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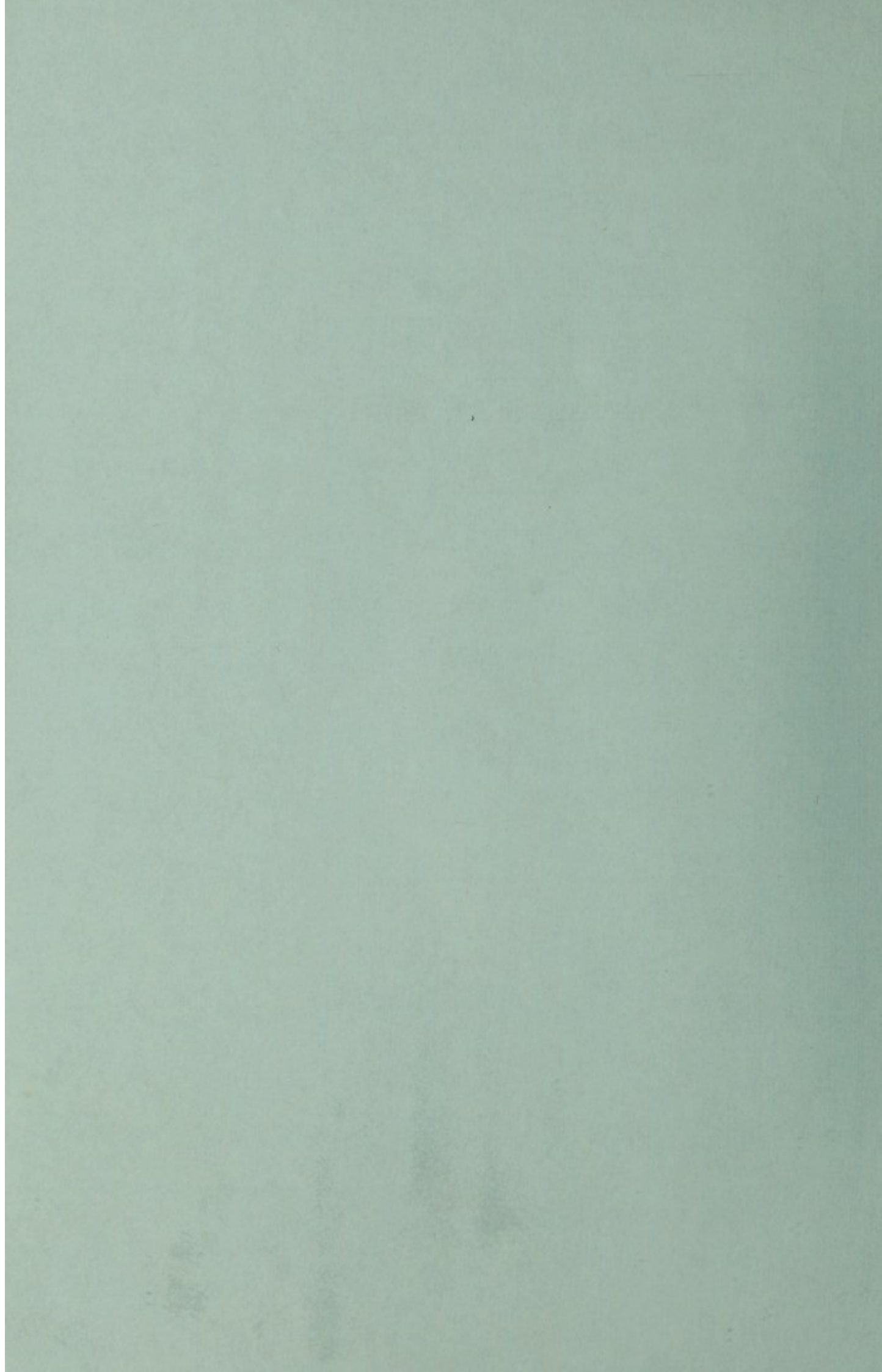
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1971.





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Housing Committee.....	Provision and Improvement of housing accommodation. (Council property.)
Building Plans Committee.....	Improvement Grants. Building Regulations. (Private property.)

To the Chairman and Members of Hartismere Rural District Council

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1971.

Vital Statistics:

An examination of the tables set out on pages 4 - 9 shows that 1971 was a healthy year for Hartismere. There have been no significant changes in the Birth, Death and other rates since the previous year. 54% of all deaths occurred in persons aged 75 years of age and over.

