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ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL

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# Annual Report

on the

## HEALTH and WELFARE SERVICES

of the

Administrative County of the

Isle of Ely

including the Report of the

Principal School Medical Officer

for the year 1962

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M. E. HOCKEN  
County Medical Officer  
Principal School Medical Officer  
County Welfare Officer

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## ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL

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*County Medical Officer of Health and  
Principal School Medical Officer  
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M. E. HOCKEN, MB, ChB, DPH

*Deputy County Medical Officer and  
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School Medical Officers*

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N. J. ROWLAND, LDS, RCS (Ed.), (resigned 31/7/62)

F. E. ADAMS, LRCP & S, LRFPS, LDS, RCS (Ed.)  
(Appointed 21/9/62)

*School Dental Officers*

ONE VACANCY

G. F. WHEELER, LDS (resigned 31/10/62)

MRS. O. FOULDS, LDS (*part-time*)

*Chest Consultant*

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*Public Analyst*

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*County Inspector*

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*Speech Therapists*

ONE VACANCY

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*Orthopaedic Physiotherapist*

VACANCY

*Oculists—Part-time*

M. PERRERS TAYLOR, MRCS, LRCP, DPH, DOMS

H. L. BACKHOUSE, BA, BM, BCh, DO

*Orthoptist—Part-time*

S. HYND, DBO

*Educational Psychologist*

E. C. GRAY, MA, BEd

*Staff—continued*

*Superintendent Nursing Officer  
Secretary, County Nursing Association*

G. M. SANDERS, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

*Assistant Superintendent Nursing Officer*

J. R. COURTNEY, SRN, SCM, HV, QN, (appointed 2/4/62)

*Health Visitors and School Nurses*

*(a)—County Council (whole-time)*

I. F. BOXOLD, SRN, SCM, HV

J. BRIGHTON, SRN, SCM, HV (resigned 5/5/62)

B. M. B. GRAY, SRN, SCM, HV (appointed 18/6/62)

B. M. GUDGEON, SRN, SCM, HV

M. E. JOYNT, SRN, SCM, HV

E. F. R. STEPHENS, SRN, SCM, HV (appointed 18/4/62)

R. WARD, SRN, SCM, HV

B. WEBB, SRN, SCM, HV

*(b)—Clinic and School Nurses (part-time)*

A. HEADWORTH, SRN (appointed 28/5/62)

M. M. REID, SRN (resigned 20/11/62)

E. WHITWELL, SRN

*(c)—(part-time)*

*(Employed by District Nursing Associations)*

H. BROADHEAD, SRN, SCM, HV

G. HARRIS, SRN, SCM, HV, QN (resigned 31/10/62)

E. HATFIELD, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

A. HENEY, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

K. M. RAILTON, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

D. M. RUSSELL, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

S. M. WRIGHT, SRN, SCM, HV, QN

*(d)—part-time School Nurses*

B. M. S. ROBINSON, SRN, SCM

D. P. SMITH, SRN, SCM, QN

P. STITT, SRN, SCM

*(e)—Tuberculosis Visitor*

E. E. YOUNG, SRN, SCM, HV

*Mental Health and Welfare Officers*

V. E. WEBB (*Principal*), K. D. ARMITAGE (*District*)

R. J. HARRIS (*District*), R. A. M. REEVE (*District*)

*Welfare Assistants*

M. NELSON (appointed 12/11/62)  
L. STEBBINGS

*Home Teacher for Mentally Subnormal*

G. M. MARIS (resigned 19/4/62)  
M. R. FISHER (appointed 30/4/62)

*Home Teacher for Physically Handicapped*

S. MITCHINERE (resigned 30/11/62)

*Home Help Organiser*

M. MACROBERT

*Secretary, Society for the Blind*

D. MARSHALL (resigned 31/8/62)  
M. E. GIBSON (appointed 1/11/62)

*Home Teachers for Blind*

E. M. BROWN, M. R. GREEN, P. B. RANSOM

*Clerical Staff*

H. A. HOUSE (*Administrative Officer*)

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M. GIPSON, M. E. PEEL (commenced 2/4/62), J. M. HAMMERTON,  
M. L. MARSH, M. HARLEY (commenced 2/4/62), M. E. MURPHY,  
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*(part-time)*

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## LOCAL SANITARY AUTHORITIES

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Urban Districts and Boroughs		Clerks	District Medical Officers of Health
1. Ely	...	J. I. Billington, Esq.	K. S. Maurice-Smith, MRCS LRCP
2. Chatteris	...	C. Dobb, Esq.	A. S. Watson, MRCS LRCP
3. March	...	E. A. Littler, Esq.	J. C. Burns, MB BCh BAO DPH
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5. Wisbech M.B.	...	W. G. E. Lewis, Esq.	H. L. Groom, MRCS LRCP
Rural Districts			
1. Ely	...	J. E. Ward, Esq.	K. S. Maurice-Smith, MRCS LRCP
2. North Witchford	...	C. Dobb, Esq.	C. Thomas, MRCS LRCP
3. Thorney	...	J. Ford, Esq.	J. R. F. Popplewell, MRCS LRCP DRCOG
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Port			
Wisbech	...	W. G. E. Lewis, Esq.	H. L. Groom, MRCS LRCP



**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Isle of Ely County Council**

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the annual report on the state of the public health and welfare services in the administrative county of the Isle of Ely for the year 1962.

As requested in Circular 1/63 the following is the specific information requested, additional to that set out in the main body of the report where the present progress in the provision of mental health services is described in detail.

1. No formal arrangements have been made as yet for health visitors to work with general medical practitioners, although it is anticipated that a start will soon be made to such a scheme.
2. Notification of discharge of patients from hospital is not made to the authority other than of maternity and, in certain instances, mental cases, and of infants and children of school age. Whatever follow-up action may seem appropriate, or is requested, is taken by health visitors and mental welfare officers.
3. Posters, leaflets, etc., are exhibited at clinics and infant welfare centres. The health visitors distribute leaflets in the course of their visits to homes. They also give talks at centres and to scholars of senior schools. Film strips are exhibited. The problem of the health hazards of smoking is not neglected in such publicity programmes, particularly where they are directed at the young, at which age it is felt that the main effort should be concentrated as being most likely to lead to ultimate progress.
4. Chiropody services are arranged through the auspices of district nursing associations, and old people's clubs and associations. There is provision to make grants towards the expense when application is made for such assistance.

For the first time, in accordance with growing modern practice, the annual report on the school health service is included as an integral part of this report. At the same time the opportunity has been taken of including, in the form of appendices, not only the authority's ten year development programme of health and welfare services, but other documents which in summary form give some indication of the scope and nature of those services at present being provided for the inhabitants of the Isle of Ely. These documents formed part of the evidence submitted at the public enquiry

into local government reorganisation, held during 1962 in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1958. It is felt that these documents should be recorded in this report as a permanent record both of past and present awareness of public responsibility, and of plans to provide an adequate increase for future needs.

It gives me great satisfaction to report that our staff worked nobly and to them my most grateful thanks are due, as also to the chief education officer, his staff and the teachers of the Isle for their invariably full co-operation. Nor would I wish to go unrecorded the deep indebtedness of the whole service to that invaluable voluntary help, innumerable references to which are to be found throughout the body of the report. It can truthfully be said that the service in its present form could not carry on without such voluntary effort. Finally, and by no means least, I should wish to tender my most cordial thanks to the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee, and of the School Medical Service Sub-Committee, whose never failing interest and encouragement were a constant source of inspiration.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. E. HOCKEN,

County Hall,  
March.

