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URBAN DISTRICT OF HOLMFIRTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE


MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

P. M. SAMMON

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

FOR THE YEAR

1968



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To the Chairman and Members of the
Holmfirth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Holmfirth Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1968.

The Report is in the form prescribed by the Department of Health and I am presenting it on behalf of Dr. P. M. Sammon who was Medical Officer of Health for the year in question but has since left to take up a similar appointment elsewhere.

The Sections of the Report which deal with the Sanitary Circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, were compiled by your Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hargreaves, and formed his Annual Report for the year.

The incidence of infectious and other diseases does not call for any special comment.

In Section VII of the Report, particulars are given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as the local Health and Education Authority.

In conclusion I have pleasure in recording the help and encouragement given to the staff of the Department by Members and Officials of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. STUART,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Holmfirth is situated on the Northern slopes of the Pennines, and lies to the South of the County Borough of Huddersfield. The general conformation of the country is very hilly, being comprised of several ridges with their corresponding valleys. The altitude varies from 300 feet at Honley to over 1,700 on Holme Moss.

Down the main valley flows the River Holme which is fed by several streams. The Southern part of the District is wild and rugged and a considerable part of the Area consists of moorland. The principal townships in the District are Holmfirth in the centre of the area and Honley in the northern portion.

The chief industry is the manufacture of woollen cloth, but farming, stone quarrying and engineering also provide occupation for a considerable number of the inhabitants.

General Statistics

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,565
Enumerated Population (Census, 1951)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,075
Enumerated Population (Census, 1961)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,404
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1967)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,930
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1968)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,890
Area Comparability Factors: Birth 1.11; Deaths 0.89								
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1968	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,306
Rateable Value (31st March, 1969)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£493,796
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1969)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,934

Vital Statistics

Live Births

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)								West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate						
		M	F	No.	%	Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm.Cty	
1968	318	175	143	21	6.60	16.83	18.68	17.9	17.8	16.9
1967	341	184	157	16	4.69	18.01	19.99	18.2	18.2	17.2
1966	288	156	132	20	6.94	15.29	16.97	18.2	18.2	17.7
1965	306	161	145	11	3.59	16.35	18.15	18.3	18.4	18.0
1964	329	151	178	19	5.78	17.67	19.61	18.6	18.7	18.4

Still Births

					1968		1967		1966	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	—	—	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	12.42		2.92		6.90	

Infant Mortality—Deaths of Infants under 1 Year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT					Holmfirth U.D.	West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		U.D's	Adm.Cty.	
		M	F					
1968	11	9	2	1	34.59	19.7	18.5	18.3
1967	11	6	5	1	32.26	19.2	19.2	18.3
1966	6	5	1	1	20.83	20.1	19.8	19.0
1965	8	5	3	—	26.14	21.0	20.7	19.0
1964	7	4	3	—	21.28	22.1	22.2	20.0

Deaths

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT						WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Adj.	U.D's	Adm. Cty.	
		M	F					
1968	210	104	106	11.12	9.90	12.9	12.6	11.9
1967	286	145	141	15.11	12.54	12.3	12.0	11.2
1966	291	149	142	15.45	12.51	12.3	12.9	11.7
1965	321	135	186	17.15	13.03	12.7	12.4	11.5
1964	302	135	167	16.22	12.81	13.0	12.8	11.3

The Chief causes of death were:—

	1968	1967	1966
(i) Circulatory Diseases, excluding Cerebro-vascular Disease	70	107	116
(ii) Malignant Neoplasms	41	42	30
(iii) Cerebrovascular Disease	31	39	50
(iv) Respiratory Diseases	26	35	45

These four causes accounted for 80.00% of the total deaths, 137 or 65.24% occurred in persons 65 years or over and 85 or 40.48% in persons 75 years or over.

A table showing the causes of death, ages and sex distribution is set out on page 5.

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	0-4 wks.	1-5	15-25	35-45	55-65	75+				
All Causes	M	104	3	6	2	1	1	2	4	22	30	33
	F	106	2	1	2	2	1	6	18	22	22	52
Malignant neoplasm—stomach	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Malignant neoplasm—lung, bronchus	M	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	1	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Malignant neoplasm—breast	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..
Maligant neoplasm—uterus ..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leukaemia	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Other malignant neoplasms ..	M	7	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	2	2
	F	11	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	4	..	..
Diabetes mellitus	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningitis	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of nervous system	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Chronic & Rheumatic heart disease	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hypertensive disease	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ischaemic heart disease ..	M	25	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	12	7	..
	F	23	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	6	11	..
Other forms of heart disease	M	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
	F	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..
Cerebrovascular disease ..	M	10	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	3	3	..
	F	21	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	12	..	..
Other diseases of circulatory System	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
Pneumonia	M	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Bronchitis and emphysema ..	M	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	2	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Asthma	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Peptic ulcer	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of digestive system	M	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Nephritis and nephrosis ..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases genito-urinary—system	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Diseases of musculo—skeletal system	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
Congenital anomalies	M	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birth injury—difficult labour	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other causes of perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motor vehicle accidents ..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
All other accidents	M	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	4	..	1	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	4	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

Maternal Mortality

No deaths were registered as directly due to pregnancy or childbearing.

Cancer

The number of deaths attributable to Cancer during the year numbered 41 (18 male and 23 female) as compared with 42 in 1967.

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Staff

The Medical Officer of Health and his deputy are part-time officers of the Council, but are engaged whole-time on public health work.

In addition, the staff consists of a full-time Chief Public Health Inspector, two Additional Public Health Inspectors and a Clerk.

Laboratory Facilities

These are available at the Wakefield Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Ambulance Service

For accident and general cases this is provided by the West Riding County Council. Infectious cases are removed by the ambulance of the Infectious Diseases Hospital to which the patient is removed.

Home Nursing and Midwifery

One full-time home nurse resident at New Mill and two home nurse/midwives resident at Holmfirth and Honley are employed by the County Council.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics

Health Centre, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth—Thursday afternoon.
The County Clinic, Honley—Friday afternoon.
Council Offices, New Mill—Wednesday afternoon.

Venereal Diseases Clinic

The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

Hospitals

- (a) Infectious Diseases: Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield.
- (b) General Hospitals: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield;
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital; and
Deanhouse Hospital, Thongsbridge.
- (c) Maternity: Holme Valley Memorial Hospital;
Princess Royal Maternity Home;
St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield;
The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Water Supply

Huddersfield Corporation is responsible for the water supply in the whole of the district. The following information on sufficiency and quality of the public supplies has been kindly supplied by Mr. W. M. Jollans, Waterworks Engineer and Manager, County Borough of Huddersfield.

Of the 7,306 houses in the district, 6,773 (92·7%) are supplied from public mains direct to the houses. Most of the water supplied is chlorinated before distribution.

Mains have been extended to new housing development and extensions are still required to various small isolated communities.

Sampling of public supplies has been regularly carried out by Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department.

The results of the samples taken by the Huddersfield Corporation Waterworks Department are given below:—

(a) Public mains supplies examined for:—

(i) Chemical Analysis (see table on page 9)

(ii) Bacterial purity

The Ministry of Health suggest the following classifications:—

				Coliform count per 100 ml.	Bact. coli 1(a) count per 100 ml.
Class I	Excellent	..	..	0	0
Class II	Satisfactory	..	..	1—3	0
Class III	Suspicious	..	..	4—10	0
Class IV	Unsatisfactory	..	..	Greater than 10	0 or more

(a) = The presence of Bact. Coli I, that is faecal contamination, immediately places sample in Class IV.

Efficient chlorination should yield a water having always a Class I Grading.

With non-chlorinated piped supplies, throughout the year 50% of the samples should fall into Class I; 80% should not fall below Class II and the remainder should not fall below Class III.

Samples of the supplies have been taken at regular intervals throughout the year for bacteriological examination.

The classification of the 360 samples is as follows:—

Grade	Holme Styes (C)	Greave (NC)	Beck- house (NC)	Digley	Snap (SC)	Brad- shaw (SC)	Holme (SC)	Holm- bridge (C)	Grey- holes (SC)
I	47	25	26	15	31	37	38	33	35
II	—	1	3	—	3	2	—	—	—
III	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	—
IV	4	14	19	—	8	4	5	2	3

C=Chlorinated Supply. NC=Non-chlorinated Supply.
SC=Solution Feed Chlorinated Supply.

(b) Private supplies:—

52 samples of domestic water, all from private supplies, were taken by the Council from 35 premises and examined bacteriologically at the public Health Laboratory, Wakefield. 22 of the domestic samples were reported as unsatisfactory.

Owners and occupiers have been informed of polluted supplies and where necessary action has been taken to secure an unpolluted supply or to purify existing supplies.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Plans of 82 proposed works of drainage and installation of sanitary fittings in connection with existing buildings were scrutinised by the public health inspectors. In the majority of cases the existing drain inlet was traced to ensure that the proposed work would communicate with the foul sewer and not with surface water sewers or water courses. Similarly such completed drainage work was inspected and checked to the foul sewers. Inspections and visits made in connection with this work numbered 249.

As yet, the existing arrangements for sewage disposal are still operative. Tenders for the scheme of laying new sewers to accommodate trade effluent from the mills, the closing of New Mill (Sinking Wood) sewage works and the extending of Neiley sewage works were submitted to and considered by the Council during May, 1968. Due to increased costs since the initial proposals and to involved proceedings with the Ministry for their final consent to the implementation of the scheme the Council were not able to accept a tender for the work until August, 1968.

