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AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1956

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THE BOROUGH OF HYTHE, KENT

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1956

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my first Annual Report.

According to the estimate of the Registrar General, the Mid-year Home Population was 9,600

The total number of live-births was 110 and the equivalent crude birth-rate per 1,000 resident population was 11.6; when this rate is adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability factor which provides comparison with other Districts on a basis of age and sex distribution, the rate becomes 14.15. The high post-war birth rates have gradually declined to an equilibrium around 15 where they are likely to remain stabilised.

There was only one still-birth and the rate was accordingly low, i.e. 9.01. This compares very favourably with that for England and Wales which was 23.0. The best insurance against a high rate is adequate ante-natal supervision and skilled obstetric care.

The number of deaths amongst infants under one year of age was 4, and the infant mortality rate was accordingly 36.36. This was higher than that for England and Wales which was 23.8, but it should be stated that these figures are too small for statistical comparisons as a few births or deaths, either way, would influence these rates disproportionately. Two of the four infant deaths were due to prematurity which is the chief cause of neo-natal deaths; one was due to a congenital disease named Fibrocystic disease of Pancreas and the remaining death was due to Intracranial Haemorrhages caused by birth injuries.

There were no deaths amongst mothers due to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion. The number of these deaths was formerly tragically high throughout the Country but the rapid advance of knowledge within the last two decades has been successfully applied in prevention and treatment, particularly in relation to Puerperal Sepsis.

The total number of deaths from all causes during the year was 148 (75 males, 73 females) and the crude death rate was accordingly 15.42; this rate, when adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, becomes 10.79, which is lower than that for England and Wales, i.e. 11.7. As the Borough is largely an attractive residential district, there is a larger proportion of aged people, amongst whom the number of deaths is naturally higher than in Districts with an average age distribution.

The chief cause of deaths was Diseases of the Heart and related Circulatory system. These are the diseases which naturally cause death amongst the aged; 56% of the deaths were from these causes. Of these, disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart caused 26 deaths (19 males, 7 females). This form of heart disease is not exclusively confined to old age, for many middle-aged persons become victims. The number of male deaths from this cause was almost treble that of females, which might appear to give support to the theory that the stresses and strains of modern existence are an important contributory factor; excessive cigarette smoking may also be a contributory factor.

Cancer, as anticipated, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 27. 20% of these deaths were in

persons under 60 years of age and as the 'allotted span' may now be regarded as being appreciably higher than 70 years, due to modern medical treatment, this percentage illustrates the urgency of early diagnosis when treatment can be successfully applied. It would appear that procrastination by the patient in seeking medical advice is the most common factor in late diagnosis; for example two of these deaths under 60 years of age were due to Cancer of the Breast, which both from the point of view of diagnosis and surgical treatment is one of the most accessible sites in the body.

There was only one death from Cancer of the Lung, with which the inhalation of tobacco smoke has been associated as a major contributory cause. It is reasonable to assume that excessive smoking when inhaled would be a cause of chronic irritation, particularly amongst those who are more allergic or sensitive to tobacco smoke, but it would seem very doubtful that moderate smoking is a primary cause of Cancer of the Lung, as otherwise everybody who smoked would be doomed to die from this cause. It is highly probable that atmospheric pollution and vitiated indoor atmospheres are a greater contributory factor.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous, amongst which there was no exceptional cause.

There was no death due to the Infectious Diseases, which were in the last and early part of this Century a major cause of deaths. Within the last two decades, remarkable discoveries by Medical Science have been applied in this field with almost miraculous success against bacteria; for example the sulphonamides and antibiotics have revolutionised the treatment of many serious infectious diseases such as Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers, Bacillary Dysentery, Bacterial Pneumonias (primary and secondary), Bacterial Meningitis, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Pertussis, Staphylococcal Infections, and the secondary complications of the Virus Diseases such as Measles - broncho-pneumonia. In the field of prevention, Immunisation has almost eradicated Diphtheria, as Vaccination had done with Smallpox, and there is firm ground for hope that immunisation against Poliomyelitis will be equally successful.

Diseases caused by viruses constitute the chief problem to-day e.g. those which cause illness in the central nervous system and respiratory tract such as Benign Aseptic Meningitis, which is often confused clinically with non-paralytic Poliomyelitis, Influenza-like illnesses, and upper respiratory tract infections such as febrile catarrh, laryngitis and pharyngitis and faucial and tonsillar and nasal infections. It is probable that excessive use of Antibiotics may unbalance the normal flora of the body and allow viruses to flourish with less immunity. A Virological Service is being established, as a section of the Public Health Laboratory Service, to study these viruses and the illnesses associated with them, which although not usually dangerous to life, cause much absenteeism from school and employment.