County Medical Officer

Tel. No. MARCH 2471

### Administrative County of the Isle of Ely

The Annual Reports for the year 1962, from the Medical Officers of Health for the Districts within the Administrative County, as submitted to the Isle of Ely County Council in pursuance of Section 24, of the Local Government Act, 1888, were received as follows:—

	Area	Date received	Style
Urban Districts	Chatteris ... ..	Report not to hand	
	Ely ... ..	November 6th, 1963	
	March ... ..	October 10th, 1963	Typewritten
	Whittlesey ... ..	Report not to hand	
	Wisbech, M.B. ... ..	Report not to hand	
Rural Districts	Ely ... ..	October 8th, 1963	Typewritten
	North Witchford ... ..	September 12th, 1963	Typewritten
	Thorney ... ..	July 26th, 1963	Typewritten
	Wisbech ... ..	September 13th, 1963	Typewritten
	Wisbech Port ... ..		
	San. Authority ... ..	February 20th, 1963	Typewritten

# STATISTICS, 1962

Area of Administrative County (land and water) ...	acres	239,950	
Rateable Value 1/4/62 ...	£	1,006,614	
Product of 1d. rate 1962/63 ...	£	4,090	
Population (census 1951) ...		89,049	
Population (estim. to middle of year 1962) ...		89,420	
No. of live Births in the year	males 737	Legitimate 692 Illegitimate 45	1,460
	females 723	Legitimate 681 Illegitimate 42	
Birth-rate per 1,000 population ...	16.33	16.49 (corrected)	
No. of still Births in the year	males 8	Legitimate 8 Illegitimate 0	20
	females 12	Legitimate 10 Illegitimate 2	
Still-birth rate per 1,000 total births ...			13.51
Total live and still-births ...			1,480
Total No. of Deaths in the year	males 576		1,050
	females 474		
Death-rate per 1,000 population ...	11.74	(corrected) 11.39	
No. dying under 1 old	males 20	Legitimate 20 Illegitimate 0	37
	females 17	Legitimate 17 Illegitimate 0	
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births ...			17.12
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births ...			15.07
Peri-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths ...			28.37
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births ...			5.95
No. of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth	from sepsis 0		
	other causes 0		
	Total ...		
Infant mortality (rate per 1,000 births)	in legitimates 25.34		25.34
	in illegitimates —		
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...			0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...			0
„ „ Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...			1



England and Wales—

Birth-rate per 1,000 population	...	...	18.0
Death-rate per 1,000 population	...	...	11.9
Infant Mortality-rate per 1,000 live births			21.4
Maternal Mortality-rate per 1,000 total births			0.35

## VITAL STATISTICS

### POPULATION

The Registrar General has supplied the figure of 89,420 as the estimated mid-year population for 1962.

Statistics for the past 10 years are given for comparative purposes.

1953	88,420
1954	88,600
1955	88,700
1956	88,900
1957	88,890
1958	89,300
1959	89,000
1960	89,320
1961	89,060
1962	89,420

### BIRTHS

There was a fall in the birth rate during 1962, the figure being 16.49 as against 16.94 last year.

The number of illegitimate births increased during 1962, being 87 as compared with 86 in the previous year.

The births in the Urban Districts numbered 886 (456 males and 430 females), this being a birth-rate of 14.94 per thousand of population.

In the Rural Districts the births numbered 574 (281 males and 293 females), the rural birth-rate being 17.29 per thousand.

The total births for the county numbered 1,460 (737 males and 723 females), a birth-rate of 16.49 per thousand.

The illegitimate births in the Urban Districts numbered 58, a rate of 65.46 per 1,000 births. Of this 58, 30 were males and 28 females, giving rates of 65.78 and 65.11 respectively.

For the Rural Districts there were 29 illegitimate births, a rate of 50.52. Of these, 15 were males and 14 females, giving rates of 53.38 and 47.77 respectively.

Taking the County as a whole, the illegitimate births numbered 87, or a rate of 59.59. There were 45 male and 42 female illegitimate births, and this gives rates of 61.1 and 58.1 respectively.

### ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

Year	Illegitimate Births
1953	92
1954	88
1955	76
1956	65
1957	71
1958	78
1959	58
1960	62
1961	86
1962	87

### DEATHS

The death rate in the Isle of Ely has risen slightly. In 1962 the figure for the Isle of Ely was 11.74 (11.39 corrected) as against 11.59 in 1961. That of the country as a whole was 11.9.

The deaths in 1962 numbered 1,050 compared with 1,032 in 1961. Of these 1,050 deaths (576 males and 474 females), 703 occurred in the urban areas and 347 in the rural.

	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
1953	16.99	15.5	12.16	11.4
1954	15.68	15.2	11.53	11.3
1955	15.07	15.0	11.86	11.7
1956	15.7	15.7	11.2	11.7
1957	16.13	16.1	11.08	11.5
*1958	15.78	16.4	9.82	11.7
*1959	15.76	16.5	11.53	11.6
*1960	16.84	17.1	10.82	11.5
*1961	16.94	17.4	10.89	12.0
*1962	16.49	18.0	11.39	11.9

\* The birth rate and death rate is the "corrected" rate. Figures shown for previous years are "crude" rates.

DISTRICT	Area in Acres	Pop. 1951 Census	Pop. Mid. 1962 (estimated)	BIRTHS			DEATHS Under 1 Year		DEATHS			ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	
				No.	Rate (crude)	Rate (corrected)	No.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No.	Rate (crude)	Rate (corrected)	No.	Rate per 1,000 live births
URBAN													
Chatteris ...	15,107	5,528	5,520	78	14.13	14.13	1	12.82	56	10.14	10.04	9	115.38
Ely ...	14,659	9,989	9,800	151	15.40	15.25	5	33.11	143	14.31	10.59	7	46.35
March ...	19,786	12,993	13,230	203	15.34	15.65	7	34.47	147	11.31	12.33	8	39.41
Whittlesey ...	22,263	8,609	9,460	164	17.33	17.33	3	18.29	100	11.61	12.88	14	85.36
Wisbech M.B. ...	4,617	17,430	17,550	290	16.52	16.35	7	24.14	257	14.64	11.42	20	69.0
Aggregate of Urban Districts ...	76,432	54,549	55,560	886	14.94	14.94	23	25.96	703	12.65	11.51	58	65.46
RURAL													
Ely ...	66,082	14,716	14,370	236	16.41	16.90	5	21.19	144	10.02	9.82	12	50.85
North Witchford ...	24,700	5,023	4,650	78	16.77	17.27	4	51.28	61	13.12	12.99	4	51.28
Thorney ...	22,895	2,352	2,170	39	17.97	18.51	1	25.64	20	9.21	11.79	1	25.64
Wisbech ...	49,841	12,398	12,670	221	17.44	17.44	4	18.10	122	9.63	10.40	12	54.30
Aggregate of Rural Districts ...	163,518	34,489	33,860	574	16.95	17.29	14	24.39	347	10.25	10.56	29	50.52
WHOLE COUNTY	239,950	89,038	89,420	1,460	16.33	16.49	37	25.34	1,050	11.74	11.39	87	59.59

	Registered Births	Registered Deaths
1953	1,502	1,075
1954	1,389	1,022
1955	1,337	1,052
1956	1,397	998
1957	1,434	985
1958	1,395	997
1959	1,389	1,080
1960	1,489	996
1961	1,494	1,032
1962	1,460	1,050

#### INFANT MORTALITY

The infant mortality rate in 1962 increased to 25.34 per thousand births as compared with 14.73 in the preceding year.

