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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1944.

HEREFORD:
JAKEMANS LIMITED, CHURCH STREET,
1945

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 1944 on the County Health Administration in Herefordshire.

In the main, the report aims at concise statistical statements. Several detailed reports on policy affecting Tuberculosis, Venereal Disease, County Council Hospital, Child Welfare, etc., have been submitted separately to the appropriate Committees.

The Part B Midwifery training school was opened in 1944 and has made good progress. All the candidates sitting their final examinations after training in Hereford, have passed.

There is a further increase in the Birth Rate which is again higher than that for England and Wales.

The number of County Council Maternity Cases admitted to the Hereford Hospitals was 686 as compared with 635 in 1943.

The number of notified cases on the Tuberculosis register has increased.

The Infant Mortality rate shows a very sharp decline, though no conclusions with regard to permanent improvement should be made until the rate has been maintained at the lower level for at least 2 years.

There is great interest in an extension of piped water supplies in the County. In 1944 the County Council made a grant of £110 to the Ross and Whitchurch Rural District Council towards the cost of purchasing a supply at Harewood End. As the result of a conference of District Councils convened by the County Council, a private water engineer has been engaged to prepare a comprehensive report on the water resources of the County and the best methods of utilising them so as to afford a supply to all parts of the County.

The Observatory at Ross has supplied figures on rainfall during the last 6 years and these have been recorded in this report.

The Dental Scheme for Expectant and Nursing Mothers has been more widely used, and the patients are very satisfied with the treatment and the easy way in which it is arranged.

There were only two deaths from Diphtheria in the whole County, and neither of these children had been immunised; if they had been immunised it is almost certain that they would not have died from this disease which once took such a high toll of child lives.

Notes on the number of cases followed up under the 33B regulations have been included.

Statistics are given on the scheme for helping illegitimate babies and their mothers.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the various Committees 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.

November, 1945.

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. RANGLES.

(See note on Laboratory in Report.)

CLERICAL STAFF.

Clerical Staff normally consists of one Chief Clerk, one Senior Clerk and ten 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.

* Mr. Ogilvy Reid resigned in March, 1945, and Dr. Pat Brown was appointed Medical Superintendent.

** Miss Barlow resigned in June, 1945, and Miss Tombs was appointed Deputy Supervisor of Midwives and Superintendent of Nurses.

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).

<i>D.N.A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Almeley & Eardisley	Miss Daisy M. A. Goodday	S.C.M.	The Nurse's Cottage, Almeley	Eardisley 257.
Bishops Frome	Miss Marion Daniel	S.C.M.	The Firlands, Bishops Frome	Munderfield 13
Bodenham	Vacancy.		Crawshay Cottage, Bodenham	Bodenham 60
Brimfield	Miss E. M. Wood	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	The Haven, Brimfield	Brimfield 236
Bromyard I.	Miss S. Williams	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Bishell House, Linton Lane, Bromyard	Bromyard 127
Bromyard II.	Mrs. Powell-Tuck	S.C.M.	Rowden Mill House, Bromyard	Bromyard 69
Bromyard III.	Miss Edna Passey	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	1, Mount Pleasant, New Road, Bromyard	Bromyard 122
Colwall	Miss Ann E. Price	S.C.M.	White Cottage, Colwall	Colwall 285
Cradley	Miss Dorothy A. Boucher	S.C.M.	The Aylings, Cradley, Malvern	Ridgeway Cross 36
Croft	Miss Lilian M. Green	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	The Vicarage, Lucton	Yarpole 232.
Dilwyn	Miss May Norman	S.C.M.	Nurse's Cottage, Dilwyn	Weobley 43
Docklow	Miss Margaret M. Baldwin	S.C.M.	Rosemead, Pudleston, Leominster	Steens Bridge, 233
Fownhope	Miss Alma M. Park	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	2, Belle Vue, Bartestree	Bartestree 34
Holmer, Canon Pyon & Wellington	(1) Mrs. Daisy M. Howard (2) Miss Eunice M. Monkley	S.C.M.	Fairview, Canon Pyon	Canon Pyon 249
Kings Caple	Miss Bessie Sonley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	Laystone Villa, Marden	Sutton St.
Kingsland & Wigmore	(1) Miss Doris R. Laverty (2) Mrs. Dorothy Stevens	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Lower Penault Farm, Kings Caple. Street Court, Kingsland	Nicholas 27 Carcy 41 Eardisland 2
"		S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Nurses Cottage, Ludlow Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, Salop.	Brampton Bryan 236

<i>D.N.A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Kington	(1) Miss Rose Bertha Heigho	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	3, Hatton Gardens, Kington	Kington 79
"	(2) Miss Winifred K. Payne	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	3, Hatton Gardens, Kington	Kington 79
Ledbury	(1) Miss Winifred Bradley	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Casterbridge, Knapp Lane, Ledbury	Ledbury 184
"	(2) Miss Elfrida C. Williams	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Casterbridge, Knapp Lane, Ledbury.	Ledbury 184
Leintwardine Leominster	Vacancy. (1) Miss Phyllis E. Hicks	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	18, Church Street, Leominster	Leominster 172
"	(2) Miss Elsie Bradley	S.R.N., S.C.M. Health	12, Caswell Road, Leominster	Leominster 194
Llangrove Longtown and Michaelchurch	Miss Winifred M. Manford	S.C.M.	Larksgate, Llangrove, Ross-on-Wye	Llangarron 64
Lugwardine Madley	Mrs. Margaret M. Buck	S.R.N., S.C.M.	Rose Cottage, Longtown	(Messages)
Madley, Pontrilas II. Ocle Pychard	Miss Jane Park	S.R.N., S.C.M.	2, Belle Vue, Bartestree	Longtown 1
"	Vacancy.			Bartestree 34
"	Miss M. Aubrey	S.C.M.	"Hazelaine," Allensmoor.	
"	(1) Mrs. Edith J. Jones	S.C.M.	The Moorfields, Ocle Pychard	Burley Gate 237
"	(2) Miss Gladys E. Miles	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Hollington House, Felton, Preston Wynne.	Burley Gate 233
Pembridge	Miss M. E. Bartlett	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	East Street, Pembridge	Pembridge 42
Perrystone	Miss Marion Davies	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Crews Court, Upton Bishop	Upton Bishop 232
Peterchurch and Vowchurch	Miss Asplin	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	Jubilee Bungalow, Peterchurch	