Immediately consent was obtained, instructions were given to the contractor to commence the work. Preliminary site works for the extension of Neiley sewage works began in October, 1968, and all aspects of the scheme were under hand by the end of the year. It is envisaged that these works will be completed within 2 years.

Rivers and Streams

Inspections of new works of drainage and the construction of septic tanks and outfalls were made to prevent pollution of watercourses. Known cases of existing pollution of watercourses are dealt with as local circumstances permit.

Closet Accommodation

It is estimated that of the 7,306 houses in the district at the end of the year, 6,592 (90.2%) had water closet accommodation for their sole or shared use. The remaining 714 houses (9.8%) had 469 privies, 66 tubs and pails and 20 chemical closets, a total of 555 closets, for their sole or shared use.

It is estimated that 19 privies etc., exist in 13 non-domestic premises.

No. of closets other than water closets converted, dismantled or demolished following:—

(a) Installation of water closets	17
(b) Demolition, closure, etc., of houses	Nil
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(i) Chemical Analysis

Supply	pH value	Haze/Colour No.	Total solids	Chloride	Oxygen absorbed	Total Hardness	Lead	Iron	Manganese	Aluminium	Fluoride	Sodium	Potassium	Free Chlorine	Total Chlorine
(A) Average of 5 spring supplies	6.9	<5	91	27	0.80	38	0.03	0.28	0.04	0.10	—	8.3	1.3	0.01	0.02
(B) Holmestyes Filter Station	7.8	<5	108	17	1.04	32	Nil	0.23	0.06	0.29	—	6.2	1.3	0.10	0.16

Note: All figures in parts per million except pH and colour.

Privy Grants

A grant of £40 or half the cost, whichever is less, is paid for each privy or tub closet reconstructed as, or replaced by, a water closet. Grants were paid in 1968 in respect of 10 such closets.

Improvement Grants

Improvement grants were paid in 1968 in respect of 14 houses where closets, other than water closets, had been in use previously.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Chief Public Health Inspector is responsible for superintending the refuse collection and disposal service including the maintenance of refuse transport. The latter being carried out by private garages, with the exception that the Health Department foreman has as one duty, the greasing and changing of oils of refuse transport vehicles.

Refuse and Salvage Collection arrangements:—

Following the introduction of a refuse collection and closet emptying bonus scheme on 23rd May, 1966, the frequency of refuse collection has improved and is less than fortnightly, but not weekly. A "back door" house refuse collection is in operation. Shops in the centres of Holmfirth, Honley and New Mill have a weekly collection of trade refuse.

Refuse Collecting Rounds, table

Refuse collecting round	Vehicle No.	Make	Nominal Capacity	Team
1. Holmfirth—West of river (b)	12	Bedford TK (1967)	7 cu yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
2. Holmfirth—East of river (b)	16	do.	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
3. New Mill (b)	13	Bedford TK (May 1965)	7 cu. yds. side loader.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
4. Honley and part Holmfirth (b)	6	S. & D. (1961)	16/18 cu. yds. F & A tipper.	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
5. Honley (b)	11	Bedford T.K. (June, 1964)	7 cu. yds. side loader	(a) Driver & 2 loaders.
Shop & factory	5	Karrier Bantam (1959)	10 cu. yds. Derby	(a) Driver & 1 loader

Notes: (a) driver to assist in loading.

(b) also carry out emptying of privies and tubs.

Refuse disposal

All refuse is disposed of by partly controlled tipping at the three tips—Berry Banks (Holmfirth), Scotgate (Honley) and Sike Bottom (New Mill). Foster Place tip is not used. The use of mechanical equipment—crawler tractor and a tipper truck—have much improved the control of the tips. Tipped refuse does however accumulate at the tips beyond the day of tipping due to the 3 tips being in use each day and the inability of the one man control to attend each tip each day.

The Honley destructor ceased to be used at all as a destructor about March, 1968, as the destructor cell required complete re-lining and had been in any case totally inadequate to cope with the quantity of refuse arriving at the tip for many years.

Salvage

Salvage collected and sold during the year ended 31st March, 1969:—

	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Cartons	—	—	—	22	16	3
Waste Paper	237	19	1	2093	9	9
Metals and Textiles	9	10	3	218	7	9
Totals ..	247	10	0	£2334	13	9

The salvage bonus amounted to £500 6s. 2d. the maximum bonus per man being £18 9s. 1d. for the 12 months. Each cleansing section employee shares the bonus on a basis of months employed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Class of Workplace	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered at end of year	Premises receiving a general inspection during year	No. of persons employed
Offices	—	20	2	75
Retail Shops	10	64	45	191
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses	—	2	1	29
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	3	—	4
Fuel storage depots	—	1	—	2
Totals	10	90	48	139M. 162F.

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises—87

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the District.

West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 Registration of Hairdressers

Twenty-seven premises are registered for carrying on the trade of hair-dresser or barber. There are no byelaws in operation in connection with these businesses in the district, the standards of the model bye-laws being applied in the requisite cases.

Clean Air

A volumetric air pollution measuring instrument is situated in the Council Offices, Holmfirth.

The following are the results of the instrument:—

	Average Value		Highest Value		Lowest Value	
	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂	Smoke	SO ₂
January	118	84	514	386	21	Alk.
February	176	182	388	406	59	10
March	84	134	287	276	25	48
April	86	112	163	204	38	11
May	82	138	139	254	29	70
June	49	121	89	178	32	83
July	58	125	100	357	27	68
August	51	97	81	247	26	24
September	51	103	90	155	21	59
October	54	91	135	154	14	46
November	104	183	384	469	47	53
December	130	212	240	477	57	100

Figures indicate the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide in micro-grammes per cubic metre.

Four observations were made of 3 factory chimneys and in one case the engineer and manager were interviewed following complaints of a smoke nuisance.

One application for prior approval was received and approved.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district licensed to manufacture or store rag flock, but one is registered for upholstery. No samples of filling materials were submitted for analysis during the year.

Moveable Dwellings and Caravans

During the year one Caravan Site Licence was issued. There was a site licensed for a single caravan and one site licenced for 15 caravans at the end of the year.

Filthy and Verminous Premises

Under this heading 16 visits were made.

Two houses with fleas and 1 house with cockroaches were visited and disinfestation treatment was carried out to eliminate these pests. Eight houses were inspected with regard to alleged untidy and dirty conditions.

Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	1	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	135	6	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	143	7	—	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found: 7. Remedied .. 4

3. Outworkers

There were 60 outworkers in the district employed as menders and burlers for various textile firms.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The duties of Rodent Operative are included in the duties of the Health Department foreman.

Rodent Control

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in district	8897	182
2. (a) No. of properties inspected following notification	127	—
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	51	—
(ii) mice.. .. .	44	—
3. (a) No. of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	—	—
(b) No. infested by (i) rats	—	—
(ii) mice.. .. .	—	—

Sewer Treatment

70 selected manholes were test baited during August with fluoraceta-mide poison bait. 28 manholes showed evidence of infestation. These manholes were re-baited and further inspections revealed a considerable reduction in evidence of infestation.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

1. Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances

There were 41 informal notices for the abatement of nuisances outstanding at the end of 1967. During the year 66 informal notices and 23 statutory notices were issued and 66 informal and 23 statutory notices complied with or withdrawn, leaving 41 informal notices outstanding at the end of 1968.

2. Public Health Inspectors' Inspections and Visits during 1968:—

General Public Health	261
Housing Inspections (including housing nuisances)	831
Moveable dwellings & Caravans	5
Factories—Health Provisions—Factories Act and Public Health Act	61
Cleansing Section administration & refuse disposal	485
Refuse Transport	160
Rats and Mice	452
Building Byelaws (new drainage & new sanitary fittings) ..	249
Infectious Disease and Disinfection	2
Inspection of Meat and other foods	365
Food Shops	88
Food Preparation Premises	48
Food Sampling	117
Clean Air	10
Slaughterhouses	15
Shops—nuisances	13
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	87
Total Number of Inspections and Visits	3249

3. Sanitary Improvements effected following action by the Public Health Inspectors

Repairs or renewals carried out:—

Roofs	1	Dustbins provided by owners	
Gutters	7	or occupiers	16
Ceilings	1	Water Supply	4
Windows	3	Drains	6
Internal Walls	2	Drains (cleared only) ..	15
Floors.. .. .	1	Water closets.. ..	1
Sink	3	Smoke nuisance	2
		Accumulations	1

SECTION IV

HOUSING

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

Provision of New Houses

Additional dwellinghouses provided during the year were as follows:

(a) By the Local Authority—New permanent type	4
(b) By private enterprise—New houses	73
Total	77

Housing Statistics

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:—

(a) In Clearance Areas	Nil
(b) Individual Unfit Houses	5

Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas	Nil	8	3
Not in Clearance Areas:			
(i) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	8	17	8
(b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—

Unfit Houses Closed

	Number	Displaced during year Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4) (Undertakings), 17(1) (Inexpedient to demolish), and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	1	1	1

Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by Local Authority	8	—
After formal action under the Public Health and Housing Acts	—	—

Number of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings

(a) From Clearance Areas, Individual Unfit Houses, etc. ..	2
(b) From Overcrowded Houses	Nil

Rent Act, 1957

(a) Number of certificates of disrepair granted	Nil
(b) Number of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	Nil
(c) Number of certificates of disrepair revoked	Nil

Grants for Conversion or Improvements of Housing Accommodation

	Formal applications received during the year No. of dwellings	Applications approved during the year No. of dwellings	No. of dwellings completed during the year
(a) Conversions (No. of dwellings resulting from conversions):—			
Discretionary Grants	1	Nil	Nil
(b) Improvements:—			
Standard Grants	52	48	36
Discretionary Grants	7	3	2

6 of the 48 Standard Grants and 2 of the 3 Discretionary Grants approved in 1968 were for tenanted houses.

