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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
YEAR 1942.

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

In presenting my annual report for the year 1942 I have complied with the instructions laid down in Circular 2773 of the Ministry of Health dated 10th March, 1943.

There have been no changes in the general provisions of health services for the area. The legislation in force in the area has remained the same.

There have been no marked changes or developments in the sanitary circumstances of the area during the year. For details see Sanitary Inspectors' reports. The water supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality during the year.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1942 - 339 children were immunised against diphtheria, of these 174 were children under five years of age, and 165 were children aged between five and fifteen years. I estimate that between 70 and 80 per cent of children in the Holmfirth district have now been immunised against diphtheria. This prophylactic treatment is offered by the Government free of charge to all children. In order to take advantage of it all the parents have to do is to take their child to their own doctor or to the Medical Officer of Health.

APPENDIX 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Area                            | 17,565 acres. |
| Rateable Value                  | £89,815       |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate | £359          |

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

| LIVE BIRTHS   | <u>TOTAL.</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Birth rate per<br/>1,000 population.</u>  |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Holmfirth     | 255           | 126       | 129       | 14.09  |
|               | ( 246         | 121       | 125       | 13.59 legitimate                             |
|               | ( 9           | 5         | 4         | 0.49 illegitimate                            |
| STILL BIRTHS  |               |           |           | <u>Rate per 1,000 population</u>             |
| Holmfirth     | 18            | 11        | 7         | 0.99   |
|               | ( 17          | 11        | 6         | 0.93 legitimate                              |
|               | ( 1           | 0         | 1         | 0.05 illegitimate                            |
| <u>DEATHS</u> |               |           |           | <u>Crude death<br/>rate per 1,000 pop'n.</u> |
| Holmfirth     | 233           | 115       | 118       | 12.88  |

|                                      | <u>Deaths.</u> | <u>Rate per<br/>1,000 births.</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Deaths from Puerperal Causes:</u> |                |                                   |
| From Puerperal Sepsis                | 0              | 0                                 |
| From other Puerperal causes          | 1              | 3.6                               |

Death rate of Infants under one year.

|              | <u>TOTAL.</u> | <u>MALE.</u> | <u>FEMALE.</u> | Legitimate<br>infants<br>per 1,000<br>legitimate<br>live births. | Illegitimate<br>infants<br>per 1,000<br>illegitimate<br>live births. |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|
| Legitimate   | 12            | 7            | 5              |  |  |
| Illegitimate | 1             | 1            | 0              |  |  |

Total  
Death Rate.

|           |       |       |        |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Holmfirth | 47.05 | 44.71 | 111.11 |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|

HOLMFIRTH. (composite figures for whole year)

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Deaths from Measles (all ages)                  | 0  |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)           | 0  |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2<br>years of age) | 2  |
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages)                   | 43 |



SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

HOLMFIRTH AREA.

To the Chairman and members  
of the Holmfirth U.D.C.

Gentlemen,

I herewith furnish statement of the sanitary work done,  
coming under my notice and supervision during 1942.

Dairies and Cowsheds Regulations. 1942.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of inspections made during 1942 | 210 |
| Number of cowsheds registered          | 84  |

Nuisances.

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of inspections during 1942    | 484 |
| " reported during 1942.              | 23  |
| " in hand at close of 1941.          | 1   |
| " needing abatement                  | 24  |
| " abated during 1942                 | 23  |
| " outstanding at close of 1942       | 1   |
| " of informal notices served         | 22  |
| " of statutory notices served        | 1   |
| " of statutory notices complied with | 1   |

Sewerage and Drainage - Development during 1942.

No specific development of sewers or drains during 1942.

Closet Accommodation.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| No. of pail closets in district at close of 1942       | 56   |
| " privies with covered middens                         | 877  |
| " additional pail closets provided in 1942             | -    |
| " privies converted into water closets in 1942         | 2    |
| " additional water closets provided to<br>old property | 3    |
| " additional water closets provided to new property    | -    |
| " Water Closets in district at the end of 1942         | 1894 |

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the  
Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee, and the  
Chairman and members of the Evacuation Committee, and all officials  
of the Council for their valuable assistance.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant

*Sam Bray*

Sanitary Inspector and  
Billeting Officer.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in submitting for consideration my annual report upon the sanitary and cleansing section of the district for the year 1942.