<i>D.N.A.</i>	<i>Name of Nurse.</i>	<i>Qualifications.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Telephone No.</i>
Pontrilas	Miss Mabel Cooke	S.C.M.	Lion Row, Pontrilas	Pontrilas 202
Putley	Mrs. Gwen M. Jones	S.C.M.	Brick Cottage, Aylton, Ledbury	Trumpet 67
Ross	(1) Miss M. Price	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	25, Middleton Avenue, Ross-on-Wye	Ross 317
"	Vacancy.			
"	(3) Miss Annie B. Wake	S.C.M.	25, Middleton Avenue, Ross	Ross 317
"	(4) Miss M. Powell	S.C.M.	Hillcroft, Rycford, Ross	Lea 63
St. Weonards	Miss Annie Harris	S.C.M.	The Stores, Orcop	Wormelow 16
South Wye	Vacancy.			
Stoke Edith	Miss Jean Hay	S.C.M.	The Willows, Tarrington	Tarrington P.O. will take messages.
Upper Wyeside	(1) Miss Margaret F. Molony	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	Talymaes, Kings Acre Road, Hereford.	Hereford 3427
"	(2) Mrs. Frances M. Payne	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	Dawe Cottage, Moccas, Hereford	Moccas 49
Walford	Mrs. Annie E. Hill	S.R.N., S.C.M.	Nurse's Bungalow, Howle Hill, Coughton, Ross	Ross 314
Weobley	Mrs. Mary Macgregor	S.C.M.	Hereford Road, Weobley	Weobley 25
Whitney-on-Wye	Miss Doris E. Tate	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse, Health Visitors Certificate.	The Bage, Dorstone	
Wormelow	Miss Gertrude M. Smith	S.R.N., S.C.M., Queens Nurse.	Treviga, Much Birch	Wormelow 63

GENERAL STATISTICS.
AREA 538,024 ACRES.

DISTRICT.	1941			1942			1943			1944		
	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.	Live Births	Deaths	Pop.
URBAN												
Bromyard ...	28	29	1215	21	20	1792	34	27	1730	25	33	1667
Hereford City (M.B.)	526	428	31590	585	396	29980	606	396	28890	631	383	28600
Kington ...	34	26	2074	32	24	2053	24	27	2029	44	27	1893
Ledbury ...	47	55	2719	61	49	3790	61	49	3622	57	48	3448
Leominster (M.B.)	112	99	6488	109	87	6160	105	90	5899	120	71	5778
Ross ...	76	99	5494	85	74	5245	101	60	5030	100	88	4744
Total Urban Districts	823	736	49580	893	650	49020	931	649	47200	977	650	46130
RURAL.												
Bromyard ...	127	98	8747	133	105	7860	143	81	7591	144	88	7294
Dore & Bredwardine	124	110	7864	151	90	7851	142	119	7656	147	101	7401
Hereford ...	234	199	17760	252	213	16860	275	181	16240	253	195	16080
Kington ...	70	72	5199	76	51	5412	82	53	5350	96	69	5054
Ledbury ...	141	131	11570	171	99	9490	153	108	9068	173	90	8629
Leominster & Wigmore	156	158	11680	177	145	11130	181	147	10650	216	135	10440
Ross & Whitechurch	183	153	13520	193	148	12830	196	152	12180	229	165	11950
Weobley ...	95	75	6930	110	54	6747	102	83	6665	126	68	6422
Total Rural Districts	1130	996	83720	1263	905	78180	1274	924	75400	1384	911	73270
TOTAL ...	1953	1732	132850	2156	1555	127200	2205	1573	122600	2361	1561	119400

ENGLAND AND WALES.

	1941		1942		1943		1944	
Live Births	587,228	654,039	683,213	744,843	744,843	744,843	744,843	744,843
Deaths*	535,180	480,137	501,464	492,176	492,176	492,176	492,176	492,176
Population	41,460,000 approx. R.G. estimates.							

* Deaths including non-British 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 :—

	1942		1943		1944	
	County M.C.W. Area	County	County M.C.W. Area	County	County M.C.W. Area	County
Population ...	97,220	127,200	93,710	122,600	90,800	119,400
Live Births :						
Legitimate (M)	760	1029	761	1049	805	1088
(F)	677	938	705	981	763	1055
(T)	1437	1967	1466	2030	1568	2143
Illegitimate (M)	63	85	68	93	84	112
(F)	71	104	65	82	78	106
(T)	134	189	133	175	162	218
Total Live Births	1571	2156	1599	2205	1730	2361
Still Births :						
Legitimate (M)	24	34	18	26	19	29
(F)	30	40	24	38	12	18
(T)	54	74	42	64	31	47
Illegitimate (M)	3	5	4	8	1	2
(F)	3	7	4	4	2	2
(T)	6	12	8	12	3	4
Total Still Births	60	86	50	76	34	51
No. of Infant Deaths	68	95	85	116	67	93
No. of Maternal Deaths	6	9	4	7	1	5
Due to Sepsis	0	2	3	3	0	3
Due to other causes	6	7	1	4	1	2

	1941			1942			1943			1944		
	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 ...	14.1	14.8	14.2	16.2	16.9	15.8	17.0	17.98	16.5	19.05	19.77	17.6
Still Birth Rate ...	42.3	43.2	34	36.8	38.4	33	30.3	33.3	30	19.27	21.14	28
Illegitimacy Birth Rate ...	65.8	71.0	53	85.8	89.6	55	85.5	82.0	63	93.64	92.3	72
Infantile Mortality Rate ...	65.9	68.1	59	43.3	44.1	49	53.1	52.6	49	38.7	39.4	46
Maternal Mortality Rate ...	1.34	1.96	2.7	3.67	4.01	2.5	2.43	3.05	2.3	0.56	2.07	1.94
Crude Death Rate ...	12.8	13	12.9	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	12.97	13.07	11.6

MIDWIVES.