Details of advances for the purpose of acquiring or constructing Houses
During 1968, 19 advances were made under the Housing Acts.

SECTION V

Mr. W. Hargreaves, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports:—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The supervision of all dairy farms and milk production is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

There are 44 estimated sources of supply of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk in the Urban District.

Producer/Retailers	34
Producers only (This milk is retailed by 8 distributors) ..	7
Producer/Retailers from premises outside the district ..	1
Producer only outside the district (retailed by 2 distributors in the district)	2
Total	44

Milk Sampling

Sampling of milk supplies by the Department has been restricted to examination of untreated (Farm Bottled) Milk for the presence of *Brucella abortus*. The procedure adopted has been to sample supplies in the retail containers. In order to sample systematically it was necessary to visit the farms. Where such a sample was reported as being infected with *Brucella abortus*, the producer was notified and a sample of milk was taken from every milking cow in the herd. The ear number of each cow was noted and the milk from every infected cow was made subject to an order served by the Medical Officer of Health, under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, and was not sold without being heat treated.

At the beginning of 1968, 4 orders in respect of the milk from 13 cows, were operative. During the year the Medical Officer of Health made 3 orders restricting the sale of raw milk from 11 cows. At the end of 1968 3 orders in respect of the milk from 10 cows were still operative; 4 orders in respect of the milk from 14 cows being withdrawn when the animals were disposed of. One further infected cow was disposed of without an order being made.

Examination for the presence of *Brucella abortus*

No. of herd samples taken	79
No. of herd samples found to be infected	5
No. of "individual cow" samples taken	1
No. of "individual cow" samples found to be infected	—

Ice Cream

At the end of 1968 2 premises were registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream, 65 being registered for sale only.

Bread

There are 8 bakehouses in the district.

Section 63, Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The West Riding County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Section of the Act. The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures reports that during the year 22 milk samples, 4 drug samples, and 10 samples of other foods were examined, all of which were found to be genuine.

Unsound Foods

The following food from retail shops was found to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered for destruction:—

	lbs.	ozs.
Canned Meat	82	0
Canned Fish	59	0
Canned Fruit		
Canned Vegetables		
Other canned foods		
Meat, retail shops	17	0
Total	158	0

Food Byelaws

The Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, concerning the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air, were in operation.

Meat

Regular slaughtering and meat inspection has taken place at the 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Particulars of carcasses inspected by the Public Health Inspectors and condemned are shown below:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	357	1	5	953	2445
Carcasses Inspected	357	1	5	953	2445
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	31	1	1	13	126
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci ..	8.4	100	20	1.4	5.2
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	35
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	1.5
Cysticercosis only					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

Total weight of meat or organs voluntarily surrendered: 1079 lbs.

100% meat inspection and marking has been carried out during the year with a minimum of overtime working. Charges of 2s. 6d. for each bovine, 9d. for each calf or pig and 6d. for each sheep or lamb inspected, were made.

The number of butchers' shops in the district is 20, whilst the number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, potted meats, etc., is 19.

During the year 145 visits were made to food shops and food preparing premises.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

The number of slaughtermen licensed at the end of the year was 18.

SECTION VI

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Dysentery

No cases of Dysentery were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough

No cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the year.

Measles

A total of 25 cases were notified, 3 in the second quarter, 21 in the third quarter and one in the last quarter of the year. Of these cases 2 were under one year of age, 18 were of pre-school and 5 of school age.

Tuberculosis

During the year, 4 cases of Pulmonary and 2 cases of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis were entered in the register whilst 5 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were removed. The cases remaining on the register at the end of the year were:

Pulmonary	..	..	..	Male 19	Female 11
Non-pulmonary	..	..	..	Male 5	Female 4

SECTION VII

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF THE
WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE**

DIVISION 20

URBAN DISTRICTS OF :

COLNE VALLEY
DENBY DALE
HOLMFIRTH

KIRKBURTON
MELTHAM
SADDLEWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

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DIVISIONAL STAFF

Divisional Medical Officer

P. M. SAMMON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Senior Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

A. L. J. CUSACK, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Assistant Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

L. LLOYD EVANS, M.B., Ch.B.

(Appointed 1.7.68)

G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.

(Appointed full-time 30.12.68)

Clinic Medical Officers (Part-time)

A. N. BRADFORD, M.B., B.C., L.M.S.S.A.

N. DENNIS, M.B., Ch.B.

B. EAGLES, M.B., Ch.B.

A. HAND, M.B., Ch.B.

E. HIGGINS, M.B., Ch.B.

A. A. KENYON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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A. K. RAKHIT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.

(Appointed full-time 30.12.68)

E. D. SHAW, M.B., Ch.B.

L. M. SYKES, M.B., Ch.B.

Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss J. L. LAW

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. M. J. BALL

Miss J. M. BALMFORTH

*Mrs. B. BUCKLEY

*Mrs. G. M. CLARK

(Appointed 8.4.68)

Miss E. DAVIES (Resigned 31.3.68)

Mrs. M. DEVY

Mrs. F. E. FISCHER

Miss I. C. GARRICK

Mrs. P. HARTLEY

Mrs. O. P. HOLLINGDALE

(Appointed 20.3.68)

Mrs. D. INMAN (Appointed 2.12.68)

Mrs. E. L. B. LYTHE

Mrs. M. McKENNA

(Appointed 1.7.68)

Miss B. I. OWNSWORTH

Miss. R. PYATT

Mrs. M. E. ROBINSON

(Appointed 26.3.68)

Mrs. A. ROYSTON

Miss A. SHAW (Resigned 31/8/68)

Mrs. G. M. WADSWORTH

*Mrs. J. YATES

Assistants to the Health Visitors:

*Mrs. A. A. BUTTERWORTH

Mrs. N. LEATHAM

Mrs. J. LEACH

Mrs. D. SPENCER

*Mrs. M. STAINFORTH

Midwives:

Mrs. I. A. GREEN

Mrs. K. HAIGH

Mrs. E. KILROY

Mrs. M. KILROY

Nurse/Midwives:

Miss M. ASHTON	Miss C. GREENWOOD
Mrs. M. BOOTHROYD (Appointed 4.9.68)	(Appointed 15.5.68)
Miss K. BROOKES	Miss B. HEMSLEY (Appointed 1.5.68)
Miss C. M. DUCKWORTH	Mrs. K. M. KAYE
Mrs. D. GARLICK	Miss M. SYKES

Home Nurses:

Mrs. M. W. ALLOTT	*Mrs. M. MOORHOUSE
Mrs. M. D. BENNION	Mrs. N. PLATT
Mrs. B. BENTLEY	Mrs. H. M. STURGEON (Resigned 23.1.68)
*Mrs. J. D. BOTTOM	Mrs. J. TAYLOR
Miss L. CASEY	Miss M. WHITELEY
Mrs. E. CHARLES (Appointed 1.1.68)	Mrs. E. H. WILSON
*Mrs. M. COCKIN (Resigned 31.7.68)	
*Mrs. M. D. FITTON (Resigned 17.8.68)	

Mental Welfare Officers:

Mrs. A. L. CARTER	Mr. F. B. SYKES
Mr. D. COCKIN (Younghusband Course until 27.5.68)	
Mr. P. McHALE	

Home Teacher for (Mentally) Subnormal Children:

Miss E. BALL, Seconded to Kirkburton Training Centre.

Speech Therapist:

*Mrs. C. E. STACEY

Kirkburton Training Centre Staff:

Supervisor: Mrs. J. BOOTH

Senior Assistant Supervisor:

Miss M. E. WHITEHOUSE

Assistant Supervisors:

Mrs. E. M. DARLEY (Appointed 2.9.68)
Miss A. M. DEWES (Resigned 23.8.68)
Mrs. D. H. ELLIS
Mrs. N. NOBLE

Senior Instructor: Mr. A. D. BERRY

(Diploma Course for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped until 8.7.68)

Instructors:

Mr. P. H. ROBERTS
Mr. R. L. STOTT (Temporary to 21.4.68)

Cadet: Miss B. H. GALVIN (Appointed 16.9.68)

Senior Clerk: Mr. G. A. BEATSON

**Part-time*

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL—SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

In this section an account is given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council in the Division.

The Division which consists of the Urban Districts of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Meltham and Saddleworth, has a population of 95,290 and an area of 82,750 acres. Although the population is only slightly more than one person per acre on average, owing to the wild moorland nature of much of the Division, the majority of the inhabitants live in small urban communities in the various valleys.

STAFF

The medical staff consists of a Divisional Medical Officer, who is also the Medical Officer of Health for the six County Districts in the Division, one Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is also deputy Medical Officer of Health for all the County Districts except Saddleworth, and another Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is deputy Medical Officer of Health for Saddleworth. In addition there should be two full-time Assistant Departmental Medical Officers or their part-time equivalents. At the end of the year, vacancies existed for one Senior Departmental and one Departmental Medical Officer. There were twelve part-time Medical Officers undertaking sessional duties at Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Four Mental Welfare Officers are employed wholly in the Division.