There were no serious cases of Infectious Disease in the Borough during the year.

A small outbreak of Whooping Cough occurred, a total of 31 cases having been notified; there were no associated deaths. This disease is most dangerous in infants, particularly these only a few weeks or months old as asphyxiation may be caused by excessive secretion of catarrh or by secondary broncho-pneumonia. When possible, infants should be safe-guarded from exposure to infection, especially when there are school-children in the family who are likely to bring the infection into the home from school. The disease, however, is most infectious for about a week during the catarrhal stage when it is usually confused by parents with the common cold and by the time the whoop occurs to make it obvious the infection has become wide-spread amongst susceptible school-children. There are also the milder cases with cough but no whoop, or suppressed or missed cases who disseminate

the infection. It is, therefore, impracticable to control the disease by the ordinary measures practiced with infectious diseases, but it is hoped that immunisation by the new vaccines which have now been approved by the Ministry of Health will be as certain a means of prevention, as immunisation has been against Diphtheria. Parents have been able to have their children immunised by the family Doctor, since the inception of the National Health Service, but the vaccines were not approved until this year (1957) for use in County Council Child Welfare Clinics where they will be available in the immediate future.

There was only one case of Scarlet Fever notified. This disease in its present phase is comparatively mild and the formerly dangerous complications are now rare. There are, however, several types such as type iv and xii, which can cause Acute Nephritis, and should be kept in mind. Many small outbreaks in schools are caused by nasal carriers, who may be immune to the disease or are convalescent carriers. The practice of swabbing the noses and throats of convalescent school-children before releasing them to return to School, should not be lightly disregarded. The majority of children are treated at home when conditions are satisfactory. Modern treatment is specific and antitoxin therapy has largely been replaced by the Sulphonamides and/or Antibiotics.

One sporadic case of Sonne Dysentery was notified, but the source of infection could not be traced. This illness is also mild in its present phase; the majority of patients suffer from mild diarrhoea of only a few days duration, and commonly there is no blood in the stools, which is a characteristic of the more severe forms. Many patients have not sufficient cause to consult their family Doctors and become convalescent or chronic carriers of the organism. Even then, the treatment of carriers is usually prolonged and expensive and in view of the number of unsuspected or unknown cases who become carriers, would seem to be of little practical value, unless there is an occupational reason such as for those engaged in the preparation and distribution of food. It is not surprising, therefore, that outbreaks of this disease occur throughout the various Districts from time to time; for example, Public Conveniences may become a reservoir of infection where strict hygiene is not practised. These organisms have been isolated from lavatory seats and floors and from pull-chains and door handles. The best means of prevention are the simplest; that is, the thorough washing of the hands and scrubbing of the nails after toilet and before meals.

Six cases of Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia were notified. As secondary cases of Pneumonia are not notifiable, the total number of cases is not known, but the fact that there was only one death bears witness to the success of modern treatment. Prior to the introduction of the Sulphonamides in 1936 and of Penicillin in 1941, there was no specific treatment and the disease was then a major cause of death.

Three new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified. The Chest Physician of the area is responsible for investigating the source of infection and for the examination of contacts. This disease was once so great a scourge that it was named the White Plague but modern methods of prevention and treatment have gained ascendancy and the morbidity and mortality are declining comparatively rapidly. In the field of ascertainment, the Mass Radiography Unit Service is invaluable, and many early unsuspected cases who would ultimately have become a source of infection, have been discovered and successfully treated. B.C.G. vaccination is also being offered in 1957 to school-children, 13 years old, through the School Medical Services.

It is very satisfactory that there were no cases of non-respiratory or Bovine Tuberculosis; for example, Cervical Tuberculous Adenitis and Abdominal Tuberculosis were formerly prevalent caused by milk or meat infected by the Bovine Bacillus,

but to-day owing to the gradual introduction of Tuberculin Tested Herds and of Pasteurisation and the strict control exercised over production and distribution of milk, non-respiratory bovine Tuberculosis is becoming relatively uncommon.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and assistance in the work of the Department, and also the staff for their efficient and loyal co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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

SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOR
1956.