A summary of inspections are as follows:-

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| No. of inspections for nuisances | 450 |
| " houses                         | 51  |
| cowsheds                         | 235 |
| meat & other foods               | 202 |
| workshops                        | 12  |
| factories                        | 38  |
| bakehouses                       | 15  |
| Houses and schools disinfected   | 24  |
| Informal notices served          | 74  |
| " " complied with                | 74  |
| Statutory notices served         | Nil |
| " " complied with                | Nil |

#### FARMS AND COWSHEDS.

One more licence has been granted for the production of accredited milk, which brings the total now to eleven, and 1 tuberculin tested herd in the New Mill and Honley areas. Other cows and cowsheds have had regular inspections and are found to be in a clean and sanitary condition.

#### MEAT INSPECTIONS.

The bulk of the meat supply is sent from Huddersfield and distributed locally. All pigs killed on licence are inspected as notified.

#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Four W.C.s have been installed to replace defective privies for houses in the district, and six additional W.C.s for factories.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

The four vehicles engaged on scavenging have done very good work although there have been slight delays caused by the difficulty of replacements of spare parts. All the vehicles have now been working from five to ten years on scavenging, which includes the cleansing of ashpits, privy middens, dustbins, pail closets, together with a certain amount of trade refuse. The approximate amount of refuse disposed of during the last twelve months is as follows:-

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
|  | <u>Tons.</u> |
| Refuse disposed of at Berry Banks tip                  | 2,487        |
| Refuse disposed of at Honley destructor                | 1,304        |
| Refuse disposed of at Syke Bottom and Foster Place tip | 1,106        |

Revenue from the sales of salvaged materials:-

from March 31st, 1942 to March 31st, 1943, as follows:-

|             | <u>T. C. Q.</u>  | <u>£. s. d.</u>     |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Newspaper   | 8.11. 0          | 87.15. 6            |
| Waste paper | 157. 5. 2        | 1,022.14. 2         |
| Metals      | 19. 0. 2         | 76.19. 6            |
| Tins        | 57. 2. 2         | 82. 3. 1            |
| Textiles    | 12.16. 3         | 209.15.11           |
| Bottles     | 19. 0            | 6.11. 6             |
| Bones       | 3.10. 2          | 14. 4.10            |
| Rubber      | 3.18. 0          | 11.14. 0            |
|             | <u>263. 3. 3</u> | <u>£1,511.18. 6</u> |

In conclusion I would like to extend my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health & Housing and Salvage Committees, and to all the officials of the Council who have given assistance in the work which has been carried out.

I am, Your obedient servant,  
IRVIN HAIGH.



## PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

### Non-Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

Influenza was prevalent during the winter months throughout the district. There were five deaths from this disease. There was a wide-spread epidemic of mumps during the spring quarter.

### Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

346 cases of notifiable infectious disease were notified to me during 1942, compared with 234 in 1941. Excluding cases notified under the Measles and Whooping Cough Regulations 1939, there were 54 cases of other infectious disease compared with 82 in 1941 and 48 in 1939. These were comprised as follows:-

|           |    |               |    |                |     |
|-----------|----|---------------|----|----------------|-----|
| Pneumonia | 12 | Scarlet Fever | 35 | Erysipelas     | 1   |
| Puerperal |    | Dysentery     | 1  | Measles        | 186 |
| Pyrexia   | 1  | Diphtheria    | 4  | Whooping Cough | 106 |

### Scarlet Fever.

35 cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year. All were isolated in hospital and there were no deaths from this disease. These cases were scattered throughout the district, there being 10 from Holmbridge, 14 from Holmfirth, 6 from New Mill and 2 from Honley.

### Diphtheria.

Four cases of diphtheria were notified during the year. All these were treated in hospital and all recovered. One of the cases was in a child under school age, two children and one an adult. Only one of these cases had been immunised against diphtheria.

### Dysentery.

One case of dysentery occurred in the district. This was an airman on leave who had contracted the disease before coming into the district.

### Whooping Cough.

106 cases of whooping cough were notified during the year, mostly during the last quarter. 27 of these were in the old Holmfirth district and 79 from New Mill.

