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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1943

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To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Social Welfare Committee of the Herefordshire County Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report for 1943 on the County Health administration in Herefordshire.

In wartime the statistical tables can only be compiled with considerable difficulty as the abnormal movements of population introduce many complications.

The Birth rate for the County was higher than that for England and Wales, even after allowing for transferable births, *e.g.*, temporary evacuees.

The number of Maternity cases admitted to the Herefordshire General and County Council Hospitals has considerably increased, the number admitted to the County Council Hospital having increased by nearly 25 per cent. over the previous year.

Unfortunately the Respiratory Tuberculosis death rate increased and was as high as the rate for England and Wales.

The Dental scheme for Expectant and Nursing Mothers was in operation for the last eight months of the year and there is evidence that the patients will avail themselves of this service.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the various Committees which are responsible for the County Health Services for their encouraging interest and support.

The professional, technical and clerical staff have given good service to the Department.

S. W. SAVAGE, M.D., D.P.H.

December, 1944.

COUNTY STAFF

County Medical Officer of Health :

SIDNEY W. SAVAGE, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Deputy County Medical Officer :

I. F. MACKENZIE, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.

Clinical Tuberculosis Officer and Medical Superintendent, Nieuport Sanatorium :

T. V. R. PHILIP, M.B., D.P.H.

Medical Superintendent, County Council Hospital, Hereford :

W. OGILVY REID, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., F.R.C.S.

Assistant County Medical Officers of Health and Assistant School Medical Officers :

HUGH F. GREEN, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (serving with Forces).

WILLIAM HOGG, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

VIOLET L. HICKSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

MARIE E. POTTER, M.B., Ch.B. (part-time temporary appointment).

Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses :

MISS B. SHENTON, M.B.E., S.R.N., S.C.M.

Deputy Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses :

MISS W. BARLOW, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Health Visitors and Midwives :

The staff of 50 nurses carry out midwifery and Health Visitors' duties in addition to District Nursing. Three nurses are acting as Health Visitors only.

Teachers of the Blind :

MRS. E. M. ANGIER. MRS. E. PRITCHARD.

Laboratory Technicians :

S. W. HICKS.

MISS S. J. RANDLES.

(See note on Laboratory in Report.)

CLERICAL STAFF.

Clerical Staff normally consists of one Chief Clerk, one Senior Clerk and eight others, together with two clerks in the Area Medical Offices at Ross-on-Wye and Leominster. Of these, ten have joined H.M. Forces and temporary appointments have been made for the duration of the war.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

Bromyard U.D.C. ,, R.D.C. Kington U.D.C. ,, R.D.C. Leominster Borough Leominster and Wigmore R.D.C. Weobley R.D.C.	Dr. Hugh F. Green (serving with H.M. Forces). Dr. I. F. Mackenzie (Acting M.O.H.)
Dore & Bredwardine R.D.C. Ledbury U.D.C. Ledbury R.D.C. Ross-on-Wye U.D.C. Ross & Whitchurch R.D.C.	Dr. William Hogg.
Hereford City	Dr. E. Dunbar Townroe.
Hereford R.D.C.	Dr. R. Wood Power (serving with H.M. Forces). Dr. S. L. Corry (temporary part-time).

GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA 538,924 ACRES.

District	1940			1941			1942			1943		
	Live Births	*Deaths*	*Pop.*	*Live Births*	*Deaths*	*Pop.*	*Live Births*	*Deaths*	*Pop.*	*Live Births*	*Deaths*	*Pop.*
URBAN.												
Bromyard	29	33	1287	28	29	1215	21	20	1792	34	27	1730
Hereford City (M.B.) ..	427	424	28570	526	428	31590	585	396	29980	606	396	28890
Kington	35	30	1969	34	26	2074	32	24	2053	24	27	2029
Ledbury	48	66	3011	47	55	2719	61	49	3790	61	49	3622
Leominster (M.B.) ..	94	93	5871	112	99	6488	109	87	6160	105	90	5899
Ross	83	92	5262	76	99	5494	85	74	5245	101	60	5030
Total Urban Districts ..	716	738	45970	823	736	49580	893	650	49020	931	649	47200
RURAL.												
Bromyard	107	98	9272	127	98	8747	133	105	7860	143	81	7591
Dore and Bredwardine ..	129	105	7172	124	110	7864	151	90	7851	142	119	7656
Hereford	230	207	16070	234	199	17760	252	213	16860	275	181	16240
Kington	84	77	4888	70	72	5199	76	51	5412	82	53	5350
Ledbury	118	132	12840	141	131	11570	171	99	9490	153	108	9068
Leominster and Wigmore...	158	164	10610	156	158	11680	177	145	11130	181	147	10650
Ross and Whitchurch ..	182	192	12600	183	153	13520	193	148	12830	196	152	12180
Weobley	102	79	6288	95	75	6930	110	54	6747	102	83	6665
Total Rural Districts ..	1110	1054	79740	1130	996	83720	1263	905	78180	1274	924	75400
TOTAL	1826	1792	125710	1953	1732	132850	2156	1555	127200	2205*	1573	122600

ENGLAND AND WALES.

	1940	1941	1942	1943
Live Births	607,029	587,228	654,039	683,213
Deaths*	581,537	535,180	480,137	501,464
Population ..	41,460,000 approx. R.G. estimates.			

* Deaths including non-civilian deaths registered in this Country and those due to enemy action.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The County Council is responsible for the administration of the Midwives' Act, and the area administered covers the whole County.