Area:- 3,013 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-				
The Resident Population	...	...	...	9,600
Number of Inhabited Houses According				
to the Rate Books	...	...	...	3,185
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£167,507
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£670

Social Conditions

The Borough of Hythe is largely a residential District, by the sea, and during the holiday months, attracts a large number of visitors. There are a few light industries, including a Brewery, a Laundry, a School of Infantry, and domestic trades. The standard of housing in the Borough has been maintained by the Council at a very high level due to long-term pre-war planning and as a consequence there are no slum clearance areas. There is no unemployment in the District and social conditions are generally very satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>Hythe Borough</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
1. Live Births	110	66	44	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	11.46	15.7
(a) Legitimate	108	65	43			
(b) Illegitimate	2	1	1			
2. Stillbirths.	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	9.01	23.0
(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	148	75	73	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	15.42	11.7
4. Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births.	-	Not available
5. Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.	4	3	1			
(a) Legitimate	4	3	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births					36.36	23.8
Rate re legitimate infants					37.37	
Rate re illegitimate infants					-	
6. Deaths from Cancer (all ages)					8	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					-	
Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea					1	
Deaths from Measles					-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year 1956.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	31
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HYTHE BOROUGH

DURING 1956

ALL CAUSES				Males	Females
				75	73
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	2	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases...	...	...	-	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	1	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	13	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	1	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	6	16
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	19	7
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	2	1
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	8	16
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	3	5
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	1	-
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	5	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	2	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	1	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases...	...	...	8	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	1	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	4
35.	Suicide	...	...	-	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-

Immunisation against Diphtheria, 1956

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1956, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1942).

Year of Birth	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1952 - 1956.	5	9	11	10	103	143	84	77	77	122	97	122	103	67	8	1038
1951 or earlier	60	60	77	61	62	15	21	41	43	4	1	1	1	1	1	444

Immunisation against Diphtheria and
Vaccination against Smallpox, 1956

The following is a return of (A) the number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria and (B) the number of persons who were vaccinated against Smallpox, during the year ended 31st December, 1956.

(A) Diphtheria Immunisation

Year of Birth	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	Total
Primary Inoculations	8	51	8	4	-	1	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	80
Re-inforcing Inoculations	-	-	2	1	5	56	12	3	9	82	82	3	-	1	1	257

(B) Vaccination

[illegible]

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1956

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	24	-	2
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

1. Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston Hall,
British Legion Village, Maidstone.

This service is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health. Samples of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods are examined bacteriologically on behalf of District Public Health Departments.

A virological service for the study of viruses has also been established in this Laboratory.

2. Kent County Council, Laboratory Service, County Hall, Maidstone.

This laboratory provides a service for the chemical analyses of Food and Drugs.

3. Hospital Laboratory Service, The Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone

This laboratory serves the Consultants in Hospital and the General Practitioners in relation to the examination of their patients.

4. Ambulance Service, Station, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

This service is administered by the County Council and the above-named Station adequately provides for the requirements of the Borough. The establishment comprises 5 Ambulances, 5 Sitting - case Cars, with a staff complement of Station Officer and 17 men, all of whom are on a full-time basis. The Station and Ambulances are equipped with radio-telephony, which provides a means of instant inter-communication, particularly valuable in emergency.

5. The Child Welfare Centre, Prospect Road.

Sessions are held weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. A Medical Officer is in attendance on Tuesday afternoons. The services provided in these Clinics are complementary to those provided by the family Doctor who is concerned mostly with children who are suffering from illness. The Health Visitor provides the link between the Clinic and the homes of the children. Each child is examined at his/her first attendance and thereafter at regular intervals to ensure that there are no defects, of which parents may not be aware, and that nutrition and development are normal.

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox are also available at these clinics, and Whooping Cough immunisation will also be offered in the immediate future. When sufficient vaccine is at hand, it is probable that immunisation against Poliomyelitis will also become a routine measure in these Clinics.

Various baby foods such as the Dried Milks and Vitamin products are sold at cost price to the mothers, which is of financial advantage to them.

It is unequivocal that the Child Welfare Service has been and is an invaluable agency in the prevention of infant deaths and in the promotion of positive health.

6. The Ante-natal Clinic, Prospect Road.

Sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and are supplementary to the ante-natal examinations done by the family Doctor and Midwife. These services have been invaluable

to expectant mothers in the prevention of the dangerous complications that may beset pregnancy, and maternal deaths are now relatively rare.

6. The Home Midwifery Service.

There is one Home Midwife on duty in the Borough, who works in close liaison with the Practitioners and with the Ante-natal Clinic.

8. Home Nursing Services.

Two Home Nurses are on duty. The majority of their cases are those in the chronic sick or aged and infirm group, who do not require Hospital in-patient treatment.