With the opening of the new Kirkburton Training Centre the former Home Teacher for the subnormal was seconded to the Centre where she is employed full time.

The rest of the staff at the Training Centre consists of a Supervisor, a Senior and three Assistant Supervisors, a Senior Instructor, an Instructor, and a Cadet.

Details of the Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Staffs will be found later in this report.

The statistics given in this Section relate to the whole Division but where practicable they are sub-divided into those for the various districts.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1968

	Colne Valley U.D.	Denby Dale U.D.	Holmfirth U.D.	Kirkburton U.D.	Meltham U.D.	Saddleworth U.D.	Division No. 20	Aggregate West Riding U.D's.	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales prov. figures
Area (Acres)	16,052	10,165	17,565	14,577	5,906	18,485	82,750	380,334	1,609,759	*
Population	21,060	10,370	18,890	19,440	6,200	19,330	95,290	1,260,340	1,774,270	*
Live Births	337	196	318	272	103	327	1,553	22,112	31,226	*
Still Births	5	6	4	1	1	2	19	323	454	*
Deaths	281	110	210	371	82	233	1,287	15,532	20,623	*
Deaths under 1 year of age	6	3	11	5	—	1	26	436	577	*
Birth Rate Per 1,000 estimated population (Crude)	16.00	18.90	16.83	13.99	16.61	16.92	16.30	17.5	17.6	16.9
„ (Adjusted)	17.92	20.98	18.68	15.53	18.77	18.78	—	17.9	17.8	—
Death Rates All per 1,000 estimated population All Causes (Crude)	13.34	10.61	11.12	19.08	13.23	12.05	13.51	12.3	11.6	11.9
„ „ (Adjusted)	13.47	10.40	9.90	11.64	14.42	11.33	—	12.9	12.6	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	0.05	—	—	0.05	—	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.01	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	1.57	1.16	1.38	3.45	1.45	1.35	1.82	1.74	1.66	*
Cancer	2.04	1.54	2.17	1.85	1.45	2.43	2.01	2.25	2.14	2.32
Circulatory Diseases excluding Cerebrovascular Disease	5.03	4.73	3.71	7.92	6.45	5.12	5.44	4.64	4.34	*
Cerebrovascular Disease	2.52	1.35	1.64	2.67	1.94	1.66	2.04	1.89	1.76	*
Infant Mortality	17.80	15.31	34.59	18.38	—	3.06	16.74	19.7	18.5	18.3
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.09	0.09	0.24

*Figures not available.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of live births registered in the Divisional area during 1968 was 1,553 (826 male, 727 female) a decrease of 24 compared with the previous year.

THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE was 16.30 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 16.91 for 1967.

The illegitimate live births numbered 102 or 6.57% of the total live births. This compares with 29 or 2.68% in 1955, 57 in 1962, 77 in 1963, 88 in 1964, 82 in 1965, 82 in 1966 and 94 in 1967.

Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Divisional area after correction for transfers were 1,287 (621 male, 666 female) a decrease of 59 on the total for 1967.

THE CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 13.51 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 14.43 for the previous year.

The following were the principal causes of death in order of frequency:

(i) Circulatory diseases (excl. Cerebrovascular disease)	..	518
(ii) Cerebrovascular disease	.. .. .	194
(iii) Malignant Neoplasms	.. .. .	192
(iv) Respiratory diseases	.. .. .	173

These four causes accounted for 83.68% of the total deaths.

Infant Mortality

In 1968 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 26, as compared with 37 in the previous year. Of these deaths 16 infants were under 4 weeks of age at the time of death.

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE was 16.74 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 23.46 for 1967.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 15.15 as compared with 22.93 for 1967.

Four illegitimate children died under one year of age giving a death rate amongst illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births of 39.22.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Smallpox

No cases of smallpox were reported during the year.

The number of records of vaccinations and re-vaccinations received during the year was 635 and 21 as compared with 885 and 138 respectively in the previous year.

Details of the various age groups vaccinated and re-vaccinated are given below:—

District	VACCINATIONS						RE-VACCINATIONS				
	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total
Colne Valley	2	118	35	4	—	159	—	—	4	—	4
Denby Dale	2	53	9	1	—	65	—	—	—	—	—
Holmfirth	12	78	29	3	—	122	—	1	3	—	4
Kirkburton	—	103	31	—	—	134	—	1	3	—	4
Meltham	—	29	12	4	—	45	—	—	3	—	3
Saddleworth	2	63	45	—	—	110	—	—	6	—	6
TOTAL	18	444	161	12	—	635	—	2	19	—	21

No cases of Generalised Vaccinia were reported.

Diphtheria

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Arrangements for immunisation have continued as in previous years, the inoculations being given at Infant Welfare Centres and by private medical practitioners.

During the year, 965 children received a full course of primary immunisation and 855 received booster doses as compared with 1,359 and 964 respectively in 1967.

Of the 1,577 children born in 1967, 1,259 were immunised against diphtheria either in 1967 or 1968. This is equivalent to a percentage of 79.84%, as compared with 82.2% for 1966.

Number of Children Immunised in 1968 Against Diphtheria

Urban District	Full Courses Children born in years							Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1954-58	
Colne Valley ..	68	151	5	5	1	7	3	237
Denby Dale ..	24	76	1	—	—	—	1	101
Holmfirth ..	53	119	3	2	4	7	2	188
Kirkburton ..	45	104	5	6	—	2	4	162
Meltham ..	24	49	—	1	1	1	—	76
Saddleworth ..	60	131	1	4	—	5	2	201
TOTAL ..	274	630	15	18	6	22	12	965

Secondary Booster Injection								
Urban District	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1954-58	Total
Colne Valley ..	—	4	16	1	61	148	4	234
Denby Dale ..	—	2	8	—	21	60	2	93
Holmfirth ..	—	6	5	1	42	113	6	173
Kirkburton ..	—	6	5	1	18	114	6	150
Meltham ..	—	—	2	—	8	35	2	47
Saddleworth ..	—	4	10	1	30	103	10	158
TOTAL ..	—	22	46	4	180	573	30	855

Records of the immunisation state of children in the Divisional area as at 31st December, 1968, are shown below:—

Age at 31.12.68 <i>i.e.</i> , Born in Year	Under 1 1968	1-4 1964-67	5-9 1959-63	10-14 1954-58	Total Under 15
Last complete course of in- jections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1964-68	274	2,864	3,524	3,672	10,334
B. 1963 or earlier	—	—	2,445	1,637	4,082
Estimated mid-year child population	Children under 5		Children 5-14		19,400
	7,400		12,000		
	42.41		59.97		
Percentage of child popula- tion last immunised 1964-68 (whether primary or booster)	42.41		59.97		53.27

Measles Vaccination

A limited scheme of vaccination against measles was brought into operation at the beginning of May. Vaccination should be offered to all children up to and including the age of 15 who are susceptible because they have neither been immunised nor had measles.

At the end of the year the number of children who had received vaccination against measles was 1,464.

Whooping Cough

Immunisation of children against whooping cough has continued throughout the year. The majority of children immunised received protection through the combined antigens.

The inoculations have been carried out by private medical practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and during the year 940 children received protective treatment as follows, compared with 1,323 in 1967:—

District	Number of children immunised born in year						Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64	1954-60	
Colne Valley	68	151	4	5	5	1	234
Denby Dale	23	74	1	—	4	—	102
Holmfirth	53	119	2	2	1	—	177
Kirkburton	45	103	3	4	2	—	157
Meltham	24	49	—	1	—	—	74
Saddleworth	60	129	—	3	3	1	196
TOTAL	273	625	10	15	15	2	940

Of the 1,577 children born in 1967 a total of 1,252 were immunised either in 1967 or 1968. This is equivalent to 79.4% of the total number of children born in 1967 and compares with 81.9% for 1966.

Dysentery

During the year 30 cases of Sonne Dysentery were confirmed in the Division as compared with 60 cases in 1967. Fifteen of these cases occurred in Colne Valley U.D., one in Kirkburton U.D., and 14 in the Saddleworth Urban District. Of these, 7 were children of pre-school age, 19 were children of school age and 4 were adults.

Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

The arrangements for vaccination against poliomyelitis have continued.

During the year, vaccinations given were as follows:—

	Oral
Children born in 1968	197
Children born in 1967	890
Children born in 1966	39
Children born in 1965	22
Children born in 1961—1964	27
Others under age 16 years	6
Received 4th booster doses (children 5-11 years)	813

Food Poisoning

Ten cases of food poisoning occurred in the Saddleworth U.D. In 9 cases pre-cooked chicken purchased from a mobile butcher's shop was suspected and in the other case, a chicken sandwich eaten at a wedding reception in Bradford was suspected as the cause of illness.

Brucellosis in Cattle

During the year the Public Health Inspectors in the various Urban Districts in the Division and the County Milk Sampling Officers have continued taking samples of milk for biological test for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis. No samples were positive for Tuberculosis but of 385 herd samples taken 16 were positive for Brucellosis by cream culture test.

The follow-up of the positive herd samples resulted in the taking of 1628 individual cow samples of which 93 were positive by cream culture test. In consequence of these results, 31 compulsory Pasteurisation Orders were made under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations (General) 1959, involving 21 farms.