The County Council is responsible for administering the Maternity and Child Welfare Sections of the Public Health Act and the administration covers the County with the exception of the City.

In the following pages the term "County" means the whole of the County, and the term "County M. & C.W. Area" means the County less the City.

The following is a summary of statistics relating to Maternity and Child Welfare Services :—

	1941		1942		1943	
	County M.C.W. Area	*County*	*County M.C.W. Area*	*County*	*County M.C.W. Area*	*County*
Population ..	101,260	132,850	97,220	127,200	93,710	122,600
Live Births :-						
Legitimate (M)	682	919	760	1029	761	1049
(F)	654	897	677	938	705	981
(T)	1336	1816	1437	1967	1466	2030
Illegitimate (M)	44	70	63	85	68	93
(F)	47	67	71	104	65	82
(T)	91	137	134	189	133	175
Total Live Births	1427	1953	1571	2156	1599	2205
Still Births :						
Legitimate (M)	34	50	24	34	18	26
(F)	22	30	30	40	24	38
(T)	56	80	54	74	42	64
Illegitimate (M)	5	5	3	5	4	8
(F)	2	3	3	7	4	4
(T)	7	8	6	12	8	12
Total Still Births..	63	88	60	86	50	76
No. of Infant Deaths ..	94	133	68	95	85	116
No. of Maternal Deaths ..	2	4	6	9	4	7
Due to Sepsis..	0	0	0	2	3	3
Due to other causes ..	2	4	6	7	1	4

	1940			1941			1942			1943		
	County M.C.W. Area	*County*	*Eng. & Wales*	*County M.C.W. Area*	*County*	*Eng. & Wales*	*County M.C.W. Area*	*County*	*Eng. & Wales*	*County M.C.W. Area*	*County*	*Eng. & Wales*
Live Birth Rate ..	14·4	14·5	14·6	14·1	14·8	14·2	16·2	16·9	15·8	17·0	17·98	16·5
Still Birth Rate ..	33·2	35·6	36	42·3	43·2	34	36·8	38·4	33	30·3	33·3	30
Illegitimacy Birth Rate ..	63·6	66·1	43	65·8	71·0	53	85·8	89·6	55	85·5	82·0	63
Infantile Mortality Rate..	55·0	58·5	56	65·9	68·1	59	43·3	44·1	49	53·1	52·6	49
Maternal Mortality Rate..	2·76	2·11	2·6	1·34	1·96	2·7	3·67	4·01	2·5	2·43	3·05	2·3
Crude Death Rate..	14·0	14·4	14·0	12·8	13	12·9	11·9	12·2	11·6	12·5	12·8	12·1

MIDWIVES.

At the end of 1943 the number of Midwives who had notified their intention to practice in the County was 117 and these were distributed as follows :—

1. DOMICILIARY—	(*a*) District Nurse Midwives ...	41
	(*b*) Village Nurse Midwives ...	25
	(*c*) Independent	14
	(*d*) Midwives living in adjacent Counties and taking occasional cases in Herefordshire	7
	(*e*) Practised in an Emergency ...	1
		88
2. INSTITUTIONS—	(*f*) Hospitals	14
	(*g*) P.A.Is.	11
	(*h*) Nursing Homes	3
	(*i*) Ante-Natal Hostel	1
		29
	Grand Total ...	117

SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES :

Routine Visits	119
Special Visits	35
"Medical Aid" requests by Midwives	640

NOTIFICATION FROM MIDWIVES :

Stillbirths	26
Last Offices	13
Suspected liability to be a source of infection ...	57
Artificial feeding of infants	47
Deaths of infants	10
Deaths of Mothers	0
Temporary suspension of Midwives due to liability of being a source of infection	57

Notification of Births in County Maternity and Child Welfare Area.

At Home	Live Births			Still Births			Confinements
	Single	*Twin pairs*	*Total*	*Single*	*Twin pairs*	*Total*	*Calculated from N.O.B.'s*
	1012	15 *pairs* 1 *baby*	1043	17	1 *baby*	18	1045
Public Assistance Institutions :							
Leominster	25	–	25	1	–	1	26
Ledbury	—	–	—	–	–	–	—
Ross-on-Wye ..	36	2	40	2	–	2	40
Bromyard	15	–	15	–	–	–	15
Kington	8	–	8	–	–	–	8
	84	2	88	3	–	3	89
Maternity Nursing Homes ..	44	1	46	1	–	1	46
Hospital	1	–	1	–	–	–	1
Grand Total	1141	18 pairs and 1 baby	1178	21	1 baby	22	1181

HOME HELPS.

On the 1st July, 1943, Home Helps were paid at the rate of £2 10s. 0d. per week; and a claim was made from the patient in accordance with her ability to pay.

During 1943, 11 whole-time Home Helps were approved and gave service for 14 days. All these Home Helps gave service after the 1st of July. There were no part-time Home Helps.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS' ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL SCHEME.

	County M. & C.W. Area.	
	Ante-Natal.	*Post-natal.*
Number of patients examined ...	512	286
Number of examinations	813	286

HOSPITALISATION OF MATERNITY CASES.

It is the policy of the County Council that Maternity cases for which they are responsible should as far as possible be attended by domiciliary midwives in their homes, but provision is made for the hospitalisation of cases considered to be complicated or cases whose homes are unsuitable for domiciliary midwifery. The number of cases admitted to the County Council Hospital and Herefordshire General Hospital are shown in the following tables. The number of cases admitted privately to the Herefordshire General Hospital are also shown.