9. (a) The Domestic Help Service.

The address of the office of the local Domestic Help Organiser is 4, London Street, Folkestone. This service has expanded rapidly since the inception of the National Health Service in 1948, and has become established as an essential health service on behalf of mothers who become ill and have no relations or neighbours able to do the work of the household and care for the children; by the relief of this anxiety the mother is more quickly restored to health and to her family. The service is also of great assistance to old and infirm or chronic sick persons, who would otherwise be obliged to break up their homes and be admitted to a Chronic Sick Hospital, in which there are insufficient beds to cope with the long waiting list.

(b) The Family Help Service.

Prior to the introduction of this service, it was necessary to remove children, particularly those under five years of age, to costly Children's Institutions from families in which the mother was absent due to severe illness, death, estrangement or desertion or other cause. The service is designed to provide help and care for the children whilst the father is at work, and the Domestic Help may be required to reside in the home, if the father is on night-work. The maximum period of help is for three months during which period the father is expected to make permanent arrangements for the care of his children.

The demand on this service is not considerable but when it is necessary it is of value in keeping the children at home, and also obviates expensive Institutional maintenance.

(c) The Evening Attendance Service

This service is occasionally required on behalf of old people for half to one hour each evening to assist them to retire for the night.

(d) The Night Attendant Service.

This service is also occasionally required on behalf of old people who are ill and live alone. The helpers usually go at 10 p.m. and stay until 6 a.m. the following morning and attend each night until the patient recovers or dies or is admitted to Hospital. Assistance may also be given for several nights to relatives who are unable to be in attendance every night.

10. Nursing Homes

1. The Hythe Nursing Home, 23, North Road, Hythe.

This is a private Nursing Home in which there are twelve beds for maternity, surgical or medical patients and a modern fully equipped theatre, labour ward and nursery.

The fees are from 13 guineas per week.

2. Northendene Nursing Home, 91, Seabrook Road, Hythe.

This Home provides accommodation for nine medical or chronic sick patients. The fees are from 6½ guineas per week.

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BOROUGH OF HYTHE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND

HOUSING MANAGER

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1956



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector & Housing Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to present to you my thirty-first Annual Report on the work carried out in my Department. This covers the year ended 31st December, 1956.

1. GENERAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY

COMPLAINTS

Number of complaints received and dealt with 150

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936

Number of premises inspected 181
Number of re-inspections at above 362

Housing Act, 1936

No. of inspections for purposes of
Section 9 (repairs) 52
No. of inspections for purposes of Sections
11/12 (demolition and closing orders) 25
No. of inspections of clearance areas 61
" " " for general survey and
assessment 79

Housing Act, 1949

No. of inspections in connection with
Improvement Grants 86

Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954

No. of inspections re certificates of
disrepair 6
No. of inspections re houses let in
lodgings 18

Housing (general)

No. of inspections re housing applications 109
" " " " Tuberculous patients 14

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

No. of inspections of premises where food is
stored or handled 141
No. of inspections at Public Slaughterhouse
(Meat Inspection) 718
Other Meat and Food inspections 55
No. of inspections of ice cream premises 41
" " " " Licenced premises 14

Shops Act, 1950

No. of inspections for purposes of this Act 29

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-1954

No. of inspections re Milk & Dairies
Regulations 29

Total carried forward 2170

	Total brought forward	2170
Factories Act, 1937		
No. of inspections of factories with Mechanical Power		51
No. of inspections of factories without Mechanical Power		21
No. of inspections of factories re Means of Escape in Case of Fire		34
Rodent Control		
No. of inspections of dwelling houses		45
" " " " business premises		27
Refuse Collection and Disposal		216
Miscellaneous		
No. of inspections for various purposes not classified		86
	TOTAL	<u>2650</u>

2. NOTICES SERVED:

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	45	-
Housing Acts	4	9

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACT

Houses:	Roofs	5
	Walls (external)	3
	Chimneys and stacks	1
	Rainwater pipes	4
	Gutters	5
	Dampness	6
	Plaster (walls)	2
	Plaster (ceilings)	4
	Floors	2
	Windows	2
	Additional ventilation	1
	Doors	2
	Fireplaces & Cooking Ranges	1
	Sinks	1
	Sink waste pipes	4
	Water supply - general	3
	Yard paving	2
	Miscellaneous	2
Drainage:	Drains repaired	2
	Drains cleansed	9
	New drainage	2
Water Closets:	Repaired	2
	Renewed	2
Dustbins:	New Provided	15