Details of the samples taken in the various Urban Districts are given in the following table:—

District	HERDS				INDIVIDUAL COWS			
	No. Taken	Positive Results			No. Taken	Results Positive		
		Cream	Serum	Spleen		Cream	Serum	Spleen
Colne Valley	60	1	—	—	22	3	—	—
Denby Dale	33	—	—	—	867	51	—	—
Holmfirth	79	5	—	—	1	—	—	—
Kirkburton	200	10	—	—	477	24	—	—
Meltham	9	—	—	—	41	1	—	—
Saddleworth	4	—	—	—	220	14	—	—
TOTAL	385	16	—	—	1628	93	—	—

Mass Radiography Service

Details of the Surveys carried out in the Divisional area during the year are as follows:—

Survey undertaken at	Number Examined	ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED			
		Tuberculosis		Other	Total
		Active	Inactive		
Colne Valley U.D. Pearson Bros. Ltd., Victoria Mills, Golcar	131	—	—	—	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Linthwaite	293	—	—	5	5
Conservative Club, Marsden	393	1	—	—	1
Denby Dale U.D. R. Beanland & Co. Clayton West	287	—	—	3	3
The Memorial Hall, Denby Dale	272	—	1	1	2
Holmfirth U.D. J. France Ltd., Queens Square Mills, Honley	285	—	—	2	2
Burnlee Working Men's Club, Holmfirth	375	—	—	2	2
New Drill Hall, Thongsbridge	330	—	—	2	2
Saddleworth U.D. Methodist School, Greenfield	547	—	—	5	5
J. Bradbury & Co. Ltd., Alexander Mill, Uppermill	182	1	—	—	1
Total	3095	2	1	20	23

MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

Domiciliary Midwifery

The number of cases attended by the domiciliary midwives during the year was 191 as compared with 231 in 1967.

At the commencement of the year, 4 midwives and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year, 3 nurse/midwives were appointed.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of 4 midwives and 9 nurse/midwives.

The services of the domiciliary midwives continued to be offered to all patients confined in hospitals or maternity homes but discharged home before the 10th day of puerperium. During the year, 502 such patients received nursing care, 1,951 individual visits being paid to them.

Of the 1,562 births notified and attributed to the Division, 195 occurred at home. The midwives and Home Nurse/Midwives together attended 191 cases. One Midwife attended over 30 cases, 3 attended over 20 cases each and 5 Home Nurse/Midwives attended 10 cases and over.

Notifications:

One notification relating to a stillbirth was received from a midwife practising in the Division.

Medical Assistance:

Medical aid forms sent in by midwives during 1968 numbered 103, (26 domiciliary, 77 institutional).

The institutional notifications all related to mothers confined in the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital.

Gas and Air Analgesia

Each of the 13 domiciliary midwives was supplied with a trilene apparatus and 3 were held in reserve.

Trilene was administered to 125 cases or 65.45% of the cases attended as compared with 159 cases in 1967.

Pethidine was administered by domiciliary midwives to 134 cases or 70.16% of the cases attended as compared with 138 cases in 1967.

Ante-Natal Clinics

During the year, 86 ante-natal patients attended at the various clinics, details of which are given in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients		Number of Attendances		Average attendance per session
		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	
Springhead ..	24	55	—	303	—	12.63
Uppermill ..	25	31	—	162	—	6.48
TOTAL	†49	86	—	465	—	9.49

†Includes 37 sessions conducted by midwife—no doctor present.

The arrangements made with the general practitioner/obstetricians for the midwives and home nurse/midwives to attend the weekly ante-natal clinics conducted by them in their surgeries have continued. Particulars of attendances at these clinics are given below:—

		<i>No. of sessions</i>	<i>No. of attendances</i>
Denby Dale	.. ..	48	224
Golcar	.. ..	41	163
Golcar	.. ..	44	230
Honley	.. ..	44	677
Shepley	.. ..	24	437
Meltham	.. ..	36	500
Skelmanthorpe	.. ..	37	246
Slaithwaite	.. ..	45	272
Slaithwaite	.. ..	45	203
Slaithwaite	.. ..	46	150
Marsden	.. ..	28	125

The attendances at the ante-natal relaxation classes show a decrease of 309 on those for 1967. The instruction given by the midwives and health visitors is greatly appreciated by the expectant mothers.

Particulars of attendances at these classes are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients	Number of attendances	Average attendance per session
Golcar	49	34	231	4.71
Honley	47	42	312	6.64
Kirkheaton	47	34	200	4.26
Kirkburton	48	45	233	4.85
Lepton	45	37	202	4.49
Meltham	48	40	233	4.85
Scissett	43	45	369	8.58
Slaithwaite	49	40	151	3.08
Uppermill	51	23	232	4.55
Springhead	52	28	201	3.87
TOTAL ..	479	368	2364	4.94

Flying Squad Arrangements

The arrangements for the "Obstetric Flying Squads" based on the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and the Oldham and District General Hospital have continued. No calls were made on either squad to attend patients in the Division during the year.

Institutional Midwifery

The percentage of institutional births is 87.52 as compared with 85.12 in 1967 and 79.8% in 1966.

The system of booking for maternity accommodation in Huddersfield whereby applications are made through the general practitioner has continued and has secured a better selection of patients. No requests from hospitals for environmental reports have been received during the past three years.

The scheme for planned 48 hour-plus discharge from the Marron Maternity Unit at the Oldham & District General Hospital continues to work satisfactorily. Notification is received of all pending early discharges and environmental reports are submitted in those cases where the home conditions are considered to be unsuitable.

Place of Confinement	Colne Valley	Denby Dale	Holmfirth	Kirkburton	Meltham	Saddleworth	Total
General Hospitals:							
Hudds. Royal Infirmary	49	42	20	34	15	—	160
St. Luke's Hospital ..	168	33	2	88	47	—	338
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital ..	—	—	314	—	—	—	314
Oldham & Dist. General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	169	169
Ashton-u-Lyne General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	17	17
Others ..	2	4	2	—	—	5	13
N.H.S. Maternity Homes and Hospitals:							
Princess Royal Maternity Home ..	91	60	6	94	24	—	275
Woodfield Maternity Home ..	—	—	—	—	—	57	57
Others ..	1	20	1	10	1	—	33
Private Maternity Homes	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	311	159	345	227	87	248	1377
Domiciliary ..	36	37	7	28	12	75	195
TOTAL ..	347	196	352	255	99	323	1572

Premature Babies

During the year 78 babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less were born alive in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division and 8 were born at home. Of those born at home 7 were surviving at the end of the month.

CHILD WELFARE

Distribution of Welfare Foods

There has been no change in the arrangements for the distribution of Welfare Foods.

At the 17 distribution centres in the Division the welfare foods distributed during the year, and the comparative figures for 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 are as follows:—

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
National Dried Milk (Tins)	1,889	2,183	2,492	2,911	2,937
Orange Juice (Bottles)	31,429	32,602	27,783	24,960	21,299
Cod Liver Oil (Bottles)	2,226	2,134	2,351	2,458	2,294
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets (Packets)	1,501	1,546	1,680	1,833	2,002

Infant Welfare Clinics

As compared with 1967 there has been a decrease of 109 to 4,492 in the number of children who attended the various clinics and a decrease of 404 to 32,344 in the number of attendances made. The attendances at the Mobile Clinic have also decreased during the year when 183 children made 825 attendances as compared with 228 children making 836 attendances in 1967.

The clinics at Delph, Holmfirth and Marsden were transferred during the year from rented premises to purpose-built clinics.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of infant welfare sessions held during year by—					Total	No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances made by children who were born in the year			Total attendances during the year
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioner employed on sessional basis	Hospital medical staff	1968		1967	1963–1966	1968		1967	1963–1966		
Delph—Swan Meadow	—	5	47	—	52	32	34	27	93	373	308	389	1070	
Golcar—Woodville, Scar Lane ..	—	—	51	—	51	104	104	108	316	899	982	512	2393	
Greenfield—Methodist Church ..	1	26	24	—	51	40	32	71	143	432	656	506	1594	
Holmfirth—Health Centre, Huddersfield Road	41	1	8	—	50	90	100	126	316	693	621	190	1504	
Honley—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Eastgate ..	—	—	49	—	49	52	55	97	204	505	568	410	1483	
Kirkburton—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Shelley Lane	6	1	44	—	51	48	60	43	151	664	707	371	1742	
Kirkheaton—Fields Rise	3	—	47	—	50	53	73	150	276	588	606	471	1665	
Lepton—Greaves House	1	1	49	—	51	67	41	27	135	597	724	306	1627	
Linthwaite—Causeway Crescent ..	3	1	47	—	51	65	81	169	315	779	682	260	1721	
Marsden—Conservative Club	—	—	51	—	51	67	139	198	404	701	627	454	1782	
Meltham—Carlisle Institute	—	2	50	—	52	119	223	128	470	1134	1107	353	2594	
New Mill—Council Offices	3	1	46	—	50	63	110	123	296	602	505	170	1277	
Scissett—Fleet Street	17	1	33	—	51	106	91	78	275	806	972	462	2240	
Slaithwaite—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane ..	—	44	47	—	91	90	79	90	259	1083	912	894	2889	
Springhead—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper St. ..	1	—	48	—	49	109	67	156	332	1276	1113	855	3244	
Uppermill—Smithy Lane	—	—	51	—	51	93	97	97	287	1013	974	378	2365	
Mobile Clinic	5	2	34	—	41	52	55	76	183	302	294	229	825	
Emley—Tipping Lane	10	13	1	—	24	23	10	4	37	213	105	11	329	
Total	91	98	727	—	916	1273	1451	1768	4492	12660	12463	7221	32344	

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulations Act, 1948

At the end of the year there were 6 registered Child Minders in the area. The number of children permitted to be received varies from 6 to 18. In addition 17 playgroups for toddlers not registered under the Act but receiving unofficial supervision were in operation. The size of these groups varies from 4 to 40 children.