On the table of causes of death it will be noticed that there was an increase in the number of people dying from cerebro vascular disease (which is the medical term for a stroke). There was no significant change in the other causes of death.

Infectious Diseases:

Measles was again prevalent. Although this is nowadays usually a mild complaint, it can on occasions take a more severe form which is often associated with unpleasant complications.

It is now possible for persons to be immunised against measles and parents are strongly advised to have their children protected in this way.

Housing:

There was a large reduction in the number of private houses erected and 12 new Council houses were built during the year.

There was a heartening increase in the number of Improvement Grants made during the year. This scheme whereby old properties can be modernised and provided with amenities is becoming more widely known and made use of by the Public.

It would be sad if many of our traditional styled cottages came to such a state of disrepair that they had to be pulled down and replaced with modern dwellings. The Improvement Grant Scheme has enabled many such houses to be preserved and modernised.

Many modern houses are obviously needed as well, but it would be foolish to discard 17th Century dwellings that can be made fit for 20th Century living.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING.

8th September, 1972.

Medical Officer of Health.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	96,486 acres
Population	15,860
No. of inhabited houses	6,148
Rateable Value	£346,815
Product of a new penny rate	£3,391.

2. VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	99	105	204
Illegitimate	10	6	16
	<u>109</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>220</u>

Birth Rate

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	13.9
Area Comparability factor	1.14
Local adjusted birth rate	15.8
Birth Rate England and Wales	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted birthrate to national rate	.99 1.00
Illegitimate live births as % of all live births	9%

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	4	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

Still Birth Rate

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	22.0
Still Birth Rate England & Wales	12.0

Infant Mortality (Deaths of children under 1 year)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Infant Mortality Rate

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births under 1 year	23.0
Infant Mortality rate England & Wales	18.0

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	115	97	212
Crude death rate per 1,000 population			13.4
Area comparability factor			.85
Local adjusted death rate			11.4
Death rate England & Wales per 1,000 population			11.6
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate			.98: 1.00

Causes of death

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1971</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1970</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	4	4	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	5	1	6	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	10	1	11	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	6	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1	2
Leukaemia	1	2	3	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	2	6	8
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1	3
Other Endocrine etc., diseases	1	1	2	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	2	2	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	33	15	48	54
Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	6	10	6
Cerebrovascular Disease	16	19	35	23
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	6	9	10
Pneumonia	12	12	24	20
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	1	6	7
Asthma	-	2	2	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	1	3	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	3	3	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	3	1	4	2
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	2	-	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4	2
All other Accidents	-	1	1	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1	-
All other external causes	1	-	1	2
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	-	-	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	-	-	-	1
Influenza	-	-	-	5
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasms - Buccal Cavity	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasms - Larynx	-	-	-	1
	115	97	212	195

Vital statistics - Summary for past 5 years.

England & Wales - 1971

1971.

1970.

1969.

1968.

1967.

Population	16,160	16,260	16,260	16,230	15,860	
Live Births	238	243	230	235	220	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.7	14.9	14.1	14.1	13.9	
Locally adjusted Birth Rate	16.76	16.99	16.1	16.5	15.8	16.0
Deaths of infants under 1 year	6	5	5	3	5	
Infant Mortality Rate	25.21	21.0	22.0	13.0	23.0	18.0
Deaths	182	187	188	194	212	
Crude Death Rate	11.3	11.5	11.6	12.00	13.4	
Locally adjusted Death Rate	9.72	9.54	9.6	10.2	11.4	11.6

Monthly Notification of Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Optthalmia Neonotorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	21	2	-	2	30
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	9	49	22	19	103
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Total	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	33	51	24	21	138

Notifiable Diseases - Age Distribution

	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Total
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	5	4	6	10	2	2	-	-	1	30
Measles	1	16	14	51	20	1	-	-	-	103
Salmonella	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Total	8	20	22	61	22	3	1	-	1	138

Notifiable Diseases - Summary for past 5 years.