HOSPITALISATION OF MATERNITY CASES.

	County Council Hospital				Herefordshire General Hospital			
	Normal		*Complicated*	Total	*Complicated*		*Normal or Complicated*	Total
	County	*City*	*County*		*County*	*City*	*Private*	
Cases where child was born in hospital* ..	136	189	93	418	40	17	160	217
Cases where child was not born in hospital† ..	6	8	7	21	1	–	–	1

* Multiple births only counted as one in this table: there were 10 pairs of twins, 6 from the County and 4 from the City.

† Cases admitted in pregnancy and subsequently having their baby in hospital are only shewn in the top column of this table.

Neither columns include cases admitted to the Herefordshire General Hospital for puerperal sepsis.

The term "normal" and "complicated" means the heading under which arrangements were made for admission. A certain number of cases booked as normal subsequently became complicated.

Ambulances when needed are arranged for the complicated cases.

COUNTY OBSTETRIC CONSULTANT.

Dr. William Ainslie and Mr. B. G. Scholefield (who acts as Deputy) are the County Obstetric Consultants. They have carried out the following consultations and operations during the last year.

	Hospital Consultation and Operations.			
	Hereford General.		*County Council Hospital.*	
Consultations under M. & C.W. ...	*Cæsarean Section.*	*Operative Interference.*	*Cæsarean Section.*	*Operative Interference.*
95	13	74	15	42

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

	County M. & C.W. Area.	*County.*
Notifications	10	51
Removed to Isolation Block at H.G.H.	6	6

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTION MATERNITY.

	Cases.	*Beds.*
Leominster	26	2
Ledbury	0	0
Ross	40	3
Bromyard	15	2
Kington	8	1
Total	89	8

MATERNITY HOMES.

	No. of Homes on Register, 31.12.43.	*Maternity Beds as at* 31.12.43.	*Births during* 1943.
Hereford City ...	1	2	28
Ross*	–	–	38
Leominster Rural ...	1	1	8

* Ceased on 22.11.43 to be a Maternity Home (with 3 beds).

DENTAL SCHEME FOR EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

This scheme commenced on April 1st, 1943, and the following table shows the number of patients who completed treatment before the 31st of December, 1943 :—

Expectant Mothers.		*Nursing Mothers.*	*Total.*
Doctors' Cases.	*Midwives' Cases.*		
0	11	18	29

CHILD WELFARE.

Babies are visited by the midwives for at least 14 days after they are born. At the end of the 14th day until the end of the first year they are visited at least once a month by the Health Visitor, who is usually the same Nurse as the Midwife.

If any abnormality is suspected by the Midwife, a general medical practitioner may be called in to the baby under the Medical Aid Scheme, up to the 28th day after the birth.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

	County M. & C.W. Area.	*County.*
Notifications	11	15
Cases admitted to Victoria Eye Hospital	11	15
No. of cases in which permanent damage to eyes occurred ...	—	—

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

The following table is of interest; it shows the infantile mortality rate in the County M. & C.W. Area, the whole County and England and Wales during the last six years. This table is calculated on Registrar General's figures.

Year	County			County M. & C.W. Area			*England & Wales Rate per* 1000 *Live Births*
	Live Births	*Deaths under* 1	*Rate per* 1000 *Live Births*	*Live Births*	*Deaths under* 1	*Rate per* 1,000 *Live Births*	
1938 ..	1633	70	43	1221	52	43	53
1939 ..	1676	71	42	1291	54	41	50
1940 ..	1826	107	58	1399	77	55	56
1941 ..	1953	133	69	1427	94	65	59
1942 ..	2156	95	44	1571	68	43	49
1943 ..	2205	116	53	1599	85	53	49

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION AND P.A. BOARDED OUT.

The County Health Department is responsible for carrying out certain duties under the Child Life Protection Section of the Public Health Act, 1936, in the County M. & C.W. Area. The Social Welfare Department board out children in the whole County and their homes are visited and supervised by the County Health Department.

The following table shows the number of foster mothers and children in the two schemes :—

	No. of Foster Mothers Approved during 1943	*No. of Foster Mothers on register at end of* 1943	*No. of children placed on register in* 1942	*No. of children on register at end of* 1942	*Notifications of deaths of children*	*First Visits*	*Subsequent Visits*
Child Life Protection ..	12	22	27	29	Nil	30	153
P.A. Boarded Out ..	2	15	2	17	Nil	2	60

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

There are nine centres in the County M. & C.W. Area, the attendances are as follows :—

	Under 1 year.		1—5 *years.*
Ross	686	...	224
Pontrilas	32	...	24
Kington	505	...	132
Dilwyn	34	...	56
Ledbury	213	...	182
Bromyard	304	...	354
Weobley	49	...	66
Colwall	207	...	120
Leominster	1130	...	493
	3,160	...	1,651
Grand Total ...		4,811.	

PRE-SCHOOL ORTHOPÆDIC CASES ADMITTED TO OSWESTRY

Diagnosis.	*Sex.*		*Age in years.*
Club Foot	M.	...	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Dislocation of L. Hip ...	F.	...	3
Underlapping Toes ...	F.	...	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Club Foot	M.	...	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Absence of Fibula ...	F.	...	2

COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.