### Measles.

186 cases were notified from May onwards throughout the summer, 85 of them in the old Holmfirth district, 59 from Honley, 10 from New Mill and 32 from Holme.

### Pneumonia.

12 cases of pneumonia were notified during the year, of which 4 died.

### Puerperal Pyrexia.

One case of puerperal pyrexia was notified during the year. This case was a mild one, and was removed to the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

### Tuberculosis.

Four fresh cases of pulmonary and thirteen cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified during the year. There have been nine deaths from this disease, six from pulmonary and three from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

# HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the Year 1942.

| <u>DISEASE</u>    | Total cases notified. | Under 1 year. | 1 to 2 years | 2 to 3 | 3 to 4 | 4 to 5 | 5 to 10 | 10 to 15 | 15 to 20 | 20 to 35 | 35 to 45 | 45 to 65 | Over 65 years | Cases admitted to Hospt. | TOTAL DEATHS. |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Scarlet Fever     | 35                    | 0             | 1            | 2      | 2      | 8      | 17      | 2        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 35                       | 0             |
| Diphtheria        | 4                     | 0             | 0            | 0      | 0      | 1      | 2       | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 4                        | 0             |
| Pneumonia         | 12                    | 0             | 0            | 1      | 0      | 0      | 1       | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 5        | 3             | 0                        | 4             |
| Erysipelas        | 1                     | 0             | 0            | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1             | 1                        | 0             |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1                     | 0             | 0            | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 1                        | 0             |
| Dysentery         | 1                     | 0             | 0            | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 0                        | 0             |
| Measles           | 186                   | 2             | 11           | 9      | 23     | 27     | 101     | 7        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 0                        | 0             |
| Whooping Cough    | 106                   | 8             | 12           | 14     | 7      | 15     | 48      | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0             | 0                        | 0             |
|                   | 346                   | 10            | 24           | 26     | 37     | 51     | 169     | 11       | 3        | 5        | 0        | 6        | 4             | 40                       | 4             |

Hospital for the treatment of Infectious Diseases -  
The Colne and Holme Joint Isolation Hospital at Meltham.



HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT.

TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Periods.   | NEW CASES. |    |                |    | DEATHS.   |    |                |    |
|----------------|------------|----|----------------|----|-----------|----|----------------|----|
|                | PULMONARY  |    | Non-Pulmonary. |    | PULMONARY |    | Non-Pulmonary. |    |
|                | M.         | F. | M.             | F. | M.        | F. | M.             | F. |
| Under 1 year   | ..         | .. | ..             | .. | ..        | .. | ..             | .. |
| 1 to 5 years   | ..         | .. | 2              | 1  | ..        | .. | 1              | .. |
| 5 to 10 years  | ..         | .. | 1              | 1  | ..        | .. | ..             | .. |
| 10 to 15 years | ..         | .. | 1              | .. | ..        | .. | ..             | .. |
| 15 to 20 years | 1          | 1  | 1              | 1  | 1         | 1  | ..             | .. |
| 20 to 25 years | ..         | .. | 1              | .. | 1         | .. | ..             | .. |
| 25 to 35 years | ..         | 1  | ..             | .. | ..        | .. | ..             | .. |
| 35 to 45 years | 1          | .. | ..             | .. | 1         | .. | 1              | .. |
| 45 to 55 years | ..         | .. | ..             | 2  | 1         | .. | ..             | .. |
| 55 to 65 years | ..         | .. | 1              | .. | ..        | 1  | 1              | .. |
| Over 65 years  | ..         | .. | ..             | 1  | ..        | .. | ..             | .. |
| TOTALS         | 2          | 2  | 7              | 6  | 4         | 2  | 3              | 0  |



## APPENDIX II.

### Statistics provided by the Registrar General.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

|      | No. of<br>Births. | Birth<br>Rate per<br>1,000. | No. of<br>Deaths. | Crude<br>Death Rate<br>per 1,000. | Deaths<br>under<br>1 year. | Rate per<br>1,000<br>births. |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1938 | 235               | 12.45                       | 264               | 13.99                             | 13                         | 55.31                        |
| 1939 | 209               | 11.09                       | 259               | 13.70                             | 9                          | 43.06                        |
| 1940 | 227               | 12.12                       | 271               | 14.47                             | 8                          | 35.24                        |
| 1941 | 208               | 10.97                       | 245               | 12.92                             | 10                         | 47.39                        |
| 1942 | 255               | 14.09                       | 233               | 12.88                             | 12                         | 47.05                        |