HOUSING - GENERAL

1. Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

A. Houses Demolished in Clearance Areas

As unfit for Human Habitation	3
Number of Families and Persons displaced from the above and in advance of pending action	Families - 4 Persons - 6

B. Unfit houses closed (Housing Act 1936-1949 & Local
Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953) Nil

C. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects
were remedied

After informal action by Local Authority	28
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D. Unfit houses in Temporary Use (Housing Repairs &
Rents Act, 1954) Nil

E. Houses in Clearance Areas purchased by Agreement Nil

No. of houses in confirmed Compulsory Purchase Orders 9

No. of families and persons remaining to be rehoused
from the above Families - 4
Persons - 11

2. Housing Rents & Repairs Act, 1954 - Section 23

No applications have been made for Certificates of Disrepair under this Act. Advice has been asked for on several occasions and in each case satisfactory arrangements have been made for outstanding repair without the need for issue of Certificates.

3. Housing Act, 1949 - Section 20

Improvement Grants: Enquiries for Improvement Grants have continued during the year and nine applications were made, one application was refused and another, after approval, was withdrawn. These grants have, in the main, secured the provision of bathrooms, indoor sanitation and domestic hot water supplies for the houses concerned.

Conversion Grants: Two applications were made during the year to subdivide large houses into flats. Both applications were approved.

No. of premises connected to cesspools	122
No. of premises with pail closets	4
No. of premises not connected to public water supply	8

HOUSEHOLD - GENERAL

Houses in Cleveland Area and Other House elsewhere

A. Houses furnished in Cleveland Area

As well as from elsewhere

Number of families and persons furnished from the
above and in advance of pending action
Families - 4
Persons - 5

B. Other houses in Cleveland Area (Housing Act 1937-1942 & Local
Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1942)

Nil

C. Other houses made for and houses in which houses
are furnished

25

Other houses made for and houses in which houses
are furnished by Local Authority

D. Other houses in Cleveland Area (Housing Act 1937-1942
& Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1942)

Nil

E. Houses in Cleveland Area purchased by Cleveland

Nil

F. No. of houses in Cleveland furnished by Cleveland Council

G. No. of families and persons remaining to be furnished

Families - 4

Persons - 11

Housing Act, 1942 - Section 23

No applications have been made for certificates of clearance
under this Act. Advice has been asked for on several occasions
and in each case satisfactory arrangements have been made for
furnishing the houses without the need for certificates.

Housing Act, 1942 - Section 24

Improvements granted. The Housing Act 1942 grants have
continued during the year and some applications were made.
One application was refused and another, after approval, was
refused. These grants have, in the main, secured the
provision of better housing, better sanitation and domestic hot
water supplies for the houses concerned.

Improvements granted. The applications were made during the
year to provide better housing, better sanitation and domestic hot
water supplies.

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No. of houses furnished in Cleveland
No. of families and persons furnished in Cleveland water supply

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1. Inspection and Supervision of Food Premises

No. of Food Premises in the District:

Bakehouses & Bakers Shops	7
Butchers	11
Fishmongers, Poulterers & Fish Friers	6
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	15
Grocers (includes some Ice Cream Retailers)	20
General Shops, Ice Cream etc.	24
Licensed Premises	30
Restaurants & Hotels	16

No. of Registered Food Premises:

(a) Retailers of Ice Cream	30
(b) Preparation & Manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods, etc.	13

Total Number of Inspections of Food Premises:

Registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955	72
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No. of Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955)

22

Analysis of Defects Remedied in Food Premises

Food Premises reconstructed or altered	3
Protection of Food from Contamination	4
Personal Cleanliness of Food Handlers	1
Soil Drainage System Repaired or altered	2
Sanitary Conveniences:	
Cleansed, Repaired or Renewed	3
Lighting & Ventilation provided or improved	2
Disconnected from food rooms	1
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	9
Sinks provided or renewed	6
Hot Water Supplies provided or improved	8
Cold Water Supplies " " "	6
Lighting & Ventilation of Food Rooms	3
General Repairs & Cleanliness of Food Rooms	7
Provision of Accommodation for Clothing	2

2. Ice Cream (Heat Treatment Regulations)

The following samples of Ice Cream were taken for bacteriological examination during the year:-

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
Wrapped	7	6	1	-	-
Part Wrapped	3	2	1	-	-
Unwrapped (from bulk containers)	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note: All samples within Grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory.