This Hospital has a total of 476 beds and is available for general civilian and E.M.S. patients. There are special Departments for Tuberculosis, Maternity and V.D., about which further statistics are given in other parts of this report.

Mr. Ogilvy Reid, F.R.C.S., the Medical Superintendent, is also Specialist in charge of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the hospital, which is a Special Centre under the E.M.S. Scheme.

During 1943 the Hospital has continued to give good service to the public and the number of patients admitted from the County is continually increasing.

The following statistics are submitted :—

	Total	*Ministry*	*Non-Ministry*	*Maternity*
Patients admitted ...	2980	1660	909	411*
,, discharged.	2792	1659	711	422
Births	411	—	—	411
Deaths	176	3	173	—
Operations performed ... Major 415. Minor 354.	769	467	302	—
Total number of patient days	87,060			

* This figure differs from the 439 shewn under M. & C.W. returns, because it is a record of " cases admitted " during 1942, and is not a record of maternity cases which went into labour or were present in the hospital during 1943.

Number of Patients in Hospital on December 31st, 1943 :—

E.M.S.		*Civilian.*	
Military	89	City Maternity Cases ...	5
Other Classes	18	County Maternity Cases ...	6
Vacant Beds	229	Public Assistance Cases ...	6
		Medical and Surgical Public Health Cases ...	97
		Vacant Beds	26

The present Medical Staffing is as follows :—

Medical Superintendent.
One Senior Assistant Medical Officer.
Two Assistant Medical Officers.

Visiting Medical and Surgical personnel are available on a sessional basis.

The County Obstetric Consultant, the Clinical Tuberculosis Medical Officer, the Consulting Radiologist, and the V.D. Medical Officer also visit the Hospital.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Hospital is a preliminary and a full general training school for nurses.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following Tables show the incidence of the Disease in the County over the last five years :—

PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943			
	M.	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*
Pulmonary ..	40	38	2	80	43	39	8	90	53	38	3	94	47	39	8	94	62	58	19	139
Non-Pulmonary	10	11	14	35	9	5	32	46	14	15	26	55	5	20	17	42	7	12	25	44
Totals ..				115				136				149				136				183

NO. OF DEFINITE CASES ON CLINIC REGISTER

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943			
	M.	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*
Pulmonary ..	103	82	5	190	109	95	8	212	110	105	5	220	122	118	7	247	147	142	20	309
Non-Pulmonary	24	53	50	127	25	52	61	138	36	52	61	149	35	64	62	161	40	69	69	178
				317				350				369				408				487

DEATHS

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943			
	M.	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*	*M.*	*F.*	*C.*	*T.*
Pulmonary ..	33	19	—	52	29	24	4	57	29	19	3	51	17	21	2	40	38	26	2	66
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	4	5	3	6	14	4	3	7	14	4	1	6	11	2	3	10	15
Totals ..				56				71				65				51				81

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY

DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION

	Respiratory		*Non-Respiratory*		*Total*	
	County	*Eng. and Wales*	*County*	*Eng. and Wales*	*County*	*Eng. and Wales*
1940 ..	·453	·571	·111	·108	·56	·679
1941 ..	·383	·570	·105	·121	·48	·692
1942 ..	·314	·506	·086	·110	·4	·616
1943 ..	·538	·515	·122	·104	·66	·619

TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS

Clinic	*Days and Hours when open*	*New Cases.*	*Total Attend-ances.*
Hereford County Council Hospital	Three times a week—Wed. and Sat., 10–12.30 p.m.; Mon., 2.30–4.30 (City cases only) ..	387	1202
Leominster (Cottage Hospital) ..	First Friday in the month 2 p.m...	94	251
Ross* (2, Church Street)	Fourth Thursday in the month, 11 a.m.	81	266
Ledbury (Homend Lodge Cottage)	Second Tuesday in the month 2 p.m.	58	179
	Total	620	1898

* This Clinic closed on September 28th, 1944.

TUBERCULOSIS BEDS AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM AND COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL

The number of beds is as follows :—

Nieuport Sanatorium—Adults, 42. Children 28.
County Council Hospital—Adults 12. —

The Children's beds at Nieuport Sanatorium should not all be counted as Tuberculosis beds, as about 75 per cent. of the children are not notified as definite cases, being either suspects or debilitated children in need of supervision and fresh air.

Beds for tuberculous children are also made available at the County Council Hospital.

In March, 1943, ten single sleeping shelters were erected and equipped at the Sanatorium to ease the adult bed situation. This has served to reduce the waiting list.

The following tables shew the admissions and discharges of adult cases at Nieuport Sanatorium, and the Nightingale Ward of the County Council Hospital :—

	Non-Pul. Tubercle		*Adults Observation*		*T.B. –*		*T.B+.1*		*T.B.+2*		*T.B.+3*		*Total*		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	*T.*
ADMITTED TO Nieuport	—	—	1	—	14	9	2	—	15	11	17	11	49	31	80
T.B. Beds at County Council Hospital ..	2	10	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	14	9	5	17	37	54
DISCHARGED FROM Nieuport	—	—	1	—	12	9	1	2	14	11	15	4	43	26	69
T.B. Beds at County Council Hospital ..	2	6	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	9	3	2	11	24	35

During the year 13 cases were re-admitted to Nieuport, and 11 cases were re-admitted to the County Council Hospital.

Seven cases died at Nieuport Sanatorium and fourteen cases died at the County Council Hospital.