At the end of 1944 the number of Midwives who had notified their intention to practice in the County was 113 and these were distributed as follows :—

1. DOMICILIARY —	(a) District Nurse Midwives	.....	41
	(b) Village Nurse Midwives	.....	23
	(c) Independent	.....	15
	(d) Midwives living in adjacent Counties and taking occasional cases in Herefordshire	....	7
	(e) Practised in an Emergency	.....	2
			—
			88
			—
2. INSTITUTIONS—	(f) Hospitals	.....	13
	(g) P.A.Is.	.....	10
	(h) Nursing Homes	.....	1
	(i) Ante-Natal Hostel	.....	1
			—
			25
			—
	Grand Total	.....	113
			—

SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES :

Routine Visits	.....	101
Special Visits	.....	15
“Medical Aid” requests by Midwives	.....	634

NOTIFICATION FROM MIDWIVES :

Stillbirths	.....	18
Last Offices	.....	25
Suspected liability to be a source of infection	.....	37
Artificial feeding of infants	.....	48
Deaths of infants	.....	10
Deaths of Mothers	.....	0

Temporary suspension of Midwives due to liability of being a source of infection

.....	27
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On the 1st July, 1943, Home Helps were paid at the rate of £2 10s. od. per week, and a claim was made from the patient in accordance with her ability to pay.

During 1944, Home Helps were employed as follows :—

Number employed

whole time	1	1	1	1	16	2	1	1
Number of days of service	2½	9	11	12	14	15	22	33

In addition, two part-time Home Helps gave service for fourteen days each.

Rate of payment : £2 10s. od. per week, full-time.

£1 5s. od. per week, half-time.

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

	<i>County M. & C.W. Area.</i>	
	<i>Ante-Natal.</i>	<i>Post-Natal.</i>
Number of patients examined	726	420
Number of examinations	1140	420

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.

	COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.				<i>Total</i>	HEREFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Normal</i>		<i>Complicated</i>			<i>Complicated</i>	<i>Normal or Complicated</i>		
	<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>			<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>		Private
Cases where Child was born in Hospital* ...	210	182	86	8	486	28	13	161	202
Cases where Child was not born in Hospital† ..	8	3	12	—	23	1	0	1	2

*Multiple births only counted as one in this table.

†Cases admitted in pregnancy and subsequently having their baby in hospital are only shown 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.

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.

Consultations under M.&C.W.	HOSPITAL CONSULTATION AND OPERATIONS.			
	<i>Hereford General.</i>		<i>County Council Hospital.</i>	
	<i>Caesarean Section.</i>	<i>Operative Inter- ference.</i>	<i>Caesarean Section.</i>	<i>Operative Inter- ference.</i>
108	18	41	9	11

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

	<i>County M. & C.W. Area.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Notifications	17	63
Removed to Isolation Block at H.G.H.	8	8

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTION MATERNITY.

	<i>Cases.</i>	<i>Beds.</i>
Leominster	30	2
Ledbury	—	0
Ross	39	3
Bromyard	12	2
Kington	6	1
Total	87	8

MATERNITY HOMES.

	<i>No. of Homes on Register 31.12.44</i>	<i>Maternity Beds as at 31.12.44</i>	<i>Births during 1944.</i>
Hereford City	1	2	17
Leominster Rural	1	1	13

DENTAL SCHEME FOR EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

The following table shows the number of patients who completed treatment before the 31st of December, 1944.

<i>Expectant Mothers.</i>		<i>Nursing Mothers.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
<i>Doctors' Cases</i>	<i>Midwives' Cases.</i>		
*1943	0	11	29
1944	5	43	74

* Scheme commenced April 1st, 1943.

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.

	<i>County M. & C.W. Area.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Notifications	6	10
Cases admitted to Victoria Eye Hospital	4	8
No. of cases in which permanent damage to eyes occurred	0	0

One baby was notified as suffering from Ophthalmia Neonatorum but was finally diagnosed as Micro-Ophthalmus. It is blind and is not recorded in the above table.

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			<i>England & Wales Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>
	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Deaths under 1</i>	<i>Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Deaths under 1</i>	<i>Rate per 1000 Live Births</i>	
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
1944 ...	2361	93	39.4	1730	67	38.7	46

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 CARE OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN (CIRCULAR 2866) COUNTY M.C.W. AREA. 1/4/44 TO 31/12/44.