The playgroup sessions last from 2 to 4½ hours.

Generally speaking the groups are conducted on satisfactory lines although accommodation is somewhat cramped in some cases and rather bleak in others.

There are no day nurseries in the area provided by the County Council but occasionally children are admitted to Day Nurseries in the Huddersfield County Borough at the expense of the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

The number of cases visited during the year was 8,541 which is a decrease of 513 on the previous year.

During the year two full-time qualified health visitors resigned their appointments, whilst 4 full-time and one part-time qualified health visitors were appointed.

A Health Visitor has continued to attend the diabetic out-patient clinic held at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on one half-day each week. She also carries out home visitations of the West Riding patients attending the clinic. During the year, the Health Visitor attended 50 clinic sessions and made 2,261 home visits to 322 patients.

Visits paid by Health Visitors

Cases Visited	No. of Cases
Children born in 1968	1,553
Children born in 1967	1,178
Children born in 1963-66	1,971
	4,702
Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits) ..	1,287
Mentally disordered persons	13
Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital	470
No. of tuberculous households visited ..	157
No. of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	51
Other cases	1,861

HEALTH EDUCATION

In 1968 the Health Visitors maintained their standard of topical posters and leaflets in the clinics. The demand for talks by numerous groups increased, particularly among the teenage and female organisations, 36 having been given to these by the Health Visiting field staff, whilst the Divisional Nursing Officer gave 9. Over and above this the 1967/8 session of talks to the Ambulance Officers was completed along with a further session of 5 evenings at the end of 1968. These talks, a majority of which were illustrated by films and/or filmstrips, were given by the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The School Health Education Programme has been extended and there are now regular weekly and/or bi-weekly sessions in 3 Secondary Modern Schools, whilst in a fourth the programme consists of a weekly session for 4-6 weeks per term. These sessions cover age groups varying from 11 to 16 years, and embrace subjects ranging from reproduction through mothercraft to smoking and V.D., and drugs, etc. Emphasis throughout is on "Learning to Live" rather than "Sex Education" and in the past year more boys have been drawn in. Adults are now asking for group education on what to tell their children and how to answer their questions.

Several of the Home Nurses and Midwives are being brought into the programme, being encouraged to participate with their local organisations and to work with the Health Visitor in the School Health Education Programme in their specialised fields.

Health Visitors participated in 451 ante natal classes within their clinics.

Evening Home Help courses were held throughout the Division under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer, assisted by the field staff and clerical staff. Evening meetings of the voluntary workers' committees for each of the areas were held, also under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer, assisted by the Health Visitor for each area. Miss Law, Divisional Nursing Officer, was called upon twice by the Huddersfield College of Technology to talk on Community Nursing and Hospital Services to hospital Nursing Staff taking Hospital Management Courses.

There is still a large field uncovered and the Assistants to Health Visitors doing hygiene inspections in schools are being encouraged to give short talks on elementary hygiene.

PROBLEM FAMILIES

The two Co-ordinating Committees operating in the Division have continued to meet regularly throughout the year. Representatives from the County Health, Education, Welfare and Children's Departments attended each meeting, together with representatives from the various County Districts. Other members of the Committees are the local N.S.P.C.C. Inspectors, officials of the Ministry of Social Security and the Probation Officers.

The Saddleworth Committee met three times during the year, with an average attendance of 10 members. A total of 12 families were discussed, 3 of them being new cases. Three families were removed from the list during the year, as improved.

The Huddersfield Committee met 5 times during the year with an average attendance of 13 members. A total of 43 families were discussed, 11 of them being new cases. 18 families were removed from the list, 11 being improved, and 7 having left the district.

The Committees have continued to call the attention of the Housing Authorities to the urgent need for re-housing where necessary and to the Committee's concern regarding possible evictions.

During the year rent guarantees were in operation in respect of 17 families, in 5 cases these being withdrawn. The difficulties met with in these cases have seldom been due to the simple lack of money but rather to the inability to budget properly and make the most of their resources.

No cases were assisted during the year by the provision of a domestic help without assessment.

HOME NURSING

At the commencement of the year 9 full-time and 4 part-time home nurses and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year one full-time and 2 part-time home nurses resigned their appointments. One full-time home nurse and 3 full-time nurse/midwives were appointed.

At the end of the year, the staff consisted of 9 full-time and 2 part-time home nurses and 9 nurse/midwives.

A summary of the number of cases dealt with during the year is shown in the following table:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during year
Medical	1,470	35,351
Surgical	545	10,558
Infectious Diseases	5	76
Tuberculosis	20	883
Maternal complications	30	314
Other	—	—
Total ..	2,070	47,182
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year	1,161	30,510
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year	90	811
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year	524	30,763

CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT

The County Council provide convalescent home treatment for approved patients. During the year, 5 cases were sent to Convalescent Homes on the family doctor's recommendations. Seven additional applications were withdrawn.

THE HOME HELP SERVICE

The number of part-time Home Helps employed during the year was 159 and these gave help equivalent to that of 53.83 full-time Home Helps, a decrease of 2.69 on those employed in 1967.

The number of patients receiving help during the year was 879, an increase of 32 compared with 1967, but the total hours of service given decreased by 5,595 to 111,975.

All our home helps are employed on a part-time basis, this being found to be more satisfactory than the employment of whole-time helps, as it enables the home help to be given two or three cases to attend in the vicinity of her home and obviates the necessity of travelling far and wide throughout the Divisional area. It is still difficult to recruit home helps who are willing to work during weekends.

A training course for home helps was held again this year. As in the previous year, the course consisted of five consecutive weekly meetings. The subjects under discussion at the meetings were as follows:—

- (a) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the health visitor.
- (b) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the home nurse and midwife.
- (c) Dealing with emergency medical problems, the speaker being a general medical practitioner.
- (d) Budget cooking, demonstrated by a representative of the Gas Board.
- (e) A group discussion with a panel consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Social Security, the Health and Welfare Departments, local authority nursing services and general medical practitioners.

This course was held in Saddleworth. In each of the other areas, viz., Kirkburton, Honley and Slaithwaite, evening meetings of the Home Help Service were held, when discussions between the public health personnel and the home helps under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer proved very useful. Again it was suggested that more of the home helps would have attended if either transport was provided or travelling expenses paid.

Details of the assistance given to the 879 patients are shown in the following table:

CATEGORY	COLNE VALLEY		DENBY DALE		HOLMFIRTH		KIRKBURTON		MELTHAM		SADDLEWORTH		TOTAL	
	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient
Maternity	3	22.33	2	15.56	4	12.00	3	8.00	4	14.75	9	15.38	25	14.08
Mentally Disordered	1	51.00	—	—	2	139.00	1	141.00	—	—	—	—	4	117.5
Chronic sick & Tuberculosis (under 65 years of age)	18	122.81	5	88.10	12	180.09	20	192.66	6	151.29	10	109.05	71	146.83
Aged 65 & over	196	117.79	62	111.53	141	152.84	124	179.12	50	167.73	166	84.94	739	131.32
Others	15	76.97	1	145.00	5	137.10	5	99.00	5	173.70	9	28.46	40	92.03
TOTAL	233	113.86	70	107.59	164	150.57	153	174.67	65	157.26	194	80.65	879	127.39

CHIROPODY SERVICE

During the year there was an increase of 81 in the number of patients receiving treatment and an increase of 412 in the number of treatments given.

The proportion of handicapped persons and expectant mothers is very low but in fact, many handicapped persons are included in the Pensioner class.

The extent to which treatment is being provided at more frequent intervals than every two months is very small. The 13 patients who fell into this category during the year received 127 treatments.

During the year 1,805 patients made 9,404 attendances at treatment centres and 899 patients received 4,002 domiciliary visits.

	CLINIC		DOMICILIARY	
	Patients	Attendances	Patients	Attendances
(a) By Direct Service:				
Golcar	179	881	} 150	739
Slaithwaite ..	205	1,018		
Holmfirth	207	1,080	} 209	938
Honley	74	375		
Kirkburton	29	230	88	363
Kirkheaton	89	477	} 53	253
Lepton	117	591		
Meltham	169	930	99	451
Scissett	213	1,105	108	433
Springhead ..	62	333	} 61	203
Uppermill	112	574		
Emley	46	261	16	62
(b) By Voluntary Assc.				
Delph	84	462	30	150
Denshaw	32	177	4	10
Greenfield	61	316	44	205
Marsden	126	594	37	195
TOTAL	1,805	9,404	899	4,002

Screening Tests for Cervical Cancer

Married women, aged 35 to 65 years were eligible for the service if they were referred by their own general practitioners. Details of the clinics held during the year will be found in the accompanying table.