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Investigation and Supervision of Food Premises

No. of Food Premises in the District:

7	Restaurants & Taverns
11	Butcher
8	Fishmongers, Shellfish & Fish Traders
15	Greenhouses & Nurseries
20	Grocers (including some Ice Cream Retailers)
24	General Shops, Ice Cream etc.
30	Ice Cream Vendors
16	Restaurants & Hotels

No. of Registered Food Premises:

20	(a) Restaurants of Ice Cream
13	(b) Greenhouses & Nurseries of various kinds, etc.

Total Number of Inspections of Food Premises:

75	Registered under Section 15, Food and Drugs Act, 1938
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No. of Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1938)

22

Analysis of Defects Reported in Food Premises

7	Food Premises recommended or altered
4	Protection of Food from Contamination
1	Personal Cleanliness of Food Handlers
2	Boil Water System Reported or altered
2	Sanitary Conveniences
2	Drains, Reported or Renewed
2	Lighting & Ventilation provided or improved
1	Improved
1	Unsanitary Food Food Room
3	Food Hand Washing provided or renewed
3	Sinks provided or renewed
8	Hot Water Supply provided or improved
2	Cold Water Supply
2	Lighting & Ventilation of Food Room
7	General Repairs & Cleanliness of Food Room
2	Provision of Accommodation for Clothing

Ice Cream (Food Hygiene Regulations)

The following analysis of Ice Cream was taken for bacteriological examination during the year:-

Sample	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Whipped	7	8	1	-
Part Whipped	2	2	1	-
Unwhipped (Cream)	2	2	-	-
Pastry (Cream)	2	2	-	-
Total	13	12	2	-

Note: All samples within Grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory.

3. (a) Milk & Dairies Regulations and Milk (Special Designations) Regulations

The registrations and Licences in force and issued by the Council during the year are as follows:-

Registered Distributors	8
Tuberculin Tested - Licensed Dealers	4
Pasteurised - Licensed Dealers	4
Tuberculin Tested - Licensed Supplementary Dealers	4
Pasteurised - Licensed Supplementary Dealers	4

(b) Milk Samples

The following samples under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949 were taken during the year:-

	Samples Taken	Results	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	10	10	-
Pasteurised Channel Island	6	6	-
T.T.Pasteurised	9	8	1
T.T.Pasteurised Channel Island	1	1	-
Pasteurised (Schools)	16	11	5
Totals	42	36	6

The unsatisfactory results in the Pasteurised (Schools) Milks occurred early in the year, where in each case the milks failed the Phosphatase Test. The matter was taken up with the Local Authority and Dairy concerned, and as a result of action taken all further samples have proved satisfactory.

4. Public Slaughterhouse

Fatstock Guarantee Scheme -
Deadweight Certification of Pigs

This is the first full year in which the deadweight Certification of Pigs has been undertaken by the Council on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. During the year 1,036 pigs were certified as qualifying for the deadweight subsidy payment.

The Council has received the sum of £37. 17s. 6d for the services of the Inspectors in carrying out this work.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle Exc. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	688	40	1372	2149	8170
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	38	4	2	28	214
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.67	10.0	0.14	1.30	2.69
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	6	-	-	47
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.18	15.0	-	-	0.62
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	7	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat condemned at the Public Slaughterhouse during the year as diseased, unsound or unwholesome was:-

1 ton 12 cwt 2 qrs 21 lbs

Carcasses Inspected and Conditioned

Butcher Killed and Inspected	Cattle No. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
	488	40	1773	2143	8170
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Hydrophobia</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	4	2	28	214
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and hydrophobia	2.03	10.0	0.14	1.30	2.63
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	6	-	-	47
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.89	15.0	-	-	5.63
<u>Hydrophobia</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected by hydrophobia	1.43	-	-	-	-
Grand total and total condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat condemned as the Public Health Commission during the year as shown, amount of inspection was -

A 100 lb case 2 lbs 10 oz

5. Inspection of Meat and Other Foods
(other than at Slaughterhouse)

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered as unsound or unfit for food in shops and other premises where food is prepared or sold.

7 tins	Ideal Milk	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pts.
2 "	Condensed Milk	4 "
3 "	Sardines	9 ozs.
2 "	Fish Paste	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
1 "	Soup	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
1 "	Marmalade	1 lb. 8 ozs.
22 "	Meat	52 lbs.
69 "	Fruit	107 lbs. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
30 "	Vegetables	24 lbs. 1 oz.
	Bacon	8 lbs.
	Meat - Imported	56 lbs.
	Fish	18 stone

Disposal of condemned food - All food condemned as unfit for human consumption is disposed of under sufficient safeguards and unsound meat to Bye-Products companies in the area.