By whom referred	No. of Cases			Year of Birth					Sent by			Found to have V.D.	Sent to Min. of Health Training Home	Traced Putative Father	Affiliation Orders	Private agreements for payments	Married putative father	Married	Obtained layettes	Grants from			Foster Mothers		Baby died	Adoption arranged through Probation Officer	Referred to N.S.P.C.C.	Expectant Mothers	Mothers with baby	Work found for	
	Single	Married or Widows	Total	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	Vol. Training Home	P.A.I.									S.S.A.H.S.	W.L.A.	P.A.C.	Obtained	Refused						Obtained	Refused	Adopted through Probation Officer	Referred to N.S.P.C.C.	Expectant Mothers	Mothers with baby	Baby taken by Waifs and Strays Society
County Council Hospital	13	2	15	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...
County Nursing Supt.	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Nurse Health Visitors	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
County Cases from City A.N. Clinic	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Social Welfare Department	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Private Medical Practitioners	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
County Clergy	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Probation Officers	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Citizens Advice Bureau	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
N.C.U.M.C.	4	1	5	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
A.T.S.	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
W.A.A.F.	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	1	...	4	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
W.L.A.	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Moral Welfare workers in other areas	19	2	21	...	...	...	...	*2	11	9	4	...	2	1	3	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1
Others	5	...	5	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	...
TOTAL	72	10	82	1	1	1	4	50	26	10	3	5	6	16	3	6	2	2	5	2	2	4	1	6	4	2	4	6	5	1	
Registrar General Total Illegitimate Births	...	...	...	...	91	134	133	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Twins.

The Hereford Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work have for many years taken a great interest in the care of illegitimate babies and the training of the mothers of these children. In April, 1944, the County Council began a period of joint activity to carry on and extend the work.

The tables show the cases dealt with during the last nine months of 1944. The Registrar General's record of total number of illegitimate births are also recorded.

Miss Owen, the Diocesan Social Worker has been most helpful and a large amount of valuable work has been done.

THE CARE OF BLOOD-TYPED PATIENTS

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Race	Religion	Occupation	Address	City	State	Country	Blood Type		Remarks
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THE CARE OF BLOOD-TYPED PATIENTS

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

	<i>No. of Foster Mothers Approved during 1944</i>	<i>No. of Foster Mothers on register at end of 1944</i>	<i>No. of children placed on register in 1944</i>	<i>No. of children on register at end of 1944</i>	<i>Notifica-tions of deaths of children</i>	<i>First Visits</i>	<i>Subse-quent Visits</i>
Child Life Protection	11	22*	14	38	Nil.	16	109
P.A. Boarded Out	1	7	1	8	Nil.	1	32

*This includes the proprietress of one nursery school registered to receive 20 children. At the end of the year there were 16 children resident in the school.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

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

	<i>Under 1 year.</i>	<i>1—5 years.</i>
Ross	541	336
Pontrilas	62	32
Kington	166	147
Dilwyn	49	105
Ledbury	283	256
Bromyard	282	226
Weobley	83	58
Colwall	127	189
Leominster.....	1487	347
	<u>3080</u>	<u>1696</u>
Grand Total	4776	

PRE-SCHOOL ORTHOPAEDIC CASES ADMITTED TO OSWESTRY.

<i>Diagnosis.</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age in years.</i>
Poliomyelitis—leg	F	3
Poliomyelitis—legs	F	3
Deformed foot	M	1½
Club Foot	M	3 months

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 1944 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 :—

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Ministry.</i>	<i>Non-Ministry.</i>
Patients admitted	3097	1478	1179
„ discharged	3118	1580	1111
Deaths	207	4	203
Operations performed	954	452	502
Major 430			
Minor 524			
Total number of patient days	73920		

*Mr. Ogilvy Reid resigned in March, 1945, and Dr. Pat Brown was appointed Medical Superintendent.

The admission of Maternity cases and births in the hospital are not included in the above table and are shown on page 13.

Number of Patients in Hospital on December 31st, 1944 :—

<i>E.M.S.</i>		<i>Civilian.</i>	
Military	42	City Maternity Cases	4
Other Classes	11	County Maternity Cases	13
Vacant Beds	283	Public Assistance Cases	5
		Medical and Surgical	
		Public Health Cases	79
		Vacant Beds	39

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 shew the incidence of the Disease in the County over the last six years :—

PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS.

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943				1944			
	M	F	C	T	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	58	52	18	128
Non-Pulmonary	10	11	14	35	9	5	32	46	14	15	26	55	5	20	17	42	7	12	25	44	6	13	9	28
Totals	115				136				149				136				183				156			

NO. OF DEFINITE CASES ON CLINIC REGISTER

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943				1944			
	M	F	C	T	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	203	167	34	404
Non-Pulmonary	24	53	50	127	25	52	61	138	36	52	61	149	35	64	62	161	40	69	69	178	40	74	58	172
Totals	317				350				369				408				487				576			

DEATHS.

	1939				1940				1941				1942				1943				1944			
	M	F	C	T	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	20	27	3	50
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	4	5	3	6	14	4	3	7	14	4	1	6	11	2	3	10	15	4	7	5	15
Totals	56				71				65				51				81				66			

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY						
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.						
	<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Eng. and Wales</i>
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
1944...	.410	.485	.134	.098	.552	.583

TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS.

<i>Clinic.</i>	<i>Days and Hours when open.</i>	<i>New Cases</i>	<i>Total Attendances.</i>
Hereford County Council Hospital	Three times a week—Wed. and Sat., 10-12.30 p.m. ; Mon., 2.30-4.30 (City cases only).	507	1516
*Leominster & District Hospital.	First Friday in the month 2 p.m.	86	247
*Ross (2, Church Street).	Fourth Thursday in the month, 11 a.m.	72	214
Ledbury (Homend Lodge Cottage).	Second Tuesday in the month, 2 p.m.	82	250
	Total	747	2227

* These Clinics are now closed.

TUBERCULOSIS BEDS AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM AND COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.

The number of beds is :—

Nieuport Sanatorium—Adults 42. Children 28.

County Council Hospital—Adults 12.

As in other parts of the country institutional accommodation for tuberculous adults continues to be insufficient, and there is a shortage of nurses at the Sanatorium. Despite the latter deficiency (which threatens to be grave) and domestic difficulties, the majority of patients have benefited from their period of treatment. When fit they have helped with domestic tasks and gardening, according to their ability.