Twelve deaths were due to congenital malformation, birth injuries, etc.; pneumonia caused three deaths; and other causes twenty-two.

#### INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales	Year	Isle of Ely	England and Wales
1927	64.91	69	1945	40.3	46
1928	58.94	65	1946	37.2	43
1929	83.3	74	1947	30.19	41
1930	52.19	60	1948	29.86	34
1931	58.11	66	1949	26.46	32
1932	53.68	65	1950	27.67	29.8
1933	57.7	64	1951	28.39	29.6
1934	58.59	59	1952	27.17	27.6
1935	46.49	57	1953	17.98	26.8
1936	60.29	59	1954	15.83	25.3
1937	58.35	58	1955	15.71	24.9
1938	56.89	53	1956	18.61	23.8
1939	41.96	50	1957	20.22	23.0
1940	50.28	55	1958	17.92	23.0
1941	49.15	59	1959	25.19	22.0
1942	50.56	49	1960	29.55	21.7
1943	45.88	49	1961	14.73	21.4
1944	44.9	46	1962	25.34	21.4

#### MATERNAL MORTALITY

No maternal death occurred during the year.



## County of Isle of Ely

## Causes of Death in Administrative Areas, 1962

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN										RURAL										Total for Urban and Rural Districts	Grand Total												
	Chatteris 05v.					Ely 6.x.					March 60					Whitlesey 61							Wisbech 62					Aggre- gate of U.D.'s.	RURAL					Aggre- gate of R.D.'s.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.			
Registrar's number of area.	05v.		6.x.		60		61		62		0593		North Witchford 0594		Thorney 0595		Wisbech 0596		Total for Urban and Rural Districts		Grand Total													
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
2. Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
3. Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
4. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
5. Whooping cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
6. Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
7. Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
8. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
16. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
18. Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
19. Hypertension, with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					

20.	Other heart disease ...	9	7	8	23	8	11	2	6	13	8	40	55	8	11	4	4	6	1	...	...	3	4	16	21	56	76	132
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	2	3	6	7	9	2	4	2	2	7	1	...	...	2	2	7	7	14	16	30
22.	Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	6	...	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	12	7	19
23.	Pneumonia ...	3	1	...	3	7	5	3	6	6	2	22	21	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	4	8	4	30	25	55	
24.	Bronchitis ...	...	2	9	1	7	3	2	3	14	9	32	12	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	7	...	21	4	53	16	69	
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	2	4	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	8	4	12	
26.	Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3	5	8	
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	7	
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	2	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	8	
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	9	...	16	
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	1	7	2	4	4	1	2	3	4	17	20	4	5	3	6	6	1	2	3	6	11	19	28	39	67	
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	7	1	11	2	13	
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	6	2	2	1	6	...	15	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	17	7	24	
35.	Suicide	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	1	3	1	9	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	10	2	12	
36.	Homicide & operations of war	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Deaths of Infants { Legitimate ... Illegitimate		1 1 ...	4 4 ...	1 1 ...	1 1 ...	6 6 ...	2 2 ...	2 2 ...	1 1 ...	2 2 ...	4 4 ...	10 10 ...	13 13 ...	4 4 ...	1 1 ...	2 2 ...	2 2 ...	2 2 ...	1 1 ...	...	3 3 ...	1 1 ...	10 10 ...	4 4 ...	20 20 ...	17 17 ...	37 37 ...	
Live Births { Legitimate ... Illegitimate		48 42 6	30 27 3	74 71 3	77 73 4	97 92 5	106 103 3	80 75 5	84 75 9	157 146 11	122 116 6	456 426 30	430 402 28	122 116 6	114 108 6	31 29 2	47 45 2	21 20 1	18 18 ...	107 101 6	114 108 6	281 266 15	293 279 14	737 692 45	723 681 42	1460 1373 87		
Still-births { Legitimate ... Illegitimate		1 1 ...	...	...	1 1 ...	...	1 1 ...	...	2 1 1	1 1 ...	2 2 ...	2 2 ...	7 6 1	2 2 ...	4 3 1	1 1 ...	1 1 ...	2 2 ...	...	1 1 ...	...	...	6 6 ...	5 4 1	8 8 ...	12 10 2	20 18 2	
Resident Population...		5,520	9,800	13,230	9,460	17,550	55,560	14,370	4,650	2,170	12,670	33,860	89,420															



Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life in the Administrative County of Ely in 1962.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	Aggregate of Urban Districts.							Aggregate of Rural Districts.							TOTAL				
		Ages							Ages											
		0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—	0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—		65—	75—		
ALL CAUSES	M	10	4	2	2	10	98	97	154	377	10	3	1	3	5	52	36	89	199	576
	F	13	1	..	2	7	53	68	182	326	4	1	3	..	5	20	35	80	148	474
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	0	2
	F	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, Other ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
3. Syphilitic Disease ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
	F	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
4. Diphtheria ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
5. Whooping Cough ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
8. Measles ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	3	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	16
	F	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	6	15
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	7	26	..	..	..	..	..	12	4	..	16	42
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	M	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	7
	F	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	9
	F	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	15	50
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	M	..	..	..	..	2	15	9	9	35	..	1	..	..	1	2	3	8	15	50
	F	..	..	1	1	3	16	1	12	33	..	..	2	..	3	2	5	2	14	47
15. Leukæmia Aleukæmia...	M	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	4
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1





### PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels including deaths from intracranial vascular disease remain the principle causes of death, accounting for 45 per cent. of all deaths in the Isle of Ely during 1962.

The percentage contributions to the total deaths made by the more important groups were as shown below:

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Diseases of heart and circulatory system ...	34.9	37.1	36.0	39.0	37.0	35.0
Cancer, all forms ...	17.8	17.3	17.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	17.3	16.3	14.0	13.0	13.0	15.0
Bronchitis, pneumonia & respiratory diseases	10.05	11.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Violent causes ...	3.4	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.7
Tuberculosis, all forms	.6	.3	.4	—	.3	.47

The deaths among persons aged 65 years or over amounted to 71% of the total in 1962.

### TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY

Four deaths were certified as caused by pulmonary tuberculosis and one by non-pulmonary tuberculosis during 1962.

### TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATES

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1943	.372	.06	.432
1944	.292	.097	.39
1945	.235	.123	.357
1946	.227	.047	.275
1947	.308	.047	.355
1948	.262	.045	.308
1949	.205	.045	.251
1950	.181	.034	.214
1951	.09	.023	.113
1952	.159	.045	.205
1953	.068	.023	.09
1954	.079	.022	.102
1955	.011	.011	.022
1956	.044	—	.044
1957	.045	.022	.067
1958	.022	.011	.033
1959	.045	—	.045
1960	—	—	—
1961	.033	—	.033
1962	.044	.001	.045



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
SERVICES IN THE AREA  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN  
(SECTION 22)

The maternity and child welfare scheme remains unchanged and continues to work well.

*Ante-natal and Post-natal Services*

During the past year 1,796 confinements took place in hospitals and maternity homes, an increase of 141 over the previous year.

The arrangements for the combined ante-natal and post-natal clinics in three areas remain unchanged, midwives holding ante-natal clinics in each area. The number of clinic sessions in March remains high, but these clinics include cases booked both for domiciliary and maternity home confinement, this latter being a general practitioner maternity home. The general practitioner obstetricians attend on separate days, together with domiciliary and maternity home staff.

The use of interchange co-operation cards is under consideration and it is expected a standard type will be issued. This will be of great value to all concerned in the maternity services. Co-operation between local hospitals and the public health department remains good. Frequent requests are made for health visitors to pay follow-up visits to patients who fail to keep appointments to attend hospital ante-natal clinics. Such requests are welcomed.