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Undertaking previously owned by the Council was transferred to the Folkestone Waterworks Company from 1st April, 1956.

Analysts reports on raw waters submitted for chemical analysis have been supplied by the Company and samples have been taken at regular intervals by my Department. The following is a summary of these reports:-

1. Examination of Raw Water Supplies:

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
(a) Chemical examination of water from Folkestone Water Co., sources of supply	17	-
(b) Bacteriological examination from private well	-	1

2. Examination of Treated Water Supplies:

Bacteriological samples of treated water taken at consumer points	20	-
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FACTORIES

One power factory was deleted from the register during the year. The present number of factories is as follows:-

Non power factories (Factories where Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities)	47
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Power factories (Factories not included in the above where Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities)	<u>36</u>
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Total	<u>83</u>
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Two certificates with respect to Means of Escape in Case of Fire issued under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937 have been amended during the year.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Details of Disinfections and Disinfestations carried out by the department during the year are given below:-

Premises disinfected (after infectious disease)	5
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Articles of bedding, etc., disinfected	1
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Wasp Nests destroyed	54
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FACTORY

One power factory was deleted from the register during the year. The present number of factories is as follows:-

17	Run power factories (including those deleted 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 are entered by local authorities)
20	Power factories (including those deleted in the above years Section 7 is entered by local authorities)
37	Total

Two certificates with respect to Name of Works in Case of the above and Section 4 of the Factories Act, 1937 have been received during the year.

REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION

Details of Registration and Inspection carried out by the Department during the year are given below:-

2	Factories inspected (after inspection of 1937)
1	Factories of persons, etc., inspected
24	Total inspected

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

No alterations have been made in the arrangements for Collection and Disposal of Refuse during the year, but considerable difficulty has been experienced in maintaining regular collections because of the bad condition of Freighter 2 originally purchased in 1947.

It was hoped that this vehicle would have been displaced early in November by a new S.D. 18 yard two-way-tipper but owing to delays in delivery from the manufacturers this is not now expected till February or March.

Arrangements were made during the year through the London and Southern Joint Scrap Survey Committee for the salvaging of tins and metal scrap to a local firm.

181 Cesspool emptyings have been carried out during the year at a cost of £252.17.6d. This work is done by contract at a price of £1.7.6d per load.

The costs of refuse collection and disposal, based on an estimated population of 9,480, were:-

	<u>per 1,000 population</u>
Refuse Collection	£609
Refuse Disposal	£87

SALVAGE

The income from salvage sales during the year was as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	22	2	3	-	168.	6.	5.
Kitchen Waste	80	13	-	-	360.	0.	0.
Textiles	-	10	-	27	10.	18.	7.
Metals - Ferrous	4	5	1	-	19.	12.	5.
Metals - Non Ferrous		1	2	13	7.	2.	7.
Tins and Metal Scrap	20	18	2	-	61.	13.	3.
					<u>£627.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>3.</u>

REPORT COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

No alterations have been made in the arrangements for collection and disposal of refuse during the year, but some slight alterations have been suggested in connection with the collection of refuse from the public houses of the district of London in 1947.

It was hoped that this year would have been a record year for the collection of refuse, but owing to the fact that the weather was so dry and the ground was so hard, the collection of refuse was not as good as expected.

Arrangements were made during the year through the London and Southern Joint Sanitary Committee for the collection of refuse and the disposal of it.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal during the year at a rate of 12s. 6d. per ton, has been estimated at a price of 12s. 6d. per ton.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal, based on an estimated population of 2,400,000, is as follows:-

per 1,000 population

1946

Refuse Collection

1947

Refuse Disposal

TABLE

The income from refuse sales during the year was as follows:-

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RODENT CONTROL

Treatment of infestation of private dwellings is carried out free of charge, but charges are made for rodent control work done at other premises. The following table shows the rodent control work carried out during the year.