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971.
Scarlet Fever	-	6	-	5	1
Whooping Cough	14	2	-	-	30
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	177	82	72	71	103
Polio myelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	1	5	4	-
Salmonella	-	-	1	1	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	1	-

4. VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS (figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer.)

(a) Vaccinations against Smallpox

Primary.....	119
Re-vaccination.....	8

(b) Immunisations

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	180	49
Diphtheria/Tetanus	12	152
Tetanus	11	113
Salk Poliomyelitis	2	4
Sabin Poliomyelitis	193	284
Measles	188	-
Rubella	57	-

5. TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non.Pulm.</u>	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	
Cases on Register at 1.1.71.	11	-	7	2	20
Primary Notifications	-	-	1	-	1
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
	11	-	8	2	21
<u>Cases taken off</u> <u>Register in 1971</u>					
Deaths	1	-	-	-	1
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-
Removed from District	-	-	-	-	-
Re-diagnosed non T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
Total removed	1	-	-	-	1
No. of cases remaining on Register at 31.12.71.	10	-	8	2	20

Tuberculosis - Statistical Summary for Past 5 years.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Number added to Register by Primary Notifications -					
(a) Pulmonary	-	3	2	1	1
(b) Non-Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	-
Total number added to Register	2	4	2	1	1

6. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The extensions to the sewage disposal schemes at Wyverstone and at Gislingham have been completed.

The new works to serve Thorndon and Occold are completed.

Work has commenced on a scheme to serve Brome and Oakley.

7. HOUSING

Summary of Housing Activities:-

Number of houses inspected.....	13
Number of houses found unsatisfactory.....	13
Number rendered fit by:	
(a) informal action.....	4
(b) action under Public Health Act.....	Nil
(c) action under Housing Act.....	2
Number of houses on which Demolition Orders were made.....	5
Number of houses on which Closing Orders were made	1
Number of houses on which Informal Undertakings accepted..	3

Houses erected

Private.....	26
Council.....	12 39

Number of Improvement Grants made -

Improvement.....	68
Standard.....	56

8. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

96 inspections of food premises were made during the year.

Ice Cream premises registered under the Act.....30.

9. POULTRY PACKING STATIONS

Number of Poultry Processing Premises within the district - 4

Total number of birds processed during the year - 3,076,243

Percentage of birds condemned as unfit for human consumption - 4.8

Details of Poultry Killed and Rejected by Processors in the District.

	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Hens</u>	<u>Broilers</u> & <u>Capons</u>	<u>Turkeys</u>	<u>Geese</u>	<u>Ducks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	1,260,945	1,140,555	11,143	31,231	29,147	603,222	3,076,243
Reject- ed	126,352	221,087	56	270	12	93	148,670

10. WATER SUPPLY

Water Examination

Well Water: 10 Samples were taken from shallow wells, as a result of which 4 wells were closed to further use for human consumption.

4 Deep Bore samples were taken. The reports showed the water to be entirely satisfactory.

Mains Supply: Routine samples were taken in different parishes. All reports showed the finding to be excellent.

Well Water Cyanosis:

During the year the County Medical Officer notified cases of women due to be confined:-

- (a) No. of notifications received..... 4
- (b) No. not receiving mains water..... 1

This was investigated and as a result a sample was taken and submitted for a report on Nitrate Content and found to be satisfactory.

11. MILK DEALERS LICENCES

There are now eight licences issued by the County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963, enabling persons to sell pre-packed milk from an approved source in this district.

12. MILK SAMPLING

<u>Statutory</u>	- 28 samples taken.
<u>Chemical Analysis</u>	- 1 sample taken.
<u>Biologicals</u>	- 6 samples taken.
<u>Antibiotics & Brucella</u>	
<u>Abortis.</u>	- 15 samples taken.

In all cases the results were satisfactory.

13. FOOD INSPECTION

120 cattle were killed in the one licensed slaughter house during the year and 100% inspection of carcasses was carried out.

No carcasses were condemned which again shows the first class quality of meat handled.

The lower total kill figure is due to the fact that no slaughtering was carried out for two months due to staff shortage.

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year:-

- 60 lbs. Bovine liver - Abscess.
- 36 lbs. Bovine liver - Liver Fluke.

Plus an amount of frozen foods condemned following refrigerator failures.

14. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken under this Act.

15. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

No. of factories.....54
 No. of inspections made.....46
 No. of defects found..... -

16. CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

Action was taken as follows:-

Number of vehicles abandoned.....12
 Number removed by owner after
 service of notice..... 9
 Number removed by owner on
 informal request..... 3

17. RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. No. of properties in the district	5,281	1,341
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	285	39
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	249	39
(ii) Mice	36	-
3 (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	376	136
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	361	136
(ii) Mice	15	-