There are still a few instances where regular routine blood tests and haemoglobin rates are not checked for every pregnancy although this is carried out for first pregnancies. Excellent facilities are offered by the Cambridgeshire blood transfusion unit and the local hospitals to assist general practitioners.

## ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

	Littleport	March	Ely	Whittlesey	Wisbech
No. of Sessions	51	177	34	53	50
No. of women who attended					
A.N. ... ..	280	170	418	359	384
P.N. ... ..	66	6	32	—	—
Total attendances	410	266	661	442	500

### *Combined Physiotherapy and Mothercraft Classes*

These classes continue to be well attended. There has been a decrease in attendance at Ely, but an increase at Wisbech.

	Ely	March	Wisbech
No. of Sessions	46	70	102
No. of women who attended	89	135	535
Total attendances	304	375	1141

### *Infant Welfare Centres*

Twenty-one clinics are held in different areas of the county, an increase of one. With the exception of Manea, grants are made by the county council to the ladies' voluntary committees to cover the cost of running the clinics, but replacement of equipment when required is made by the county council. Attendances are good, and the percentage of immunisations of all types carried out at the clinics remains high.

The help and advice given by the staff is appreciated, and the work of the ladies' voluntary committees, who give most unstintingly of their time in keeping registers, selling foods, and providing the cups of tea, is valued by all concerned with the clinics.

Local general medical practitioners continue to attend the Doddington, Fridaybridge, Haddenham, Manea, Thorney, Sutton, Whittlesey, and Wisbech clinics, one of the assistant county medical officers also attending the last named.

### *Care of Premature Babies*

The number of premature babies born at home during 1962 was 16, a decrease of one compared with the previous year. All these children survived. Of the 102, as against 73 last year, born in hospital, 90 survived, seven died within the first 24 hours, and five

died at some period between the 1st and 28th days. There was a total of eight premature stillbirths, six born in hospital and two at home, a decrease of three compared with the previous year. The figures include women who are normally resident in the county and babies born within the county boundary.

The two Sorrento type premature baby cots are still available for domiciliary cases if required.

#### *Premature Stillbirths*

Weight at Birth	Born in Hospital	Born in Nursing Homes	Born at Home
(a) 3 lbs. 4ozs. or less	3	—	1
(b) 3 lbs. 4ozs. up to 4 lbs. 6 ozs.	1	—	—
(c) 4 lbs. 6 ozs. up to 4 lbs. 15 ozs.	1	—	—
(d) 4 lbs. 15 ozs. up to 5 lbs. 8 ozs.	1	—	—
Not weighed	—	—	1
Total	6	—	2

# SUMMARY OF CASES (LIVE BIRTHS)

Weight at birth	Born in Hospital or Nursing Homes				Born at Home Nursed at Home			Born at Home Transferred to Hospital		
	Total	Died within 24 hours	Survived 28 days		Total	Died within 24 hours	Survived 28 days	Total	Died within 24 hours	Survived 28 days
(a) 3lbs. 4ozs. or less ... ..	7	3	3		1	—	1	—	—	—
(b) 3lbs. 4ozs. up to 4lbs. 6ozs.	21	3	17		—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) 4lbs. 6ozs. up to 4lbs. 15ozs.	23	1	21		5	—	5	—	—	—
(d) 4lbs. 15ozs. up to 5lbs. 8ozs.	51	—	49		10	—	10	—	—	—
Total ...	102	7	90		16	—	16	—	—	—



### *Supply of Welfare Foods*

Distribution of welfare foods is carried out at 30 centres in the Isle, the main offices being at:—

U.D.C. Offices, Chatteris  
City Chambers, Ely  
4 Elwyn Road, March  
Public Hall, Whittlesey  
17 Hill Street, Wisbech

Ten centres are run in conjunction with infant welfare centres while fifteen are administered by local shop keepers or private householders. To these voluntary workers I tender my most sincere thanks for their work in this capacity, which is of inestimable assistance to our rural population.

During the year 1962 the following issues were made—

National Dried Milk	...	22,429 (26,059) tins
Cod Liver Oil	... ..	1,433 (2,970) bottles
A & D Tablets	... ..	1,545 (2,885) packets
Orange Juice	... ..	12,996 (22,260) bottles

(1961 figures shown in parentheses)

The distribution of proprietary welfare foods at infant welfare centres remains unchanged.



# INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

CLINIC	PLACE HELD	DAY AND TIME	
BLACK HORSE DROVE	Community Centre	... 4th Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
CHATTERIS	Seymour House	... Friday, 2-4.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance alternate Friday
COATES	Public Hall	... 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2.30-4 p.m.	Dr. in attendance first Thursday
DODDINGTON	Church Rooms	... 4th Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
	Church Hall,		
ELM & FRIDAYBRIDGE	Fridaybridge	4th Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
ELY	St. Mary's Clinic	... Wednesday, 2-4.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance 1st and 3rd Wednesday
GUYHIRN	Parish Hall	... 3rd Thursday, 1.45-3 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
HADDENHAM	Baptist Church Hall	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance 4th Tuesday
LEVERINGTON	Parish Hall	... 2nd Tuesday, 2.30-3.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
LITTLE DOWNHAM	Parish Hall	... 4th Wednesday, 2.30-3.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
LITTLEPORT	Y.M.C.A. Youth Club	Tuesday, 2.30-4.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance 1st and 3rd Tuesday
MANEA	Park Road, Hall	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance once monthly
	British Legion Rooms,		
MARCH	West End	Thursday, 2.15-4.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance alternate Thursday
NEWTON	Church Hall	... 1st Thursday, 2.30-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
PARSON DROVE	Church Hall	... 1st Wednesday, 2.30-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
PRICKWILLOW	Women's Institute Hall	... 2nd Wednesday, 2.30-3.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
SUTTON	Methodist Church Hall	... 4th Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
THORNEY	Community Centre	... 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
WHITTLESEY	St. Mary's Hall	... Tuesday, 2-3.45 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
WISBECH	Youth Centre, Hills Rd.	... Friday, 2-4.30 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance
WISBECH ST. MARY	Women's Institute	... 2nd Thursday, 2-4 p.m.	... Dr. in attendance

# ATTENDANCES AT INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

	Number of centres provided at end of year 1962	Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:	Number of children who attended during the year	Number of attendances during the year made by children who were:			Total attendances during the year
				1962	1961	1960-61	
		Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:	Number of children who attended during the year	under 1 year	1 but under 2 years	2 but under 5 years	
Local Health Authority Centres ...	1	30	68	273	132	74	479
Centres provided by Voluntary Organisations ...	20	884	2217	9904	4525	3135	17564

### *Provision of Maternity Outfits*

The present method of supplying outfits to expectant mothers by chemists within the county, on production of an official form issued by the midwives, continues to be satisfactory.

### *Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children*

The county council continues to make pro rata payments to the Ely Diocesan Association and an annual grant to the Wisbech Society for Social Service in respect of the services rendered by the two social workers.

During the year the social workers of the Ely Diocesan Moral Welfare Association and the Wisbech Society for Social Service have visited and offered advice to unmarried mothers.

The number of cases admitted to maternity homes or hostels has decreased as compared with the previous year.

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Cases visited ...	37	35	30	43	41
Cases admitted ...	8	7	9	16	10

### *Dental Inspection and Treatment*

The provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with regard to treatment of expectant and nursing mothers have still not been implemented, owing to lack of dental staff.