Name and Address of Clinic	No. of sessions held during year	No. of patients attending for first time during year	Total No. of smears taken	No. of patients with positive smears
Child Welfare Centre, Eastgate, Honley	9	141	141	1
Health Services Centre, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton	8	116	118	1
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Fleet Street, Scissett	8	118	118	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite	13	213	213	1
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper Street, Springhead	5	56	59	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Causeway Crescent, Linthwaite (commenced June)	10	151	154	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Fields Rise, Kirkheaton (commenced July)	2	33	33	—
Child Welfare Centre, Scar Lane, Golcar (commenced August)	4	64	65	—
Child Welfare Centre, Carlile Institute, Meltham (commenced November)	2	38	38	—
Colne Valley High School, Linthwaite	1	20	20	—
Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield	1	13	13	—
W. & E. Crowther Ltd., Slaithwaite	2	59	59	—
Pearson Bros. Ltd., Victoria Mills, Golcar	1	21	21	—
Brooke Motors Ltd., Honley	1	18	18	—
Total	67	1061	1070	3

National Assistance Acts, 1948-1951

Under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, a local authority may take action to secure removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. Action was taken in one case during the year, this being in respect of an old lady aged 87 years, living alone. She was admitted to hospital under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, for a period of three weeks. She settled in hospital and remained in on a voluntary basis but unfortunately she died shortly afterwards.

Ambulance Service

During the year close co-operation has been maintained with the Superintendent of the Huddersfield Depot and any difficulties of a medical nature arising have been discussed.

The Service has worked smoothly throughout the year and complaints have been negligible.

During the year the ambulances from the Huddersfield Depot travelled 199,355 miles and carried 34,730 patients, 2,583 of these being stretcher patients. Particulars of the cases carried are given below:—

Out-Patients	30,663
Admissions	1,976
Discharges	1,010
Transfers	342
Accident Patients	739
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					34,730

In the Saddleworth area arrangements with the Oldham County Borough Ambulance Service have continued.

During the year ambulances of the Oldham Service made journeys involving 25,060 miles and carried 4,041 patients and in addition journeys involving 28,943 miles were made by Sitting Case Cars on behalf of 4,274 patients. Of the patients carried 286 were classed as accident cases, 237 emergency cases and 7,792 others.

Medical Examinations for Superannuation Purposes

During the year 24 examinations regarding suitability for entry into the County Council Superannuation Scheme were carried out by the Department's Medical Staff.

In addition, 7 examinations were carried out on behalf of other Authorities.

Fourteen special examinations following prolonged sickness were also made at the request of the various employing Authorities.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The year was marked by further steady progress in the development of the service and an ever increasing closer liaison of the mental welfare officers with the general practitioners and hospital authorities.

Hospital Liaison

Patients attend as day patients at both St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, and the Elizabeth Martland Unit, Oldham and District General Hospital. This is a very useful service and enables patients to live at home who would otherwise have to be admitted to hospital.

The attendance of the Mental Welfare Officers at the Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, has resulted in a better liaison with the Consultant Psychiatrist, and the opportunity to visit patients whilst still in hospital prepares the way for after-care. Difficulties do arise in placing patients in employment following discharge from hospital. There are not sufficient sympathetic employers and a sheltered workshop would help to bridge the gap between discharge from hospital and full employment. A Mental Welfare Officer also attends the Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinic on one morning and two afternoons per week.

Psychiatric Clubs

There is still only one Club in the Division, this being at Springhead, but arrangements have been made for the Club run jointly with the Huddersfield Corporation to be re-started in Huddersfield in January, 1969. Membership is almost entirely female. The Club is still mainly occupational and has an average weekly attendance of fourteen, with ages ranging from 28 to 72 years.

Thirty members and friends attended a film show in Manchester, 36 members and relatives attended the Christmas Party, 16 members went on a tour of inspection of the Sunblest Bakery at Reddish and 30 members and relatives enjoyed a day's outing at Bridlington.

There has been some improvement in members attending the Club and they all appear to enjoy the weekly meetings. The isolated nature of the district does tend to keep the numbers down. Certain meeting points have been arranged and the Mental Welfare Officers collect members this way.

Training Centre, Kirkburton

The trainees admitted from the Brighouse Division pending the building of a training centre in that Division have continued to attend.

The number of trainees in attendance at the end of the year was 90, 39 of them being under 16 years of age. The areas from which the trainees who were in attendance at the end of the year came are as follows:—

Resident In	Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Colne Valley U.D. ..	7	2	4	3	11	5
Denby Dale U.D. ..	6	2	5	8	11	10
Holmfirth U.D. ..	—	8	8	3	8	11
Kirkburton U.D. ..	6	2	3	2	9	4
Meltham U.D. ..	3	2	1	2	4	4
Saddleworth U.D. ..	1	—	—	—	1	—
Division No. 19 ..	—	—	1	—	1	—
Division 18 ..	—	—	9	2	9	2
Total	23	16	31	20	54	36

Number of Patients referred to Local Health Authority during year ended 31st December, 1968

Referred By	Mentally Ill				Psychopathic				Sub-normal				Severely Sub-normal				Totals				Grand Total
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
(a) General Practitioners	—	—	26	35	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	38	64
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient training	—	—	28	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	58	86
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment ..	—	1	10	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	18	29
(d) Local Education Authorities ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1	5	2	—	—	—	5	3	1	5	14
(e) Police and Courts	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	7
(f) Other Sources	—	—	42	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	44	46	90
(g) TOTAL	—	1	111	158	—	—	—	3	3	3	3	5	2	—	1	—	5	4	114	167	290

Number of patients under Local Health Authority care at 31st December, 1968

Referred By	Mentally III		Elderly mentally infirm	Psychoopathic		Sub-normal		Severely Sub-normal		Totals		Grand Total										
	Under age 16	16 and over		Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over	Under age 16	16 and over													
			M							F	M		F	M	F	M	F					
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		F									
TOTAL NUMBER	—	1	39	71	2	8	—	3	12	16	42	34	18	10	13	15	30	27	96	131	284	
No. attending day training centre	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	11	16	10	12	14	9	8	11	25	25	18	24	92
No. awaiting entry to training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. awaiting home training	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. resident in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
No. awaiting residence in L.A. home or hostel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. resident at L.A. expense in other residential home or hostels	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
No. attending Day Hospitals	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	10
No. receiving Home visits and not included above:—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(i) Suitable to attend training centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	1	4	3	3	1	6	9	19	
(ii) Others	—	1	36	63	2	8	—	3	1	—	27	15	1	—	1	1	2	1	66	90	159	

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Introduction

This account of the School Health Service is a Divisional report and is a combination of the reports presented to the Upper Agbrigg Divisional Executive and the Saddleworth District Sub-Committee. The statistics relate to the whole Division.

Schools in the Area

There are in the Division 75 schools or separate departments, which include the Royd Edge Special School, Meltham.

The approximate number of pupils on the registers in December, 1968 was 13,051 (an increase of 578 as compared with the previous year) and was composed of:—

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
3,309	5,042	4,700

Of the 68 Primary Schools, 32 are Voluntary and 36 are County Schools:—

The distribution is as follows:—

Type of School	Colne Valley		Denby Dale		Holmfirth		Kirkburton		Meltham		Saddleworth		Total	
	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils
Primary	17	1980	9	1050	14	1689	14	1497	3	642	11	1493	68	8351
Secondary	—	—	1	540	1	917	1	338	—	—	1	518	4	2313
Modern	—	—	—	—	1	838	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	838
Grammar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1495
Comprehensive	1	1495	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1495
Special	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	54	—	—	1	54
All Types	18	3475	10	1590	16	3444	15	1835	4	696	12	2011	75	13051

Pupils from Saddleworth attend Grammar Schools in Oldham and Manchester, but so far as the School Health Service is concerned, they are the responsibility of the Medical Officers of the Independent Schools and of the Oldham County Borough Council.

Some pupils from outlying parts of the Division attend Grammar Schools at Mirfield, Penistone, etc.

Medical Inspections

The periodic examination of entrants leavers continue to be held as before with the exception that as many children as possible are seen at the local clinics immediately prior to school entry. The examination of intermediates by the selective method has continued.

The Selective Method involves the sending of questionnaires to parents and obtaining reports from Head Teachers and Health Visitors. The reports and questionnaires are scrutinised by the School Medical Officer who selects for examination only those children who may have medical problems. In this way more time is devoted to the needy child rather than to children who have no problems.

During the year 3,136 periodic examinations were carried out whilst the number of 'specials' was 2,051. (This figure includes those examined under the Selective Method).

Particulars of the age grouping of children found at periodic medical inspections to require treatment are given below:—

Age groups inspected	For Defective Vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in table of defects	Total individual pupils
Entrants	25	87	96
Leavers	59	26	63
Others	19	18	22
Total	103	131	181

Defects Found at Medical Inspections

The following table gives details of all defects noted at both periodic, selective and special examinations. All defects noted at medical inspections as requiring treatment are included, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of inspection:—

Defect or Disease	Number of Defects			
	Periodic Inspections		Selective and Special Inspections	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment
Skin	16	57	11	43
Eyes (a) Vision	103	228	93	393
(b) Squint	35	56	13	61
(c) Other	1	15	—	16
Ears (a) Hearing	9	74	5	85
(b) Otitis Media	4	26	1	17
(c) Other	1	12	1	4
Nose or Throat	18	162	6	85
Speech	7	70	2	55
Lymphatic Glands	—	41	2	19
Heart and Circulation ..	4	29	2	43
Lungs	4	66	2	66
Developmental (a) Hernia ..	1	18	1	21
(b) Other ..	2	48	2	31
Orthopaedic (a) Posture ..	2	10	—	14
(b) Feet ..	7	74	4	27
(c) Other ..	1	46	2	25
Nervous System (a) Epilepsy	2	7	2	6
(b) Other ..	—	26	2	27
Psychological (a) Development	2	42	—	95
(b) Stability ..	2	46	4	45
Abdomen	2	20	—	14
Other	11	151	10	135
TOTAL ..	234	1324	165	1327

Physical Condition of Children

All pupils, except one, at routine periodic medical inspections were classified as being 'Satisfactory'.

