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GUISBOROUGH  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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R E P O R T

for the Year 1968

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1968, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health

During the year there were 147 deaths in the district, diseases of the heart and circulation accounting for the majority of these with deaths from cancer being second.

The attendances of children at the clinic continued to increase and the immunisation figures for the district were most satisfactory.

The Chiropody service, in spite of an ever-increasing number of requests, continued its good work in caring for the feet of the aged and handicapped and is much appreciated by them.

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, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1969.



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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 S. M. Rochester	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. J. S. Dunn	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. M. Houseman	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. M. Irwin	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. M. Boddy	District Nurse/Midwife
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 1968 is 13,040 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1967 of 13,610.

#### General Statistics

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

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	16,655
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books	....	....	3,943
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£344,203
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£4,989

**TABLE 2**

#### Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	....	121	108	229
Legitimate	....	....	113	102	215
Illegitimate	....	....	8	6	14
Still Births	....	....	2	2	4
Legitimate	....	....	2	2	4
Illegitimate	....	....	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 229, giving a corrected birth rate of 15.3 per 1,000 population compared with the rate of 16.9 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 4.4 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 18.3.

**TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics**

**CAUSES OF DEATH**

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ....	—	—
Tuberculosis, other ....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach ....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast ....	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus ....	—	2
Leukaemia ....	2	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc. ....	6	5
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms ....	1	—
Mental Disorders ....	—	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc. ....	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ....	—	1
Hypertensive Disease ....	1	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease ....	20	18
Other forms of Heart Disease ....	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease ....	8	23
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ....	1	2
Influenza ....	—	1
Pneumonia ....	7	8
Bronchitis and Emphysema ....	3	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ....	2	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ....	1	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis ....	—	1
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	—
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions ....	1	—
Motor vehicle accidents ....	2	3
All other accidents ....	—	4
All other External Causes ....	1	—
<b>ALL CAUSES ....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>82</b>

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. 147 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 10.3 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.9 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 ....	14	2	1	2	2	—	3	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
Measles ....	63	3	15	13	11	11	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective Hepatitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## 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	....	....	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	....	....	1	—	—	—
65 to 74	....	....	—	—	—	—
TOTAL			1	1	—	—

No death from tuberculosis occurred in 1968.

**TABLE 6**  
**Immunisation and Vaccination**

### Diphtheria Immunisation

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	148	61	—	209
Reinforcing Doses	—	18	170	188

### Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	209	—	209

### Smallpox

PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
40	25

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

### Poliomyelitis

PRIMARY	REINFORCING
232	121

## 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 Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

There was no procedure taken under these acts during 1968.



## SECTION II

### Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms and houses, 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				
....	....	....	....	8
AREA	No. OF SAMPLES		RESULT	
Guisborough U.D.	8		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 45. 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. 8 inspections and visits were made.

#### Fish and Chip Shops

There are six fish frying premises in the district. These were inspected on ten occasions,

#### Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Regular inspections have been carried out during the year and informal action was taken on two 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. 87 visits of inspection were made during the year and 294 tins of various foodstuffs weighing approximately 488 lbs., together with 6 frozen chickens, 81 trays of cherries, 26 lbs. of bacon and 140 lbs. of butter were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

#### Licensed Premises

There are 19 licensed premises in the area: 20 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 436 visits were made. 448½ 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 .....	455	8	—	1822	351	—
Number inspected .....	455	8	—	1822	351	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</b> .....						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	—	—	—	1	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	16	—	—	41	7	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercul- osis and cysticerci .....	3.5%	—	—	2.3%	1.9%	—
<b>Tuberculosis only:</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 10 licensed slaughtermen.

There are no poultry processing premises in the area.

## HOUSING

### Housing Statistics

#### New houses erected in 1968

(a) By private owners	....	....	....	148
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	39

#### 1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	39
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	66
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			2
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	....	....	19

#### 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	....	....	....	19
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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	....	....	7
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices			
(a)	By Owners	....	....	7
(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)	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	....	2
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	1

### 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, 1959/1964*

(1)	(a) Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants made	....	16
	(b) Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants refused	....	—
(2)	(a) Number of applications for Standard Grants	....	18
	(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	....	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 or 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	499
Nuisances found	499
Abated during the year—Informal action	496
Abated during the year—Statutory action	3
Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.	

### Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and houses the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District have taken place in connection with private and council house development together with the extension of the public sewer in Stokesley Road, Guisborough and connection thereto of properties on septic tank drainage.

### Closet Accommodation

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

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

A weekly collection of both household and trade refuse is maintained throughout the whole of the District. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

### 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					DEPOSIT GAUGE THE GROVE, HUTTON, GUISBOROUGH				
	Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		Ph Value	Rain- fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	
Jan.	5.4	1.32	7.38	1.07		6.2	1.15	4.61	0.77		Not Received					7.0	1.28	2.17	0.50	
Feb.	4.2	2.20	5.41	0.97		4.3	1.65	2.34	0.54		4.5	1.99	5.62	1.18		5.2	1.92	2.10	0.31	
March	6.3	2.20	8.45	1.30		6.0	1.79	6.45	1.00		Interfered With					5.7	1.98	5.24	1.07	
April	7.6	1.07	5.88	0.87		5.9	1.03	3.47	0.57		TAKEN OVER TEESSIDE					6.2	1.07	2.81	0.48	
May	5.5	2.48	12.05	1.00		5.3	2.51	6.25	0.58							5.7	2.46	7.45	0.59	
June	5.3	3.32	12.76	1.07		5.7	3.44	4.34	0.47							6.3	3.60	2.74	0.27	
July	5.3	3.06	11.69	0.94		5.7	3.55	7.92	0.70							5.3	3.62	4.55	0.48	
Aug.	5.3	2.17	4.34	0.80		5.5	2.30	2.64	0.33							4.7	2.24	1.24	0.15	
Sept.	4.7	3.41	6.05	0.97		5.0	3.30	4.35	0.58							4.7	3.42	2.75	0.25	
Oct.	5.3	2.18	2.64	0.43		5.0	2.15	1.95	0.24							6.7	2.08	1.96	0.38	
Nov.	4.9	4.13	2.87	0.53		4.3	2.92	2.20	0.27							4.5	3.88	1.80	0.30	
Dec.	4.5	4.16	4.07	0.87		4.3	3.40	2.01	0.37							4.5	3.64	1.81	0.45	



### **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 54 non-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 2 residential caravans only. These were inspected on six occasions.

### **Mortuaries**

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

### **Public Swimming Baths**

The Council's swimming baths were opened on 10th August, 1968. 12 swimming bath water samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

No. Satisfactory	12
No. Unsatisfactory	Nil

### **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	8	—	—
(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) ....	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ....	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

**Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

Premises Registered .... 82

Consisting of:

Offices .... 18

Shops .... 57

Warehouse .... 1

Catering Establishments 6

Total No. of Inspections made .... 21

No. of Accidents reported .... 4