During the year one patient discharged himself from Nieuport against medical advice.

AGES OF PATIENTS ADMITTED

Ages	*Nieuport Sanatorium*		*County Council Hospital*	
	Males	*Females*	*Males*	*Females*
Under 16	1	— ..	1	—
16—20	7	4 ..	1	4
21—30	13	12 ..	3	12
31—40	16	10 ..	3	11
41—50	9	4 ..	5	4
51—60	2	1 ..	4	4
Over 60	1	— ..	—	2
	49	31 ..	17	37

Average length of stay of adult patients in Nieuport Sanatorium:

Male ... ... 161 days.

Female ... ... 175 days.

The number of patients in the Sanatorium on December 31st, 1943, was 69, compared with 59, December 31st, 1942.

GENERAL TREATMENT

This continues on orthodox lines. A certain amount of light work is done in the gardens and in the house by patients who are fit.

Recreational facilities, including the cinema, have been much appreciated; a Sanatorium Magazine is produced, and our thanks are due to all who have given time and substance to these activities. Religious Services have been held as usual.

SURGICAL TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

In addition to treatment on general sanatorium lines which fully retains its importance in all cases, the following special procedures have been carried out:—

	Male	*Female*	*Total*
Pneumothorax	11	15	26
Thoracoscopy with division of adhesions.	3	2	5
Thoracoscopy with adhesions found indivisible	–	3	3
Thoracoplasty	–	1	1
Phrenic Paralysis	2	5	7

Except for pneumothoraces, the operations were performed by the visiting Thoracic Surgeon, E. Wynne Edwards, Esq., F.R.C.S., at the County Council Hospital.

Statistical table of adult patients discharged from Nieuport Sanatorium in 1937, showing their condition in 1943, as far as it can be ascertained.

No.	Condition on Discharge	Dead		Alive		Cannot trace	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
4	T.B. –	—	—	3	75	1	25
10	T.B. + 1	1	10	5	50	4	40
16	T.B. + 2	9	56¼	5	31¼	2	12½
19	T.B. + 3	17	88	1	6	1	6
49	TOTAL	27	56	14	27¾	8	16¼
3	Obs. not definite T.B.	—	—	—	—	3	100
1	T.B. but not Pul.	—	—	—	—	1	100

The term " T.B. –."—in this table and in the table on page 18 means a case of pulmonary tuberculosis in whose sputum tubercle bacilli have not been detected.

CHILDREN AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM

Number of Beds - 28.

		Obs.	*Early Pul. Tub.*	*Non-Pul. Tub.*	*Total*
ADMITTED	Boys	23	5	5	33
	Girls	26	4	2	32
	Total ..	49	9	7	65
DISCHARGED	Boys	28	5	5	38
	Girls	21	3	3	27
	Total ..	49	8	8	65

The number of children notified as Tuberculous were 25 per cent. of the total. A number of others were possibly mildly infected without sufficiently definite evidence to justify notification.

No case considered to be infectious is admitted to the Children's Wing, where proper isolation would be very difficult. Fifty-eight children were tuberculin tested (Patch Test) at the Sanatorium. Fourteen, *i.e.* 24 per cent. gave a positive reaction indicating a previous infection by the tubercle bacillus.

The Ultra Violet and Radiant Heat Lamp has been of considerable service.

Dental treatment is carried out at the Sanatorium, and tonsils and adenoids are treated when required by temporary transfer to hospital.

The School continues to be of great service.

Despite war conditions, the majority of the patients have benefited from their stay in Sanatorium or Hospital, and have gained weight satisfactorily.

Unhappily, many cases deteriorate sooner or later after discharge, either because of adverse home or working conditions or from lack of perseverance in continuing to live on sanatorium lines. There is a great need for improvement as regards (1) Early diagnosis, (2) More effective treatment particularly of the intermediate case, (3) After care of all types of cases. Any improvement which has been effected by the first two measures can very easily be brought to nought by failure to cope with the third.

SHELTERS

At the end of 1943, 33 shelters were in use.

EXTRA NOURISHMENT

During 1943, grants for Extra Nourishment were made to 20 patients.

THE ROBERT JONES AND AGNES HUNT ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL, OSWESTRY

Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Cases treated during the year 1943.

	Admitted during 1943			*Admitted previous to 1943*		
	M.	*F.*	*Total*	*M.*	*F.*	*Total*
Under 16 :						
Tuberculosis of the Spine ..	—	1	1	2	—	2
Tuberculosis of knee	—	1	1	—	—	—
Over 16 :						
Tuberculosis of the Spine ..	6	4	10	3	2	5
Tuberculosis of knee ..	1	—	1	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Spine and Bones and Joints	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Spine and knee	—	—	—	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Hip-joint ..	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	7	7	14	7	3	10

DUDLEY ROAD HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM

Three Lupus cases were treated as out-patients at Birmingham.

A certain amount of intermediate treatment is given at the County Council Hospital and the Herefordshire General Hospital.

LABORATORY

The Laboratory continued under the direction of the Medical Research Council, with Dr. R. Ewart Jones in charge. It forms a unit of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service set up by the Ministry of Health on the outbreak of the war. One advantage of this is that the Director is regularly in touch with

other laboratories in the Service for consultation and for the exchange of information as to the existence of epidemics or cases of infectious disease in other parts of the country.