### *Ophthalmia Neonatorum*

No cases occurred during the year.

### *Puerperal Pyrexia*

No cases were notified during the year.

### *Maternal Deaths*

No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

### *Day Nurseries*

There are no day nurseries in the Isle.

## MIDWIFERY (Section 23)

### *Staff*

Queen's Nursing Sisters	...	...	...	10
SRN, SCM	...	...	...	9
SCM, SEN	...	...	...	1
SRN, SCM (part-time)	...	...	...	4
				—
			Total ...	24
				—



Of the 24 midwives employed by the county nursing association, 22 undertake general nursing, 2 act as whole-time midwives, 6 are qualified health visitors, and 4 are approved by the Central Midwives Board as training midwives.

#### *Accommodation*

The policy of housing accommodation for the staff remains unchanged.

#### *Transport*

All midwives have cars, provided by the county nursing association when necessary. One additional nurse was granted permission to use her own car for duty during the year.

#### *Analgesia*

All domiciliary midwives are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia, 22 machines and 2 trilene machines being available for use. The number of cases to whom gas and air was administered was 305, and trilene to 85 (80.5%), the doctor being present at 78 cases. Pethidine was administered to 272 cases (56.1%), the doctor being present at 69 cases.

#### *Midwives Acts, 1902-1936*

The superintendent nursing officer and her assistant act as non-medical supervisors of midwives for the local supervising authority.

The number of midwives who notified their intention to practise was:—

Domiciliary	...	...	...	...	...	26
Maternity Homes and Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	53
Private	...	...	...	...	...	1

#### *Summary of Work Undertaken*

Deliveries attended by domiciliary midwives:—

(1) Doctor engaged					
(a) Not present at delivery	...	...	...	...	62
(b) Present at delivery	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Doctor engaged					
(a) Not present at delivery	...	...	...	...	330
(b) Present at delivery	...	...	...	...	89
					<hr/>
				Total	484
					<hr/>

The following medical aid forms were issued:—

Medical Practitioner engaged ... ..	34
Medical Practitioner not engaged ... ..	15
Total ... ..	49

Of the domiciliary confinements, 287 babies were being fully breast fed on the 14th day.

247 mothers were discharged from hospitals and maternity homes before the 10th day.

The superintendent nursing officer and her assistant paid 794 visits, of which 87 were home circumstances visits paid in connection with the selection of cases for admission to maternity homes or hospitals.

### *General*

The total number of confinements was 2,280, of which 1,796 took place in maternity homes and hospitals, and 484 in domiciliary practice. 576 cases were booked for home confinement, but of these 92 were actually delivered in hospital.

In addition, a further 195 cases were discharged from maternity homes and hospitals before the tenth day and returned home to the care of the family doctor and midwife.

In some instances where home and social conditions had proved unsatisfactory for domiciliary confinement, with the consent of the patient, arrangements were made for admission to hospital for actual delivery, when possible the patient being returned to her own home for subsequent nursing care. It is expected this trend will increase and will lead to a further reduction of actual deliveries by domiciliary midwives.

It is noted that only 87 cases have been referred by hospital for investigation as to suitability for home confinement, these being from the north of the county. No cases were referred from the south of the county.

Fourteen Sparklet oxygen infant resuscitators have been purchased for use by the midwives.

### *Part II Midwifery Training School*

One pupil midwife from the Gables Maternity Hospital, Peterborough, was unable to complete her training owing to illness.

#### *Refresher Courses for Midwives*

In accordance with the Central Midwives Board Rule G.1 three midwives attended refresher courses.



## HEALTH VISITING (Section 24)

The appointment of health visitors to March and Wisbech and the employment of part-time clinic/school nurses to assist at clinics, immunisation sessions, and schools, has enabled the health visitors to pay more home visits to families with problems and to problem families; selective visiting is now an established fact.

The responsibility for visiting for the first 28 days of an infant's life, in domiciliary deliveries and cases discharged from hospital before the 10th day, is that of the district midwife. At the end of this period, a report is handed to the health visitor.

Phenylketonuria tests are carried out on all infants at least once before the age of six weeks, and in the majority of cases, twice. All tests have proved negative.

The full-time and part-time health visitors attended 476 infant welfare clinic sessions, gave 161 mothercraft talks to expectant mothers, and 25 talks in schools, in addition to talks to other organisations.

One state registered nurse successfully completed her health visitor's training and was subsequently appointed to March. The council agreed to award two further bursaries for health visitors' training to suitably qualified staff. The assistant superintendent nursing officer was awarded a bursary to attend the three months' course in community health administration, organised by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, held at the William Rathbone College, Liverpool.

### *Health Education*

It is regretted that for reasons previously stated it has not been possible further to develop the mothercraft and physiotherapy classes, but the present classes are well attended. The help given in running infant welfare clinics by the ladies of voluntary committees leaves the health visitors free to give as much individual help as possible. The rural nature of the county and the inadequacy of the premises available make the giving of group instruction a problem.

### *Summary of Health Visitors' Work*

Number of home visits paid:—

Expectant mothers. 1st visits	...	...	...	60
All visits	...	...	...	91
Children under 1. 1st visits	...	...	...	1,437
All visits	...	...	...	7,614
Children 1-5 years. Visits	...	...	...	11,941
Others, including visits to old people	...	...	...	664
Total	...	...	...	20,310

Abortive visits of all kinds	...	...	...	4,246
Total number of individual children under 5 years of age visited	...	...	...	6,914
Total number of households visited	...	...	...	5,376
Polio Sessions attended	...	...	...	179
Mothercraft classes attended by health visitors	...	...	...	161
Breast feeding clinic sessions at March Maternity Home	...	...	...	44

### HOME NURSING (Section 25)

#### *Summary of Staff employed at 31st December, 1962*

Superintendent Nursing Officer	...	...	...	1
Assistant Superintendent Nursing Officer	...	...	...	1
Queen's Nurse Midwives	...	...	...	5
Queen's Nurse Midwives, HV Cert.	...	...	...	5
District Nurse Midwives, HV Cert.	...	...	...	1
District Nurse Midwives	...	...	...	9
Queen's District Nurses	...	...	...	2
District Nurse (SEN)	...	...	...	1
District Nurses (part-time)	...	...	...	4
District Nurse Midwives (part-time)	...	...	...	4
				<hr/> 33

#### *Vacancies*

Chatteris	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Elm	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Haddenham	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wisbech St. Mary	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							<hr/> 4



### *Summary of Nurses' Work*

	Cases	Visits
Medical ... ..	3,373	25,655
Surgical ... ..	657	5,124
Infectious diseases ... ..	17	19
Tuberculosis ... ..	10	105
Maternal complications ... ..	15	86
Others ... ..	1,070	1,261
	<hr/> 5,142	<hr/> 33,250

Included in the above are the following:

Patients 65 years and over ...	803	18,131
Children under 5 years ...	90	341
Patients receiving over 24 visits ...	309	20,793
Insulin injections ... ..	40	5,062
Injections of antibiotics, etc. ...	280	5,015

Patients, both medical and surgical, discharged from hospital requiring home nursing under the supervision of general practitioners, numbered 250, a further increase over previous years. Visits to these cases total 3,588, an increase of 1,269 over last year's figures. These are referred mainly from the North Cambridgeshire Hospital Management Committee group of hospitals.

### *Transport*

Three cars have been sold and replaced.

### *Accommodation*

The county council purchased a newly built semi-detached house in Littleport, with district room and double garage. The two nurses moved into this house in July, 1962. The council is negotiating to purchase or build a bungalow in the Haddenham area, to build two flats in Chatteris, and to provide suitable accommodation for a nurse in Doddington on the retirement of the present nurse. There have been no further changes in the accommodation provided for staff.

