravans only. These were inspected on four occasions.

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.

Control of Dogs on Roads (Guisborough) No. 1 Order, 1963.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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	23	13	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	6	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	29	19	—	—

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Premises Registered	....	....	....	97
Consisting of:				
Offices	....	21		
Shops	....	68		
Warehouse	....	1		
Catering Establishments		7		
No. of Detailed Inspections made	....	....	65	
No. of Unsatisfactory Conditions found	....	....	2	
No. remedied by Informal Action	....	....	2	
No. remedied by Statutory Action	....	....	Nil	
No. of Accidents reported	....	....	....	3