Close collaboration was maintained between the Laboratory and the Department, and with the District Medical Officers of Health, enabling early action to be taken on the occurrence of infectious disease. Members of the Laboratory Staff assisted the District Medical Officers in "field" investigations into two outbreaks of Scarlet Fever and one of Diphtheria.

The examination of pathological specimens from the County Council Hospital formed a considerable part of the work carried out during the year. The Pathologist was frequently in consultation with the Hospital Medical Staff. Numerous specimens continue to be received from other hospitals in the County.

A number of visits were paid to three Residential Nurseries in the course of a small survey of the hæmoglobin levels of the children. Some valuable information was thereby obtained, as a result of which appropriate treatment was given with good results to cases of iron-deficiency anæmia.

The number of specimens examined during the year was 13,957.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

The District Councils are the authorities for provision of this accommodation which is as follows :—

	Beds
City Council.	
Tupsley Fever Hospital	32
Tupsley Small Pox Hospital	4
Folly House Isolation Hospital (temporary) ...	30
Hereford Rural District Council (taking cases from the whole County with the exception of the City)—	
Stretton Sugwas Fever Hospital	43
Bromyard Small Pox Hospital	6
The County Council also administer Camp Meadow Hospital	12

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	Enteric		*Scarlet Fever*		*Whooping Cough*		*Diphtheria*		*Erysipelas*		*Measles*		*Pneumonia (acute)*		*Puerperal Pyrexia*		*Ophthalmia Neonatorum*		*Cerebral Spinal Meningitis*	
	Notf.	*Death*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.**	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*	*N.*	*D.*
URBAN DISTRICTS																				
Hereford City	–	–	89	–	64	–	35	1	10	–	322	–	23	19	44	–	6	–	1	–
Leominster	1	–	5	–	3	–	4	–	4	–	41	–	6	9	3	–	–	–	–	–
Ross-on-Wye	–	–	7	–	19	–	1	–	4	–	18	–	6	4	2	–	1	–	–	–
Ledbury	–	–	2	–	54	–	2	–	–	–	80	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kington	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	26	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bromyard	–	–	17	–	4	–	4	–	–	–	3	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
RURAL DISTRICTS																				
Hereford	1	–	42	–	32	1	6	–	–	–	100	1	7	5	2	–	4	–	–	–
Ross and Whitchurch	–	–	15	–	69	–	7	1	1	–	70	–	18	6	–	–	–	–	2	–
Leominster and Wigmore	1	–	33	–	56	–	–	–	3	–	100	–	22	9	1	–	–	–	–	–
Ledbury	–	–	41	–	75	–	12	1	–	–	251	1	1	4	–	1	2	–	–	–
Bromyard	–	–	18	–	2	1	1	–	1	–	26	1	9	1	2	1	–	–	–	–
Dore and Bredwardine	1	–	15	–	16	–	–	–	1	–	45	–	24	8	2	–	–	–	3	1
Kington	–	–	5	–	35	–	1	–	2	–	89	–	2	4	1	–	1	–	–	–
Weobley	–	–	10	–	18	–	2	–	–	–	60	–	11	5	–	–	3	–	1	–
Total—County	4	–	299	–	448	2	75	3	26	–	1231	3	131	80	57	2	17	–	8	1

* All forms of Pneumonia.

District (and Estimated Population)	No. of Deaths from Cancer (all forms)	SITE OF CANCER				
		Buccal Cavity & œsophagus (Male)	Uterus (Female)	Stomach and Duodenum	Breast	Other sites
Bromyard Urban. (1730)	2	–	–	1	–	1
Hereford M.B. (28890)	49	2	4	7	7	29
Kington Urban. (2029)	7	1	–	–	2	4
Ledbury Urban. (3622)	6	–	–	1	1	4
Leominster Urban. (5899)	14	1	1	1	1	10
Ross-on-Wye Urban. (5030)	11	–	–	1	–	10
Bromyard Rural. (7591)	14	1	1	5	1	6
Dore and Bredwardine Rural. (7656) ..	15	–	–	4	3	8
Hereford Rural. (16240)	24	2	3	1	2	16
Kington Rural. (5350)	11	–	1	1	1	8
Ledbury Rural. (9068)	12	1	–	3	1	7
Leominster and Wigmore Rural. (10650) ..	16	1	–	4	–	11
Ross and Whitchurch Rural. (12180) ..	27	1	4	6	2	14
Weobley Rural. (6665)	10	–	–	2	1	7
All Districts. (122600)	218	10	14	37	22	135

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS

RETURN FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

RECEIVED FROM THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH OF THE COUNTY DISTRICT COUNCILS.

County Area	District	I. No. of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's Area between 1st Jan. and 31st Dec., 1943.		II(*a*) Approx. estimated No. of children in the Authority's Area at 31/12/43.		II(*b*) Percentage of the child population shown under (*a*) considered to be immunised at 31/12/43.		III(*a*) No. of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified between 1/1/43 and 31/12/43.	III(*b*) No. of cases included in (*a*) in which the child is known to have completed the course of Immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset of the disease.	III(*c*) No. of deaths from diphtheria registered in the Authority's area between 1/1/43 and 31/12/43 of children under 15 years.	No. of deaths included in (*c*) in which the child is known to have completed the course of immunisation not less than 12 weeks before the onset of the disease.
		Under 5	*From 5 to 15*	*Under 5*	*From 5 to 15*	*Under 5*	*From 5 to 15*				
North	Bromyard Urban	26	60	160	251	81·25	96·41	2	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Bromyard Rural.	52	51	410	835	53·9	87·9	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Kington Urban	32	33	169	335	97.63	81.49	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Kington Rural	49	84	246	564	60·56	98·58	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