### *Staff*

The county nursing association has been unable to fill the vacancies at Chatteris and Haddenham, due to lack of suitable accommodation. The employment of additional temporary part-time staff has been of assistance in covering the extra week's annual holiday to which staff are now entitled.

One nurse attended a district nurses' refresher course. Student nurses from the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, and the North Cambs. Hospital, Wisbech, have spent several days with the public health nursing staff, visiting clinics, and paying home visits. Student Queen's Nurses from the Nottingham home nursing service have spent three day observation visits with nurses in this county.

### *Chiropody Clinics*

Voluntary associations continue to organise twelve chiropody clinics in their respective areas.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION (Section 26)

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The arrangements for immunisation have continued, whereby sessions are held at infant welfare centres in the county. In addition arrangements are made as numbers accumulate to hold special immunisation sessions in school clinics or on school premises. During the year, the Minister of Health made a special appeal to all local authorities to review their arrangements for immunisation and vaccination, with a view to increasing the number of children protected. All nursing staff and doctors were advised accordingly.

Leaflets giving information regarding the facilities available for immunisation are distributed in the homes or at clinics by the nurses, and the health visitors have a special responsibility for collecting forms of consent and for completing records.

### *Medical arrangements*

All practitioners in the area are afforded an opportunity of taking part in the authority's arrangements for carrying out individual immunisations. The county medical staff, with the assistance of health visitors and school nurses, attend specially arranged sessions and they also carry out individual immunisations at the infant welfare centres which they attend.

### *Records*

Completed records are submitted by the county medical staff and general practitioners, and the latter receive payment in accordance with the approved scale of fees.

The following table shows the number of immunisations carried out in the various areas during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1962.

	Under 1 year	1—4 years	5—14 years	Total	Booster
Chatteris U.D. ... ..	25	39	4	68	13
Ely U.D. ... ..	44	55	2	101	98
March U.D. ... ..	32	122	20	174	111
Whittlesey U.D. ... ..	47	93	14	154	129
Wisbech M.B. ... ..	76	107	25	208	73
Ely R.D. ... ..	80	95	13	188	91
N. Witchford R.D. ... ..	15	29	2	46	10
Thorney R.D. ... ..	6	15	4	25	27
Wisbech R.D. ... ..	42	103	23	168	54
TOTAL ... ..	367	658	107	1,132	609

### SMALLPOX VACCINATION

General medical practitioners have agreed to be responsible for individual vaccinations, either in the homes or at their surgeries, and no special sessional arrangements are made. Vaccination is carried out at two infant welfare centres by the practitioners in attendance.



During the period 1st January to 31st December, 1962, the following vaccinations and re-vaccinations were performed:—

	under		2—4	5—14	15 yrs.	Total
	1 yr.	1 yr.	yrs.	yrs.	& over	
Primary	797	192	495	2,643	1,306	5,433
Re-vaccinations	—	—	11	427	1,165	1,603

These figures show a large increase as compared with 1961, and this is undoubtedly due to the demand for vaccination following the discovery of several cases of smallpox in other parts of the country early in the year.

#### POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

Supplies of sabin (oral) vaccine were received in February and this vaccine was used as a routine in all clinics and schools during the year.

The following are the various categories of persons vaccinated:—

				Salk	Oral
Children born 1962, 1961	...	...	...	152	574
Children and young persons (1943-60)	...	...	...	159	503
Young persons (1933-1942)	...	...	...	46	234
Others	...	...	...	48	191
				<hr/> 405	<hr/> 1,502
Third "booster" doses	...	...	...	1,372	2,434
Fourth "booster" doses	...	...	...	33	1,209

## AMBULANCE SERVICE (Section 27)

The service continued to operate satisfactorily within the limits of the organisation. The St. John Ambulance division at Littleport experienced some difficulty in maintaining a full time service towards the end of the year but there were signs that the service would be restored early in 1963.

The overall demand again increased and it is difficult to foresee when, if ever, a ceiling will be reached. Every effort is made to co-ordinate journeys and to make economic use of vehicles, but the essential running of any transport service, and the ambulance service is in effect a transport service, depends on the elimination of empty or dead mileage and this can be achieved only with the full co-operation of all concerned, including the patients. The degree of co-operation with neighbouring authorities is excellent but there is perhaps something to be said for a closer relationship in order that proper use can be made of vehicles travelling to the regional hospital centre at Cambridge.

A new ambulance was delivered for use at Wisbech and, with the disposal of the replaced vehicle, no county owned ambulance is now more than 8 years old. One vehicle at each main centre was equipped with an ambu-resuscitator and, if the early encouraging reports of their use are maintained, all vehicles will be so equipped.

The statistics covering the year together with those for preceding years are given below:—

AMBULANCES	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Mileage ... ..	96,743	81,367	81,945	76,764	78,874
No. of patients carried	8,730	7,504	6,494	5,212	4,839
No. of journeys ...	6,211	5,297	4,751	4,059	3,691
CARS					
Mileage ... ..	205,931	206,037	202,622	184,253	172,389
No. of patients carried	19,236	20,400	19,492	16,890	15,528
No. of journeys ...	5,991	6,441	6,336	5,728	5,533

In addition, the dual purpose vehicle at Wisbech ran 6,128 miles in carrying trainees to and from the junior training centre at Wisbech.

## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS — CARE AND AFTER CARE

(Section 28)

### TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 10 patients were admitted to Papworth Sanatorium.

Fifteen notifications have been received during the year, all of which were non-pulmonary.

#### *Tuberculosis Visitor*

The tuberculosis visitor attended 243 clinic sessions during the year, and home visits to 961 cases were paid.

#### *Shelters*

Five shelters are provided by the council for use by patients living in overcrowded conditions or under insanitary circumstances.

#### *B.C.G. Vaccination*

During 1962, 1,538 children received vaccination.

#### *Mass Radiography Unit*

During the year the unit visited Doddington, March, Chatteris, Sutton, Haddenham, and Wilburton. The following details regarding attendances have been submitted to me:—

<i>Doddington</i>	M	F	Total
General Public ... ..	131	163	294
School Staff:			
Teachers ... ..	2	5	7
Domestic and Others ...	—	3	3
British Railways Employees ...	8	—	8
	141	171	312



*March*

British Railways Employees ...	886	21	907
School Staff:			
Teachers ... ..	14	30	44
Domestic and Others ...	3	40	43
General Public and Small Firms	976	1,080	2,056
	<hr/> 1,879	<hr/> 1,171	<hr/> 3,050

*Chatteris*

Groups Examined:			
Fairleed Eng. Co. ... ..	78	7	85
School Staff:			
Teachers ... ..	6	5	11
Domestic and Others ...	2	6	8
General Public & Small Firms	417	442	859
	<hr/> 503	<hr/> 460	<hr/> 963

*Sutton*

Number Examined:			
Sutton residents ... ..	320	396	716
Others ... ..	10	8	18
	<hr/> 330	<hr/> 404	<hr/> 734

*Haddenham and Aldreth*

Number Examined:			
Haddenham and Aldreth residents ... ..	409	440	849
Drs. referred Cases ... ..	—	1	1
	<hr/> 409	<hr/> 441	<hr/> 850

*Wilburton*

Number Examined:			
Wilburton Residents ...	123	135	258
	<hr/> 123	<hr/> 135	<hr/> 258

## MENTAL ILLNESS

The staff engaged in this authority's day to day duties under the Mental Health Act comprises the principal mental health and welfare officer, the district mental health and welfare officers for the three districts of the county (these four officers being designated mental welfare officers) and two welfare assistants, one for one district the other working in the other two districts.