Other Examinations

In addition to routine, special and follow-up examinations of children at school medical inspections, children were examined at home or at school for various reasons. These include non-attendance at school, children returning to special schools, and also those examined with a view to providing special educational treatment.

Uncleanliness

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,980 and 220 instances of infestation were found as compared with 16,838 and 168 respectively in 1967. There were 201 individual children (1.5% of the school population) found to be infested on at least one occasion, an increase of 51 compared with the previous year.

Statistics relating to these inspections are as follows:—

Total number of warning letters sent	.. .. .	85
Total number of exclusion notices served	.. .. .	7
Total number of home visits paid	.. .. .	134
Total number of individual children found to be verminous	..	201
Total number of Cleansing Notices issued	.. .. .	Nil
Total number of Cleansing Orders issued	.. .. .	Nil

Arrangements for Treatment

School Clinics

There are no special school clinics in the Division. The children of school age may attend any of the 17 child welfare centres in the area for treatment of minor ailments and to receive "booster doses" of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis antigens. During the year, a total of 947 attendances were made by school children at such clinics. Included in this figure are those children who attended for a medical examination just prior to starting school at the age of 5 years.

Special Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinics

The Leeds Regional Hospital Board have continued to make available the services of Dr. K. K. Prasher for two sessions per week in the Divisional Area. When Dr. Prasher left the district his place was taken by Dr. Davies. The sessions are arranged as required at the Kirkburton, Meltham, Slaithwaite and Uppermill Clinics, where special facilities are available.

During the year, 89 special clinic sessions were arranged and these were attended by 826 children who made 865 attendances. Spectacles were prescribed for 139 children.

Cases requiring orthoptic treatment may obtain this either through the hospital service or, if in the Saddleworth area, they may attend the Orthoptic Clinic, Scottfield, Oldham, which is provided by the Oldham Education Committee. A charge of 5/- per attendance is paid by the West Riding Education Committee.

Orthopaedic Clinics

The special hospital Out-Patient Clinic for West Riding children has continued at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. These have been conducted by Mr. J. Hunter Annan, F.R.C.S., Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and by Mr. G. F. Hird, F.R.C.S., Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon assisted by a Health Visitor and a clerk from the Divisional Health Office.

At the 15 sessions held during the year 110 individual children made a total of 143 attendances.

Two children from the Saddleworth area were referred to the Gainsborough Avenue Clinic, Oldham.

The conditions for which they were referred were as follows:—

Flat Foot	16
Club Foot	7
Knock Knee	9
Hallux Valgus	12
Other Deformities of Toes	15
Postural Deformities	7
Other Deformities	17
Congenital Conditions	10
Acute Poliomyelitis	3
Perthes Disease	2
Other Conditions	14
Total	112

Child Guidance Treatment

An excellent liaison exists between the School Health Service and the Child Guidance Clinic at Mirfield. The School Health Service is indebted to the help given by Dr. K. N. Maxwell and Mr. D. G. Pickles, Psychiatrist and Educational Psychologist at the Clinic. There is always a long waiting list of children to be seen at the Clinic and to ease the strain at the Clinic, it is necessary to carefully select all cases referred to the Clinic. During the year 39 children from the Division attended the clinic.

Speech Therapy

There is an establishment for one full-time Speech Therapist. In the present shortage of Speech Therapists we are still fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Stacey for 4 sessions a week. Inevitably there is a waiting list of children to be seen by the Speech Therapist and cases for referral have to be selected. During the year, 153 individual children attended for treatment at clinics held at Slaithwaite, Meltham, Honley and the Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield.

Dental Treatment

A comprehensive dental service is available throughout the Division. Details of the work carried out during the year and the previous year are summarised below:—

	1968	1967
No. of children inspected	10,344	9,488
No. of children found to require treatment ..	4,436	4,611
No. of children treated	3,203	2,942
No. of attendances	7,575	7,373
No. of extractions—temporary	2,682	1,955
No. of extractions—permanent	906	693
No. of fillings—temporary	504	744
No. of fillings—permanent	4,713	4,133

Diphtheria Immunisation

The previous arrangements for diphtheria immunisation have continued, the injections being given by private practitioners and at the Welfare Centres.

The majority of children are now immunised before entering school. This should always be the case and the importance of immunisation in infancy cannot be over emphasised. Children protected in infancy should have booster injections when they commence school and five years later.

The following figures indicate the number of children who received primary immunisation after entering school and also the number receiving re-inforcement injections:—

				<i>Primary Immunisations</i>	<i>Re-inforcement Injections</i>
Colne Valley	..	..	..	3	236
Denby Dale	..	..	..	—	74
Holmfirth	..	..	..	7	179
Kirkburton	..	..	..	2	167
Meltham	..	..	..	1	50
Saddleworth	..	..	..	1	49
				14	755

B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the County Council's scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, arrangements were made to offer B.C.G. Vaccination to all children aged 11 years and over. Vaccinations were carried out during October and November when 779 children were vaccinated.

Details are given below of the work undertaken during the year:

Number of children offered B.C.G.	..	..	..	..	1090
Number of acceptances	..	..	..	..	830
Number completing skin testing (including children brought forward from previous year)	..	..	..	..	858
Number positive	..	..	..	..	71
% positive	..	..	..	..	8.3
Number negative	..	..	..	..	779
Number Vaccinated	..	..	..	..	779
Number of Skin Tests after 12 months	..	..	..	..	—

Protection of Children Against Tuberculosis

The arrangements for the X-ray examination of the chests of all new entrants to the teaching profession and non-teaching staff of schools have continued. Likewise have those for re-examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is available in the area.

The children found to be mantoux positive as a result of tests for B.C.G. vaccinations are invited to attend for X-ray examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is operating in the area.

School Meals Service

New entrants to the staffs of school canteens are examined by the Department's Medical staff. During the year 123 new entrants were examined and in each case a certificate to the effect that the examinee was fit to work in the School Meals Service was forwarded to the Divisional Education Officer.

Youth Employment Service

There is close co-operation between the School Health and Youth Employment Services. The medical records of all school leavers are considered by the School Medical Officer before the pupils are interviewed by the Youth Employment Officer and types of work for which any child is, in the opinion of the Medical Officer, unsuited, are pointed out.

The more seriously handicapped children are recommended to the Youth Employment Officer for inclusion in the Disabled Persons Register.

In connection with the Employment of Children Bye-Laws, 11 children were examined as regards their suitability for employment outside school hours. Certificates were granted for employment as follows:—

Newspaper delivery 11

Handicapped Pupils

Facilities for the special educational treatment of all classes of handicapped pupils requiring residential care are now fairly readily available, except those classified as Educationally Sub-normal and Maladjusted.

During the year 24 pupils already on the Handicapped Pupils Register were examined to ascertain their need for continued special educational treatment. In addition 19 children were examined for the first time and 19 were put on the Register of Handicapped Pupils. Three pupils already receiving special educational treatment moved into the area and their names were entered on the Register. The number of children removed from the Register as no longer requiring special educational treatment, or because they were over school age or left the Division was 13.

At the end of the year, 223 children were included in the Register, the sub-division into the various classes being as follows:—

	No. on Register	No. at Special School	No. at Ordinary School	No. of Col. 3 awaiting placement
Maladjusted	7	2	4	4
Deaf	10	10	—	—
Partially Deaf	7	7	—	—
Delicate	17	2	15	—
Partially Sighted	5	3	2	2
Blind	4	4	—	—
Physically Handicapped	25	8	16	6
Educationally Subnormal	148	56	92	15
	223	92	128	27

1. One physically handicapped child is receiving home tuition.
2. One maladjusted child shown above is away at a remand home at the moment.

The Children's Home, The Leas, Scholes

This report on 'The Leas' Children's Home is for the year ended 31st March, 1969.

During this period all the cottages have been in use.

The number of admissions during the year was 182 and there were 180 discharges. The number resident on 1st April, 1968 was 64 and on the 31st March, 1969, was 66.

All children are medically examined as soon as possible after admission and there was one full routine medical inspection. During the year, 23 children made 35 attendances at the Dental Clinic, 12 children made 14 attendances at the Eye Clinic, 3 children attended the Child Guidance Clinic and 2 children received treatment at the Orthopaedic Clinic.

Nortonthorpe Hostel for Maladjusted Boys

The purpose of the Hostel is to provide a stable and pleasant background for socially insecure children and so enable them to mature and eventually return to their homes without breaking down.

At the end of the year, 24 boys were in residence at the Hostel.

Reports to the Local Health Authority:

Education Act, 1944. Section 57

During the year, 10 children were reported to the Local Health Authority under Section 57(4), 6 as "Unsuitable" for education at school and 4 as requiring "Care and Guidance after leaving school".

Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Courses of Training

During the year, 122 candidates (37 male and 85 female) for entry into Teachers' Training Colleges were examined and reports submitted to the appropriate College Authority. In addition, 5 reports on Form 28 R.Q. regarding the new entrants to the profession were forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

Liaison with Hospitals and General Practitioners

Cordial relations exist between staffs of the School Health Service, the Hospital Service and the General Practitioners. Information is passed and mutual assistance is given to the general benefit of the children of the area.