	Leominster Borough	36	19	409	703	75·55	99·43	3	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Leominster and Wigmore R.D.	84	80	488	1305	68·03	92·79	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Weobley Rural	45	36	329	607	56·23	83·03	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Ross Urban	75	130	739	1902	35·0	57·0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	Ross and Whitchurch Rural	101	78	986	2462	34·0	62·0	2	Nil.	1	Nil.
South	Ledbury Urban	41	16	243	632	62·0	72·0	1	1	Nil.	Nil.
	Ledbury Rural	75	84	795	1987	37·0	53·0	3	2	Nil.	Nil.
	Dore and Bredwardine Rural	66	40	619	1546	25·0	57·0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Hereford City ..		350	468	1874	3828	67.0	56.0	30	Nil.	1	Nil.
Hereford Rural ..		67	51	800	1600	46·6	83·2	3	1	1	Nil.

		1939 M.	F.	T.
1. Number of cases on 1st January under treatment or observation.	Syphilis	13	13	26
	Gonorrhœa	29	5	34
	Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	—	—	—
2. Number of cases removed from the register during any previous year which returned during the year under report for treatment or observation of the same infection.	Syphilis	1	—	1
	Gonorrhœa	3	5	8
3. Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report (exclusive of cases under Item 4).	Syphilis	6	9	15
	Gonorrhœa	27	12	39
	Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	8	13	21
4. Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report known to have received treatment for the same infection, or to have been under observation, at other Centres or Service Hospitals or by General Practitioners approved under Ministry of Health Circular 2226.	Syphilis	1	—	1
	Gonorrhœa	3	—	3
5. Number of cases discharged after completion of treatment and final tests of cure or after diagnosis as Non-Venereal.	Syphilis	—	1	1
	Gonorrhœa	10	6	16
	N.V.D.	8	13	21
6. Number of cases which ceased to attend before completion of treatment.	Syphilis	6	4	10
	Gonorrhœa	23	7	30
7. Number of cases which ceased to attend after completion of treatment but before final tests of cure.	Syphilis	—	—	—
	Gonorrhœa	11	3	14
8. Number of cases transferred to other Centres.	Syphilis	1	1	2
	Gonorrhœa	5	1	6
9. Number of cases remaining under treatment or observation on 31st December.	Syphilis	14	16	30
	Gonorrhœa	13	5	18
	Undiagnosed	—	—	—
10. Number of attendances :— (*a*) for individual attention of the Medical Officers	Syphilis	249	277	526
	Gonorrhœa	275	100	375
	Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	12	27	39
(*b*) for intermediate treatment, *e.g.* irrigation, dressing.	Syphilis	—	—	—
	Gonorrhœa	146	—	146
11. Inpatients :— (*a*) Total number of persons admitted for treatment during the year.	Syphilis	—	2	2
	Gonorrhœa	1	—	1
(*b*) Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of treatment given.	Syphilis	—	24	24
	Gonorrhœa	4	—	4

The figures shown include military cases which nearly
The total attendances (shown under Section 10) is 2,186, and
During the year 5 pregnant girls, suffering from Venereal Diseases, were sent to Cleveland

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC, HEREFORD.

WEDNESDAY, 1.30 P.M. AND 6.0 P.M. SATURDAY, 1.30 P.M.

1940			1941			1942			1943		
M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
14	16	30	18	11	29	37	18	55	32	24	56
13	5	18	8	10	18	40	13	53	16	16	32
—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	2	1	2	3
1	1	2	1	1	2	3	—	3	1	—	1
—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	2	3
5	8	13	10	8	18	6	15	21	7	14	21
12	17	29	38	25	63	23	46	69	22	20	42
7	12	19	26	20	46	71	35	106	42	66	108
9	5	14	78	3	81	68	2	70	53	1	54
14	3	17	161	—	161	60	1	61	64	3	67
									56	—	56*
1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1
11	7	18	32	8	40	25	21	46	45	13	58
7	11	18	26	19	45	70	35	105	82	64	146
8	14	22	4	5	9	11	8	19	8	9	17
11	7	18	5	6	11	21	15	36	9	10	19
—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	3	9	3	12	3	2	5	3	—	3
2	2	4	65	—	65	70	3	73	56	5	61
6	1	7	121	6	127	58	7	65	32	6	38
									7	—	7*
18	11	29	37	18	55	32	24	56	29	24	53
8	10	18	40	13	53	16	16	32	14	12	26
—	1	1	—	2	2	1	2	3	10	4	14
309	178	487	876	244	1120	791	401	1192	892	518	1410
114	149	263	760	193	953	371	322	693	423	75	498
11	23	34	29	30	59	118	65	183	161	132	293
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
42	28	70	49	37	86	18	100	118	35	194	229
									—	33	33*
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	6	—	2	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	83	—	83	87	—	87
—	—	—	—	—	—	44	43	87	—	92	92

Not V.D.

ways only attended for continuation treatment

is figure includes 37 attendance of cases from adjoining Counties.

House, Wolverhampton; these cases are not included in Section 11.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF HEREFORD.