These officers, in addition to their work in connection with the mentally sub-normal and the provision of accommodation and welfare services for handicapped persons under the National Assistance Act, carry out preventive work amongst mental patients referred by general practitioners and social after-care of such patients following treatment in hospital. Having also kept in touch with patients during their hospital treatment, as well as with the medical staff of the hospital and the general practitioners, these officers are able to provide patients with a continuity of contact which proves very valuable in their rehabilitation in the community.

The council is aware of the need for social clubs for psychiatric patients and made provision for one to be established in Wisbech.

Upon the retirement of the part-time mental health and welfare officer in the course of the year, the small district of this officer was divided into two parts, each of which was added to the district of two of the other three district officers, with the result that the new district office pattern from 1st April, 1962, was:—

A district officer for the area of the Borough of Wisbech and the Wisbech Rural District, with an office at Wisbech, assisted by a welfare assistant and a clerk;

A district officer for March, North Witchford, Whittlesey, and Thorney, with an office at County Hall, March;

A district officer for the Ely (Urban and Rural) and Chatteris areas, with an office at County Hall, March.

The March and Ely district officers share the services of a welfare assistant and a clerk.

Early in the year plans were made to improve the service in 1963 by moving the Ely district office to Ely, and consideration was given to employing a third welfare assistant and third district office clerk to avoid two district officers sharing one of each. Further, it was agreed that the welfare assistants should have telephones at their residences to enable them to participate in work arising from urgent call at weekends.

## MENTAL SUB-NORMALITY

A further step on the council's service for the mentally sub-normal was taken during the year when the building in Ely of the second junior training centre commenced.

The area served by Orchard Court, the centre established at Wisbech, has, since the centre opened, been extended to include pupils from the whole of the northern half of the county. This, with the new centre at Ely being provided for pupils from all the southern half of the county, will make the coverage of the whole county for this purpose complete.

The part-time training centres continued to be open one afternoon per week, at which the county council's supervisor was assisted by members of the local voluntary committees for mental welfare formed specifically to do so.

PART-TIME JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRES			
CENTRE	PREMISES	DAY	CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE
Ely	St. Mary's Clinic, St. Mary's Street	Friday	Mrs. G. Comins, 17 St. Mary's St., Ely
March	"Oakwood House", Youth Centre, West End	Wednesday	Mrs. F. Sole, "Lawns Court", The Avenue, March
Whittlesey	Red Cross Headquarters, Plough Road	Thursday	Mrs. W. E. Morton, 8 Market Place, Whittlesey
Wisbech	"Orchard Court", Money Bank	Friday	Mrs. H. L. Almond, "Abington", Mount Drive, Wisbech

## OTHER TYPES OF ILLNESS

### *Medical Loans*

The council make grants to the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Branch of the British Red Cross Society and the March Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who supply medical and nursing equipment free of charge to patients. The calls upon this service continue to increase steadily; 136 issues were made during the year and on 31st December the number of articles being loaned was 227.



## *Convalescence*

Recuperative holidays are provided, on the recommendation of general practitioners, at Highcliffe, the holiday home of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind at Hunstanton, when it is not fully in use for holidays for blind persons.

### DOMESTIC HELP (Section 29)

During 1962, 326 patients were assisted and 86 home helps were employed, nine having had fourteen years continuous service.

Maternity	...	...	...	...	11
Aged	...	...	...	...	261
Problem Families	...	...	...	...	5
Blind	...	...	...	...	13
Others	...	...	...	...	36

179 new cases were referred to the home help organiser by almoners, general practitioners, the National Assistance Board, and by other sections of the county health department. The majority of these were entitled to help and received it. The amount of help needed varied from a few hours help for heavy housework to daily help for all household tasks where the patient was bedridden and without help from other sources, e.g., relatives.

There was no home helps' rally held in 1962. The home help organiser gave lectures to various clubs and attended problem family committee meetings and also those of the Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Isle of Ely Community Council.

## *Statistics*

### MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1959

#### A. MENTAL ILLNESS

##### 1. *Summary of Case Work*

Cases investigated	...	...	...	...	294
Admitted to hospital for observation (Section 25, Mental Health Act, 1959)	...	...	...	...	7
Emergency admission to hospital for observation (Section 29, Mental Health Act, 1959)	...	...	...	...	35
Admitted to hospital as informal patients	...	...	...	...	117
No admissions effected	...	...	...	...	135

##### 2. *Transport*

Conveyance to mental hospitals was arranged as follows:

By the mental health staff in their own cars	...	124
By the council's car/ambulance service	...	19
Informal patients making their own arrangements	...	16

# ANALYSIS OF ADMISSIONS

Aged	Males	Detained Females	Total	Males	Other Females	Total	Grand Total
14-20	—	1	1	5	2	7	8
20-30	4	5	9	9	8	17	26
30-40	5	10	15	5	11	16	31
40-50	4	4	8	10	9	19	27
50-60	1	3	4	9	13	22	26
60-70	1	2	3	9	16	25	28
70-80	—	1	1	3	7	10	11
80-90	—	1	1	—	1	1	2
90-100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	15	27	42	50	67	117	159

## SOCIAL AFTER-CARE

Cases on the register on 1st January, 1962	...	...	213
New cases referred during 1962	...	...	110
Cases closed during 1962	...	...	150
Cases on the register on 31st December, 1962	...	...	173
Total number of visits during 1962	...	...	772

### B. MENTAL SUB-NORMALITY

			Under age 16 M. F.	Aged 16 and over M. F.
1. Cases reported during 1962				
(a) By Local Education Authorities on children				
(i) While at school or liable to attend school	...	...	3 2	— —
(ii) On leaving special schools	...	...	1 —	— —
(iii) On leaving ordinary schools	...	...	— 1	— —
(b) By Police or by Courts	...	...	— —	— —
(c) From other sources	...	...	— 1	2 1
Total	...	...	4 4	2 1
2. Disposal of cases reported during 1962				
(a) Placed under Supervision	...	...	3 4	2 1
(b) Placed under Guardianship	...	...	— —	— —
(c) Admitted to Hospitals	...	...	1 —	— —
Total	...	...	4 4	2 1

3. Cases on register at 31st December, 1962

				Under age 16 M. F.		Aged 16 and over M. F.	
(a) Under Supervision	...	...	...	27	22	90	93
(b) Under guardianship	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
Total				27	22	90	93

(c) Number of patients waiting for admission to hospital:

In urgent need of hospital care	...	8	9	—	2
Not in urgent need of hospital care	...	2	—	3	5
Total		10	9	3	7

(d) Patients in hospital on 31st December, 1961

Admissions	...	6	1	75	46
Discharges	...	1	—	3	4
Deaths	...	—	—	6	3
Patients in hospital on 31st December, 1962	...	—	—	3	2
		7	1	69	45

(e) Number of patients for whom care was arranged by the Local Health Authority under circular 5/52 during 1962 and admitted to:

National Health Service Hospitals	...	—	—	—	5
Elsewhere	...	—	—	—	—
Total		—	—	—	5



## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION

#### *Residential Accommodation*

During 1962 the decision to enlarge St. Mary's Lodge, the old persons' home at Ely, was put into effect to the extent that the building work, which would result in accommodation being provided for over 40 residents (compared with 31 hereto), was commenced. To make it possible for the contractor to carry out the work, some of the existing accommodation for staff and residents had to be vacated and the number of residents reduced to between 16 and 20 for the greater part of the year. This could only be done by moving some residents to homes at March and Wisbech; this in turn caused a temporary increase in the list of persons awaiting accommodation in these homes.