Of a total of 86 adults admitted to Nieuport Sanatorium, 14 were from H.M. Forces.

Eight patients died at Nieuport and 16 at the County Hospital. Three patients discharged themselves from Nieuport against advice.

TABLE OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES (ADULTS).

	Non-Pul. Tubercle		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	—	3	2	3	7	9	6	2	16	22	8	8	39	47	86
T.B. Beds at County Council Hospital ...	4	8	4	8	1	9	—	1	5	7	9	3	23	36	59
DISCHARGED FROM															
Nieuport	—	3	1	3	9	9	5	1	18	15	6	17	39	48	87
T.B. Beds at County Council Hospital ...	4	7	4	8	2	10	—	—	5	9	1	5	16	39	55

AGES OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

<i>Ages.</i>	NIEUPORT SANATORIUM.			COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITAL.		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Under 16	1	2	3	—	—	—
16-20	6	11	17	1	4	5
21-30	14	27	41	4	17	21
31-40	5	3	8	7	6	13
41-50	8	3	11	6	4	10
51-60	5	—	5	2	5	7
Over 60	—	1	1	3	—	3
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	39	47	86	23	36	59
	—	—	—	—	—	—

There is a notable preponderance of the 16-20 and 21-30 age groups, particularly female. Of late years the disease has fallen heavily on young women.

The Government Grant for Tuberculous cases leaving their employment to undertake treatment was received by 59 cases. While the allowances might with benefit be larger, they have been of value in softening the blow to patients who have had to give up work, and have tended to prevent their seeking employment prematurely after their spell of treatment. They have the virtue of not being associated with a family means test.

The Labour Exchanges are helping in the matter of finding suitable work for convalescent cases.

The average length of stay of adults was :—

Male, 139 days ; Female, 172 days.

The number of patients in the Sanatorium on December 31st, 1944, was 60, compared with 69 on December 31st, 1943. The smaller number was due to a temporary reduction in the number of children. The adult beds were fully occupied throughout the year and there was always a waiting list.

SPECIAL TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

ARTIFICIAL PNEUMOTHORAX.

During the year 19 Pneumothoraces were induced ; another 10 were attempted but induction was found impossible. 13 of the above 19 required division of adhesions and 1 phrenic interruption in order to render the pneumothorax satisfactory.

A survey of the 17 Pneumothorax cases induced in 1942 shows the following result at December, 1944, two years or more later. In 13 of the 17 cases the disease at time of induction was moderately advanced. In 7 cases the pneumothorax was supplemented by surgical treatment.

In good health	10
Lost sight of	1
Not in good health	6
Dead	—
	—
Total	17
	—

SURGICAL TREATMENT.

Between December, 1942, and December, 1944, the number of chest operations performed by E. Wynne Edwards, Esq., F.R.C.S., Visiting Thoracic Surgeon, was :—

Division of Adhesions in Pneumothorax Cases	24
Phrenicectomy in Pneumothorax cases or as a separate procedure	16
Thoracoplasty	2
	—
Total	42
	—

The object of these operations is to relax the diseased lung and allow the closure of cavities in cases where simple Sanatorium treatment with or without pneumothorax has failed ; an unclosed cavity being a constant potential source of danger to the patient and his associates, representing as it does a reservoir of tuberculous infection.

Success or failure of the actual operation, independent of other factors which may influence the progress of the patient, can be measured to some extent by the closure or otherwise of any cavities present and by the cessation or otherwise of infectious sputum. Statistical tables are appended showing results in this Department for the first year's operation cases.

By no means every case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis is suitable for operative action, the earliest cases often not requiring it and the very advanced being beyond its aid. Chest surgery is often

technically difficult and uncertain of result particularly in tuberculosis where it cannot by itself claim to deal with all the adverse tendencies of the disease, or guarantee a cure. Nevertheless, sufficient successes have been shown in world-wide statistics to give it a very favourable position in treatment compared with a policy of inaction.

RESULTS IN 16 HEREFORDSHIRE CASES ONE YEAR AFTER THEIR OPERATION.

The operations were performed between December, 1942, and December, 1943, and were as follows :—

Division of adhesions	8
Phrenicectomy	9
Thoracoplasty	1

—
Total 18 operations.

(Two of the cases had both adhesion division and phrenicectomy so the actual number of patients treated was 16.)

RESULTS AS REGARDS EVIDENCE OF CAVITY CLOSURE.

Successful	8
Partially or doubtfully successful	3
Unsuccessful	5
	—
Total	16 cases.
	—

RESULTS AS REGARDS SPUTUM CONVERSION FROM T.B. PRESENT TO T.B. ABSENT, OR CESSATION OF SPUTUM.

Successful	7
Not known	4
Unsuccessful	5
	—
Total	16 cases
	—

RESULTS AS REGARDS GENERAL CONDITION OF PATIENT.

Good	8
Fair	4
Poor	3
Dead	1
	—
Total	16 cases.
	—

FOOTNOTES TO STATISTICS.

Incomplete cavity closure should not be interpreted as due to lack of surgical skill, some cavities being very resistant to closure by any means. A persistent positive sputum may be from disease in the other lung.

All these cases were moderately advanced or advanced, and for them outlook without surgical intervention was either unfavourable or hopeless. It is estimated that without operation the great majority of them would by now be either not so well or dead. Their special condition at this time, May, 1945, a year and a half to two years and a half after operation is :—

Well	.....	.....	.....	8
Fairly well	.....	.....	.....	1
Not well	.....	.....	.....	5
Dead	.....	.....	.....	2
				—
				16
				—

The thoracoplasty case is well and doing light work. Most of the well cases are working.

CHILDREN AT NIEUPORT SANATORIUM.