Causes of Death.	Aggregate of Urban Districts.						Aggregate of Rural Districts.						Total Urban (all ages)	Total Rural (all ages)	Total County (all ages)
	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—			
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
2. Cerebrospinal Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	—	1	1
3. Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	—	2	2
5. Diphtheria..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	3
6. Tub. of Resp. sys.	..	..	..	19	13	2	..	..	1	16	11	3	34	31	65
7. Other Forms of T.B.	..	1	1	..	2	..	3	3	2	2	2	..	4	12	16
8. Syphilitic diseases	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	4	8
9. Influenza	1	..	..	2	4	10	1	..	..	2	5	27	17	35	52
10. Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	—	3	3
11. Ac. polio-myl. & polio-enceph.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
12. Ac. inf. enceph.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	1	—
13. Cancer of buc. cav. & oeseph. (M) uterus (F) ..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	7	8	9	15	24
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum ..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	..	1	7	18	11	26	37
15. Cancer of breast	..	..	..	1	3	7	..	..	..	..	7	4	11	11	22
16. Cancer of all other sites ..	..	..	..	1	22	35	..	..	..	3	24	50	58	77	135
17. Diabetes	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	5	4	5	9	14

18. Intracranial vascular lesions..	..	..	..	..	16	55	..	..	..	1	18	79	71	98	169
19. Heart Disease	..	..	..	..	22	121	..	1	..	4	27	200	143	232	375
20. Other dis. of circ. system. ..	..	..	..	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	2	24	12	26	38
21. Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	8	18	1	..	..	..	6	33	26	40	66
22. Pneumonia	5	3	1	2	7	20	7	6	..	4	7	18	38	42	80
23. Other resp. dis.	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	2	1	8	6	11	17
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	3	5	5	10
25. Diarrhœa under 2 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	—	8	8
26. Appendicitis	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	2	1	3	7	10
27. Other digve. dis.	1	..	..	1	5	7	3	..	..	1	6	11	14	21	35
28. Nephritis	..	..	..	8	9	20	1	..	..	2	13	22	37	38	75
29. Puer. & Post-abort. sepsis. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	—	2	2
30. Other maternal causes ..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	2	5
31. Prem. Births	16	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	16	16	32
32. Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	17	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	..	..	1	..	17	26	43
33. Suicide	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	4	4	3	6	11	17
34. Road Traffic acci.	..	2	1	2	2	1	..	..	1	3	3	1	8	8	16
35. Other violent causes ..	2	..	2	4	2	11	3	1	5	3	7	6	21	25	46
36. All other causes	2	2	3	5	15	42	5	2	2	7	15	46	69	77	146
37. All causes	44	8	9	53	152	383	72	17	16	65	182	572	649	924	1573

MENTAL DEFICIENCY

1. Certified Cases.

The cases certified and treated in institutions on 31st December, 1943, are as follows :—

	M.	*F.*
Ross Approved Public Assistance Institution...	21	20
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	11	14
Rampton State Institution	3	–
Moss Side State Institution	1	1
Hortham Colony, Bristol	2	1
Bodfan Mental Home, Caernarvon	1	–
All Saints' Special School, Hillingdon ...	–	1
Royal Earlswood Institution	1	–
The Home, Everton Terrace, Liverpool ...	–	1
Lisieux Hall Institution, Chorley	1	–
Guardianship		
Hengoed, Glamorgan	1	–
Licence		
Redmarley, Agricultural Hostel	3	–
	45	38

During the year 4 males and 1 female have been certified and removed to institutions.

WELFARE OF THE BLIND

	1943	1942	1941
Cases certified during the year ...	28	28	22
Transferred from other Counties ...	2	2	3
Transferred to other Counties	5	3	7
Cases de-certified	3	–	1
Deaths of Blind Persons	31	27	23
No. of Blind Persons on Register ...	282	291	289

DIAGNOSIS OF CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.

1943 Age Group	Access to Reg.		Cataract	Myopic error	Congenital	Arterio Sclerosis	Ulceration	Diabetes	Old Age	Retinitis	Atrophy	Glaucoma	Syphilis	Albinism
	Specialist	Gen Pract.												
1— 5 ..	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
21—40 ..	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
40—50 ..	2	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
50—65 ..	7	–	4	1	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65—70 ..	5	–	2	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	–
70 & over...	11	–	7	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–
Total ..	28	–	14	1	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	–	–
1942 1— 5 ..	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
21—40 ..	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
40—50 ..	2	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
50—65 ..	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
65—70 ..	2	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
70 & over..	14	5	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total ..	22	6	21	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	1

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Total Employed	32
Home Workers	6
Undergoing Industrial Training	2
Trained but Unemployed	4
No Training but Trainable	3
Unemployable	235

CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

In Schools for the Blind	4

UNDER SCHOOL AGE

Maintained at Home	3

OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED BLIND PERSONS

Agents, Collectors, etc.	1
Basket Workers	7
Brush Makers	–
Carpenters and Woodworkers	1
Clerks and Typists	2
Shop-keepers	1
Firewood Workers	1
Newsvendors	–
Labourers	2
Mat-makers	3
Poultry-keepers	3
Netting-makers	1
Gardeners	1
Coal Bag Makers	–
Miscellaneous	7
Factory Workers	2

UNEMPLOYABLE BLIND PERSONS IN HOME FOR BLIND AND INSTITUTION

Homes for the Blind	3
Public Assistance Institution	31
Mental Hospitals	13

There are six St. Dunstan's men in the County. They are under constant supervision by the St. Dunstan authorities. The cases are included in the above tables.