Year ended 31st December, 1956.	<u>Type of Property</u>				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri- cultural	All other (including Business	
Properties inspected:					
(a) By notification	-	92	-	10	102
(b) Survey under the Act	37	40	10	27	114
(c) Otherwise	10	45	-	141	196
No. of properties found to be infested by rats:					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	10	78	-	8	96
No. of infested properties treated	10	78	-	8	96
No. of treatments (inc.re-treatments)	16	101	-	9	126
No. of properties found to be infested by mice:					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	7	-	1	8
No. of infested properties treated	-	7	-	1	8
No. of treatments (inc.re-treatments)	-	7	-	1	8
No. of visits recorded by Rodent Operator	124	535	nil	57	716

COUNCIL HOUSES

442 Council houses were in occupation at the end of the year.

The houses comprise the following types:-

<u>3 Bedrooms</u>	<u>2 Bedrooms</u>	<u>1 Bedroom</u>
263	124	55

Analysis of list of applications for Council Houses as at December, 1956

No. of applications - 2 or 3 bedroomed houses 128

No. of applications - 1 bedroom flats or bungalows 68

Total 196

	<u>2 or 3 bedroomed accommodation</u>	<u>1 bedroom accommodation</u>
Applications under consideration from people residing in the Borough	38	24
Deferred applications from people residing in the Borough	53	28
Deferred applications from people residing outside the Borough	37	16

Housing Improvements

By the end of the year, 20 gas and 10 electric water heaters, together with sinks and wash basins, where requested, had been installed in pre 1939 houses. The tenants have expressed their satisfaction with these heaters. Since this work was commenced, several applications have been received from other tenants for similar facilities.

Repairs and Maintenance

The income of the Repairs Account for the year ending 31st March, 1956 was £4,356. 9. 10d and the expenditure was £3,505. 1. 1d the balance in hand at that date being £3,536. 0. 9d.

During the year some 1,106 complaints were received of various defects in Council Houses. The following is an analysis of defects remedied and work carried out during the year.

EXTERNAL

Roofs: Slates & Tiles	61
Flashings	1
Rooflights	5
Chimney Stacks and Pots	6
Gutters & Rainwater Pipes	48
Drains and Vent Pipes	47

Footpaths & Pavings (Surface	
Water Drainage)	10
Walls (Brickwork for Damp)	5
Gates & Fences	14
Clothes Posts (Old Peoples)	4
Ventilation (Air Bricks)	1
Outhouses, Sheds & Fuel Stores	8

INTERNAL

Walls & Ceilings (Plaster)	8
Floors: Woodwork	6
Dampness	1
Doors: Woodwork	74
Furniture	74
Windows: General	17
Putty Joints	2
Sashcords	59
Catches	7

Fireplaces & Stoves

Renewals (part Expenditure borne by Tenant)	9
Repair & Maintenance	28
Flues	11
Firebricks & Bars	7

Baths: General	4
Waste Pipes	1

Wash Basins: General	2
Waste Pipes	4

Sinks: General	2
Waste Pipes	26
Draining Boards replaced	8

Cookers	10
W.C.'s: Pans & Traps	20
Seats	24
Flush Pipes	10
Cisterns	104

Water Supply (Hot & Cold):

Tanks, Cisterns & Valves	78
Boilers & Flues - Repair & Maintenance	8
Supply Pipes (inc. leaks)	53
Frozen Pipes	77
Taps & Stopcocks	42
Tap Washers	33
Water Hammer	3

Woodworm	1
Repairs or Removal of Coppers	8
Redecoration (Tenancy Change)	9
Redecoration (Old Peoples)	13
Electrical Defects	74

EXTERNAL PAINTING

No. of houses partly painted	95
" " " completely painted	44

Your obedient Servant,

J. FLIM.

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Housing Manager.

10	Woolworth & Sons (London)
2	Woolworth (London)
14	Woolworth (London)
4	Woolworth (London)
1	Woolworth (London)
0	Woolworth (London)

Woolworth

2	Woolworth (London)
0	Woolworth (London)
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17	Woolworth (London)
2	Woolworth (London)
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HEALTH AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT

STAFF

Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager - John Plim.

Qualifications:- Certificate of Public Health
Inspector, Royal Society of
Health, London. 1920

Certificate of Inspector of Meat
& Other Foods, Royal Society of
Health, London. 1923

Certificate in Sanitary Science
as applied to Buildings & Public
Works, Royal Society of Health,
London. 1925

Additional Public Health Inspector - G. A. Hagedorn.

Qualifications:- Certificate of Public Health
Inspector, Royal Society of
Health, London. 1947

Certificate of Inspector of Meat
& Other Foods, Royal Society of
Health, London. 1948

Clerk/Typist - Miss R. A. Dray.

Foreman - Mr. E. Stokes.

Refuse Collection,
Refuse Disposal:-

2 Drivers.
9 Collectors.
1 Tip Attendent.

Housing:-

1 Plumber & Fitter.
1 Carpenter.
3 Painters and General Hands.
1 Assistant Fitter.

Rodent Operator - 1