Number of beds—28.

TABLE OF ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES.

		<i>Obs.</i>	<i>Early Pul. Tub.</i>	<i>Non- Pul. Tub.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
ADMITTED	Boys	22	4	1	27
	Girls	12	5	2	19
	Total	34	9	3	46
DISCHARGED	Boys	<i>Non. Tub.</i> 21	4	2	27
	Girls	21	5	1	27
	Total	42	9	3	54

The number of children notified as Tuberculous at discharge was 12 out of a total of 54.

Of 40 children tuberculin tested at the Sanatorium, 13 gave a positive reaction, i.e., approximately one-third in comparison with one-quarter in 1943. This increase was partly due to a more careful selection of children for admission, though it is also highly probable that the increase of Tuberculosis in the war years has

resulted in more children being infected. As many child contacts as possible are examined at the Clinics, and are admitted to Nieuport or hospital if their health requires it.

All children admitted to Nieuport gained weight, the average gain being $8\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

The school continues to be of great value.

SHELTERS.

At the end of 1944, 37 shelters were in use.

EXTRA NOURISHMENT.

During 1944, grants for Extra Nourishment were made to 17 patients.

THE ROBERT JONES AND AGNES HUNT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, OSWESTRY.

Diagnosis of Tuberculosis Cases treated during the year 1944.

	Admitted during 1944.			Admitted previous to 1944.		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Under 16 :						
Tuberculosis of the Spine ...	—	1	1	2	1	3
Tuberculosis of knee ...	—	—	—	—	1	1
Tuberculosis of hip joint ...	2	1	3	—	—	—
Over 16 :						
Tuberculosis of the Spine ..	2	4	6	5	4	9
Tuberculosis of knee ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Spine and knee ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
Tuberculosis of Hip-joint ...	—	4	4	—	—	—
Total ...	4	10	14	9	6	15

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY.

The Laboratory continued under the direction of the Medical Research Council, with Dr. R. Ewart Jones in charge. Its form a unit of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service set up by the Ministry of Health on the outbreak of 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 haemoglobin levels of the children. Some valuable information was thereby obtained as a result of which, appropriate treatment was of considerable benefit in cases of iron-deficiency anaemia.

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 :—

	<i>Beds</i>
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

**Now closed.*

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	Enteric		Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Diphtheria		Erysipelas		Measles		Pneumonia (acute)		Pneumoper Pyrexia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Cerebral Spinal Meningitis		
	Notif.	Death	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.*	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	
URBAN DISTRICTS																					
Hereford City...	—	—	70	—	5	—	39	—	4	—	12	—	20	16	46	3	†4	—	3	—	
Leominster ...	—	—	8	—	56	—	5	—	4	—	64	—	2	4	2	—	—	—	1	—	
Ross-on-Wye ...	—	—	2	—	1	—	3	—	2	—	14	—	3	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Ledbury	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	41	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Kington ...	—	—	1	—	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	
Bromyard ...	—	—	4	—	13	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
RURAL DISTRICTS																					
Hereford ...	—	—	23	1	20	1	6	—	3	—	14	1	11	12	4	—	—	—	3	—	
Ross and Whitchurch	1	—	8	—	12	—	9	1	—	—	36	—	3	5	2	—	1	—	—	—	
Leominster and Wigmore ..	—	—	18	—	69	1	4	1	6	—	101	—	10	8	2	—	1	—	—	—	
Ledbury ...	—	—	42	—	30	1	1	—	—	—	119	—	6	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	
Bromyard ...	—	—	33	—	24	—	15	—	1	—	4	—	16	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	
Dore and Bredwardine	—	—	21	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	10	—	5	3	1	—	2	—	1	—	
Kington ..	—	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Wcebley ..	1	—	14	—	9	—	—	—	1	—	41	—	8	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	
Total— County ...	2	—	249	1	265	4	86	2	25	—	461	1	93	72	63	3	*11	—	10	—	

*All forms of Pneumonia.

†This figures includes one baby notified as suffering from Ophthalmia Neonatorum but finally diagnosed as Micro-Ophthalmus.

DISTRICT (and Estimated Population)	No. of Deaths from Cancer (all forms)	SITE OF CANCER				Other sites
		Buccal Cavity & oesophagus (Male)	Uterus (Female)	Stomach and Duodenum	Breast	
Bromyard Urban. (1730)	8	—	1	1	2	4
Hereford M.B. (28890)	57	3	5	9	5	35
Kington Urban. (2029)	4	—	—	—	1	3
Ledbury Urban. (3622)	6	—	—	3	—	3
Leominster Urban. (5899)	14	—	—	2	1	11
Ross-on-Wye Urban. (5930)	9	1	2	—	1	5
Bromyard Rural. (7591)	18	—	1	3	3	11
Dore and Bredwardine Rural. (7656)	18	3	1	4	2	8
Hereford Rural. (16240)	30	1	1	5	4	19
Kington Rural. (5350)	11	—	1	2	—	8
Ledbury Rural. (9068)	13	1	2	1	2	7
Leominster and Wigmore Rural. (10650)	17	—	1	2	2	12
Ross and Whitchurch Rural. (12180)	17	2	—	3	2	10
Weobley Rural (6665)	8	—	—	1	3	4
All Districts. (122600)	230	11	15	36	28	140

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

Return for twelve months ending 31st December, 1944.