#### BIRTHS.

255 births have been registered during the year, of which 126 were males and 129 females. Nine of these births were illegitimate, 5 males and 4 females. The birth rate is 14.09 per thousand persons, compared with a birth rate of 15.8 for the whole of England and Wales. There were eighteen still births of which eleven were males and seven females registered, during the year. One of these females was illegitimate. This gives a still birth rate per thousand persons of 0.99 compared with a still birth rate of 0.54 for England and Wales. This is the first time for many years that the birth rate has exceeded the death rate.

#### INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 12 deaths amongst infants under one year of age, of which seven were males and 5 females. One of these females was illegitimate. The causes of death were premature birth 4, congenital malformation 5, infantile diarrhoea 2, bronchopneumonia 1. The infant mortality rate is 47.05 compared with an infant mortality rate of 49 for England and Wales.

#### DEATHS.

During the year 344 deaths were registered in the district. 111 of these deaths were persons belonging to other districts and were transferred out of the district for burial; 35 deaths also occurred amongst persons outside the district belonging to the district and these were transferred back into this district. This gives a nett total of 233 deaths for the district. 115 of these were males and 118 females. The crude death rate is 12.88 per thousand persons, compared with a death rate of 11.6 for England and Wales.

#### Places of Death.

64 of the nett total of 233 deaths occurred in public institutions.

#### Ages at Death.

Of the nett total of two hundred and forty-five deaths, one was a person over the age of ninety years, 131 were of persons over the age of 65 years and 57 were persons aged between 45 and 65 years.

#### Causes of Death.

The chief causes of death were heart disease 62, cerebral vascular disease 39, cancer 43, influenza 8, bronchitis 11, tuberculosis 9.

#### Maternal Mortality.

There was one death from puerperal causes other than puerperal infection during the year. This gives a maternal mortality rate of 3.6 per thousand (live and still births), compared with a maternal mortality rate of 2.01 for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH in 1942.

The Registrar General's list of causes of death is as stated below:-

| Causes of Death.                           | M.  | F.  |
|--|-----|-----|
| Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers            | -   | -   |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever                       | -   | -   |
| Scarlet Fever                              | -   | -   |
| Whooping Cough                             | -   | -   |
| Diphtheria                                 | -   | -   |
| Tuberculosis of the respiratory system     | 4   | 2   |
| Other forms of tuberculosis                | 2   | 1   |
| Syphilitic diseases                        | 1   | -   |
| Influenza                                  | 3   | 2   |
| Measles                                    | -   | -   |
| Ac:Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis   | -   | -   |
| Ac:Inf:Encephalitis                        | -   | 1   |
| Cancer of Bucc: Cav: and oesophagus (M)    | 1   | -   |
| uterus (F)                                 | -   | 2   |
| Cancer of stomach and duodenum             | 3   | 2   |
| Cancer of breast                           | -   | 4   |
| Cancer of all other sites                  | 17  | 14  |
| Diabetes                                   | -   | -   |
| Intra-cranial vascular lesions             | 17  | 22  |
| Heart disease                              | 30  | 32  |
| Other circulatory diseases                 | 3   | 1   |
| Bronchitis                                 | 6   | 5   |
| Pneumonia                                  | 3   | 1   |
| Other respiratory diseases                 | 2   | 2   |
| Ulcer of stomach or duodenum               | 1   | -   |
| Diarrhoea, under 2 years                   | 2   | -   |
| Appendicitis                               | 1   | -   |
| Other digestive diseases                   | -   | 3   |
| Nephritis                                  | 2   | 2   |
| Puerperal and postabortion sepsis          | -   | -   |
| Other maternal causes                      | -   | 1   |
| Premature birth                            | 1   | 3   |
| Congenital malformation and birth injuries | 2   | 3   |
| Suicide                                    | 1   | -   |
| Road Traffic accidents                     | 1   | -   |
| Other violent causes                       | 3   | 1   |
| All other causes                           | 9   | 14  |
| All causes                                 | 115 | 118 |

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

T. S. DAVY, M.B.

Medical Officer, of Health.



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