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., 1944		II(a) Approx. estimated No. of children in the Authority's Area at 31/12/44.		II(b) Percentage of the child population shown under (a) considered to be immunised at 31/12/44.		III(a) No. of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified between 1/1/44 and 31/12/44.		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 1/1/44 and 31/12/44 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	24	4	137	298	63.5	86.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Bromyard Rural	74	23	602	1289	35.2	57.1	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Kington Urban	19	1	162	329	72.8	96.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Kington Rural	34	4	432	916	35.4	58.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Leominster Borough	26	1	466	1092	31.1	50.6	4	—	1	—
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	39	14	840	1989	28.2	54.2	2	—	—	—
Weobley Rural	22	2	512	1042	33.0	52.3	—	—	—	—
Ross Urban	34	6	349	788	34.0	67.8	1	—	—	—
Ross & Whit- church Rural	179	119	974	2440	36.0	66.0	5	—	1	—
Ledbury Urban	65	16	254	652	62.6	71.5	1	—	—	—
Ledbury Rural	140	63	725	1813	48.0	60.0	—	—	—	—
Dore and Bredwardine Rural	107	23	602	1511	33.6	56.5	1	—	—	—
HEREFORD CITY	335	122	1993	3887	79.4	58.9	24	7	—	—
HEREFORD RURAL	102	42	800	1600	49.3	85.8	3	1	—	—

SOUTH

	1939		
	M.	F.	T.
1. Number of cases on 1st January under treatment or observation.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	13 5 —	13 3 —
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 Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	1 3 —	— 5 —
3. Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report (exclusive of cases under Item 4).	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	6 27 8	9 12 13
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 Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	1 3 —	— — —
5. Number of cases discharged after completion of treatment and final tests of cure or after diagnosis as non-Venereal.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea N.V.D.	— 10 8	1 6 13
6. Number of cases which ceased to attend before completion of treatment.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea	6 23	4 7
7. Number of cases which ceased to attend after completion of treatment but before final tests of cure.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea	— 11	— 3
8. Number of cases transferred to other Centres.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	1 5 —	1 1 —
9. Number of cases remaining under treatment or observation on 31st December.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	14 13 —	16 5 —
10. Number of attendances :— (a) for individual attention of the Medical Officers.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	249 275 12	277 100 27
(b) for intermediate treatment, <i>e.g.</i> , irrigation, dressing.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea Undiagnosed or N.V.D.	— 146 —	— — —
11. In-patients :— (a) Total number of persons admitted for treatment during the year.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea	— 1	2 —
(b) Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of treatment given.	Syphilis Gonorrhoea	— 4	24 —

The figures shown include military cases which only
The total attendances (shown under Section 10) is 2,265 and
During 1944 twelve patients received treatment from their General
No cases were admitted to

ENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC, HEREFORD.
WEDNESDAY, 1.30 P.M. AND 6.0 P.M. SATURDAY, 1.30 P.M.

1940			1941			1942			1943			1944		
M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
14	16	30	18	11	29	37	18	55	32	24	56	29	24	53
13	5	18	8	10	18	40	13	53	16	16	32	14	12	26
—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	2	1	2	3	10	4	14
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	16	33	49
12	17	29	38	25	63	23	46	69	22	20	42	24	50	74
7	12	19	26	20	46	71	35	106	42	66	108	52	89	141
9	5	14	78	3	81	68	2	70	53	1	54	36	6	42
14	3	17	161	—	161	60	1	61	64	3	67	28	1	29
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56	—	56	71	—	71
1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	1
11	7	18	32	8	40	25	21	46	45	13	58	32	31	63
7	11	18	26	19	45	70	35	105	82	64	146	121	83	204
8	14	22	4	5	9	11	8	19	8	9	17	3	3	6
11	7	18	5	6	11	21	15	36	9	10	19	—	5	5
—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	3	9	3	12	3	2	5	3	—	3	9	—	9
2	2	4	65	—	65	70	3	73	56	5	61	53	15	68
6	1	7	121	6	127	58	7	65	32	6	38	15	7	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	7	6	—	6
18	11	29	37	18	55	32	24	56	29	24	53	24	45	69
8	10	18	40	13	53	16	16	32	14	12	26	10	20	30
—	1	1	—	2	2	1	2	3	10	4	14	6	10	16
309	178	487	876	244	1120	791	401	1192	892	518	1410	728	771	1499
114	149	263	760	193	953	371	322	693	423	75	498	254	101	355
11	23	34	29	30	59	118	65	183	161	132	293	258	153	411
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
42	28	70	49	37	86	18	100	118	35	194	229	27	366	393
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	33	—	24	24
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	2	4	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	6	—	2	2	1	4	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	83	—	83	87	—	87	56	95	151
—	—	—	—	—	—	44	43	87	—	92	92	50	87	137

days only attended for continuation treatment.

s figure includes 167 attendances of cases from adjoining Counties.

practitioners by arrangement with the V.D. Clinic.

eveland House, Wolverhampton.

33B NOTIFICATIONS. 22/2/43 TO 31/12/44.
MEN—2. WOMEN—37.

33B Notifications	ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT.				FIRST ATTENDANCE			TREATMENT AT CLINIC.															
	Total Persons.	Transferred to other Authorities	Not yet fully contacted	Cannot trace	Traced	Refused to attend	Failed to attend after promising	Attended	Treatment not necessary	Not yet Diagnosed	S.	G.	Treatment begun but irregular attendances	S.	G.	Treatment begun but irregular attendances	S.	G.	Treatment completed	S.	G.	Treatment completed	
One	35	7	2	7	19	—	1	18	7	2	1	8	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Two	4	1	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	39	8	2	9	20	—	1	19	7	2	2	8	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

DEFAULTERS. OCT. 23RD TO 31/12/44.

S.	13	—	4	—	9	—	3	6	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
G.	10	—	4	—	6	—	1	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total	23	—	8	—	15	—	4	11	—	—	2	1	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

33b NOTIFICATIONS.

These notifications have been received since February, 1943. The table shows the numbers received and how far it has been possible to persuade the affected persons to attend the clinic. The table of defaulters only shows work relating to the last 9 weeks of 1944.

The work in connection with tracing 33B contacts was carried out at first by the County Health Visiting Staff. They did the work very well, but as we wished to extend the V.D. Social Service it was decided to appoint a Social Worker (who is also working for the Mental Hospital Committee). As the tables show, patients are persuaded to come to the clinic, and the work, although it only touches a

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AGGREGATE OF URBAN DISTRICTS.						AGGREGATE OF RURAL DISTRICTS.						Total Urban (all ages)	Total Rural (all ages)	Total Cnty. (all ages)
	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—	0—	1—	5—	15—	45—	65—			
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Cerebrospinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
4. Whooping Cough ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
5. Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
6. Tub. of Resp. sys. ...	—	1	—	15	4	—	—	—	—	16	12	—	—	30	50
7. Other Forms of T.B. ...	—	—	—	4	2	—	2	2	1	3	1	1	—	10	16
8. Syphilitic diseases ...	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	4	7
9. Influenza ...	—	1	—	1	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	25
10. Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
11. Ac. polio-myl. & polio-enceph.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Ac. inf. enceph. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Cancer of buc. cav. & oesoph. (M) uterus (F) ...	—	—	—	2	6	4	—	—	—	2	4	8	—	14	26
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum	—	—	—	2	5	8	—	—	—	1	5	15	—	21	36
15. Cancer of breast ...	—	—	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	8	10	—	18	28
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	—	—	1	2	22	36	—	—	—	2	30	47	—	79	140
17. Diabetes ...	—	—	—	1	1	7	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	12

18. Intracranial vascular lesions ...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	12	70	81	83	164
19. Heart Disease ...	--	--	5	31	123	--	--	--	--	2	35	222	159	259	418
20. Other dis. of circ. system ...	--	1	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	1	2	20	11	23	34
21. Bronchitis ...	1	--	--	4	23	3	--	--	--	1	3	33	28	40	68
22. Pneumonia ...	9	--	2	5	11	4	2	--	--	4	4	31	27	45	72
23. Other resp. dis. ...	--	--	1	4	1	--	--	--	--	3	4	10	6	17	23
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	--	--	--	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	4	6	5	10	15
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years ...	4	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	4	2	6
26. Appendicitis ...	--	--	2	2	--	--	1	2	--	--	--	1	4	4	8
27. Other digve. dis. ...	1	--	1	8	4	2	--	--	--	2	6	10	15	20	35
28. Nephritis ...	--	--	2	13	26	--	--	--	--	3	11	22	42	36	78
29. Puer. & Post-abort. sepsis ...	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	3
30. Other maternal causes ...	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	1	2
31. Prem. Births ...	9	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	16	25
32. Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	11	1	1	--	--	14	--	--	--	2	--	--	13	16	29
33. Suicide ...	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	--	1	7	2	3	10	13
34. Road Traffic acci. ...	--	1	1	2	2	--	--	--	--	2	5	1	6	11	17
35. Other violent causes ...	2	1	3	3	10	3	--	--	--	1	4	12	19	26	45
36. All other causes ...	4	1	7	10	43	3	--	--	--	6	18	62	67	91	158
37. All causes...	42	7	57	148	391	51	9	17	55	179	600	650	911	1561	

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.**I. Certified Cases.**

The cases certified and treated in institutions on 31st December, 1944, are as follows :—

	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Ross Approved Public Assistance Institution	22	19
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	11	14
Rampton State Institution	3	—
Moss Side State Institution	1	1
Hortham Colony, Bristol	3	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	1	—
	44	37

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

WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

	1944	1943	1942	1941
Cases certified during the year	25	28	28	22
Transferred from other Counties	8	2	2	3
Transferred to other Counties	5	5	3	7
Cases de-certified	2	3	—	1
Deaths of Blind Persons	31	31	27	23
No. of Blind Persons on Register	277	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	War Injuries	Optic Neuritis
	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	—	—	—	—
1944.																
1—5 ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—16 ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21—40 ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
40—50 ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
50—65 ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—70 ...	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
70 & over	16	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	25	—	16	—	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	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
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UNDER SCHOOL AGE

Maintained at Home	3
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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. Dunstons men in the County. They are under constant supervision by the St. Dunstan authorities. The cases are included in the above tables.

STATEMENT OF RAINFALL FOR SIX YEARS
1939 to 1944 inclusive.

TOTALS IN INCHES.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
JANUARY	5.67	2.80	4.20	2.41	6.35	2.11
FEBRUARY	1.39	2.21	3.19	.45	2.01	.51
MARCH ...	1.23	1.60	2.17	2.54	1.08	.22
APRIL ...	2.53	3.91	1.01	1.68	.63	1.20
MAY ..	.71	2.19	1.83	3.63	3.37	.73
JUNE ...	1.61	.63	2.26	.12	1.17	1.67
JULY ...	3.95	2.87	2.27	1.05	1.31	1.56
AUGUST ...	1.96	.26	3.31	4.11	2.08	2.21
SEPTEMBER	.57	.71	1.24	1.37	3.35	2.49
OCTOBER..	2.35	4.21	1.89	1.52	1.95	3.39
NOVEMBER	4.23	6.23	2.72	1.03	1.67	4.04
DECEMBER	1.44	1.32	1.78	4.03	1.63	2.07
YEAR	27.64	28.94	27.87	23.94	26.60	22.20

NOTES.—1944 was driest year since 1921. The **eleven months** period Oct., 1943—August, 1944, inclusive, had only 15.46 inches of rain. Only one other eleven month period has had less rain, viz., February to December (inclusive), 1921 with 13.30 inches.

January, 1943, set up a new record for rainfall, being the wettest January on record. Combined rainfall of August and September, 1940, is the lowest on record for those two months, that is only .97 inch. August rainfall, 1940, lowest but one in our record.