In planning ahead during the year it was decided that the next step in providing residential accommodation would be the erection as soon as possible of a "five-household" home for 60 residents, to cater for all classes of persons in need of care and attention, including the blind. A site in March was selected for this home. This would be closely followed by providing a similar establishment in Wisbech, a smaller one at Whittlesey, and converting and extending Croylands at Ely (at present a home for the blind) to a home for 30 residents of different classes. The main intention of these projects is to bring about the vacation of the accommodation which has been used since 1948 in the former public assistance institutions, Tower Hospital, Ely, and Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech.

As in 1961 such residents of the council's three old persons' homes — St. Mary's Lodge (Ely), Coronation Close (March), and Glennfield House (Wisbech) — who desired to do so took advantage of the arrangements made by the council and, in October, spent holidays of two weeks' duration at Hunstanton, accommodated at Highcliffe, the holiday home of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind.

Nineteen persons ordinarily resident in the Isle of Ely were provided with residential accommodation in certain homes managed by voluntary organisations or other local authorities, either within the county or in other parts of the country. These arrangements ensured accommodation especially suited to their particular needs being available, particularly for the severely crippled and for epileptics.

### *Persons Provided with Accommodation*

		On 1st Jan., 1962	Recep- tions	Depart- tures	On 31st Dec., 1962
In the Council's	Men	45	15	19	41
Old Persons' Homes	Women	60	16	20	56
In Part-User	Men	53	19	20	52
Accommodation	Women	40	13	13	40
(within the County)					
By other Local	Men	2	8	7	3
Authorities	Women	2	15	14	3
	Children	—	25	25	—
By arrangement	Men	12	1	1	12
with Voluntary	Women	6	2	1	7
Organisations					
		220	114	120	214

### *Temporary Accommodation*

During the year information was received of the eviction or impending eviction of 124 families. Of these fifty-seven were notified by local housing authorities, nine by doctors, eight by the police, six by solicitors, six by the National Assistance Board, three by bailiffs, two by health visitors, one by a probation officer and one by a health inspector. Thirty-one families made direct application themselves.

As a result of the work carried out by the welfare staff, tenancies were continued in sixty-four instances, thirty-six families were re-housed, eleven families found accommodation with relatives, and seven were provided with temporary accommodation. On 31st December the eviction of six families was still pending. Once again the assistance given by the Holland County Council in making accommodation available in the Holbeach Drove Hostel, near Spalding, when necessary, was greatly appreciated.

## WELFARE SERVICES

### *Scheme for Persons who are Deaf and Dumb*

The council make an annual grant to the Ely Diocesan Deaf and Dumb Association who are this authority's agents for the provision of welfare services.

At the end of the year the register contained the names of 48 persons.



*Provision of Welfare Services for Handicapped Persons other than the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Deaf and Dumb.*

On 31st December, 1962, the register contained the names of 231 persons.

Since the initiation of these services for the general classes of the handicapped, aid and encouragement have been given to many of the substantially and permanently disabled. The council introduced its scheme in April 1960 and the services available have been steadily strengthened and increased so as to meet pressing welfare needs.

Visiting to ensure the well-being of the handicapped has been maintained by the welfare staff, particular attention being given to those who had not been receiving services and facilities available to them from various sources. Close liaison was maintained with appropriate statutory and voluntary organisations providing services of any description for handicapped persons.

The provision of aids and adaptations in the homes of handicapped persons had the result of enabling many persons to live with less inconvenience and hardship, and enabled some of them to achieve mobility hitherto impossible. Handicraft instruction where required was made available to persons in their own homes. The council's handicraft teacher was giving instruction to 48 persons on 31st December, 1962.

Arrangements were made for severely handicapped persons to have holidays, the degree of financial assistance given depending on individual circumstances. In this way five persons, who because of their disability had not had a holiday for many years, were able to enjoy and derive benefit from a change of surroundings, and those who normally looked after them had the opportunity to take a separate holiday, or at least have a rest.

*Old People's Welfare*

In addition to having representatives appointed by the county health committees on the Isle of Ely Old People's Welfare Committee (a committee of the Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Isle of Ely Community Council) the principal welfare officer and the county medical officer also served on that committee. In this way contact was maintained with the voluntary organisations in the county providing services for old people, particularly the clubs and the visiting services.

The W.V.S. operated "Meals on Wheels" services in Wisbech and March, the cost being shared, after payments were made by the recipients themselves, in each instance by the county council and the local council concerned.



## ISLE OF ELY SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

The number of registered blind persons has increased by 14 during the year. At 31st December, 1962, there were 238 names on the register — 99 males and 139 females. 43 new registrations occurred. Six people were transferred to other counties, one was de-certified, and 22 died.

The number of names on the register of partially sighted persons has decreased by 19, the total at the end of December being 54—30 males and 24 females. There were four new registrations during the year, 10 were transferred to the blind register, 11 died, one case was transferred out of the county and one case was de-certified.

Miss M. R. Green commenced her duties as the third home teacher on 1st January, 1962. The home teaching staff is now complete and complies with the standard suggested by the Ministry of Health, i.e. that the case load of a home teacher in a rural area should not exceed 80.

The committee regretfully accepted the resignation of the secretary, Miss D. F. Marshall, who retired after 21 years service. Miss Marshall left the society on 31st August, 1962, and her successor, Mrs. M. E. Gibson, was appointed as from 1st November, 1962.

One young woman was admitted to the rehabilitation centre at Torquay and was recommended for audio-typing training. She is now undergoing a course at the RNIB Training College, London. One man completed a course of industrial rehabilitation at Torquay and is now awaiting sheltered employment.

At the annual meeting held on 18th June, Mr. G. R. Clark was re-appointed President for the ensuing year. Ald. H. Payne was re-elected Chairman and Ald. L. W. H. Rowe Vice-Chairman.

A number of cakes which were prepared for a competition arranged by the Eastern Gas Board were distributed to various blind people who are unable to cook for themselves.

Mrs. Brown and Miss Ransom attended an all-day conference in London which was designed to give useful tips on how to present work for exhibition. The secretary and Miss Ransom attended a conference arranged by the Southern Regional Association for the Blind in London, dealing with mental health and received much information on mental confusion and its causes in elderly people, as well as being shown how to help the parents of those children with multiple handicaps. A deaf blind rally was held at Peterborough, and two deaf blind men, in the company of Mrs. Brown and Miss Marsh, were able to renew old acquaintances.

The annual outings took place on 1st and 4th June, when 145 blind folk and their guides enjoyed the coach ride to Hunstanton, where lunch and tea were provided.

At "Highcliffe", Hunstanton, the Society's holiday hostel for the blind, 129 blind people and 67 guides from the Isle of Ely and other counties spent a holiday. Many letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from people who have enjoyed their holiday; the hostel was also open for Christmas visitors when nine people were able to enjoy the company of others, instead of spending Christmas alone in their own homes.

Christmas parties were given at the four centres by members of Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs, the society, and other interested persons. The usual gift of £1 was given to all registered blind persons at Christmas.

£1,936 19s. 11d. has been collected during the year for our voluntary fund.

## CARE OF CHILDREN

The Care of Children Committee are responsible for the following:

- (a) Parts III and IV of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933
- (b) Part I of the Children Act, 1958
- (c) Parts II and IV of the Adoption Act, 1958
- (d) Children Act, 1948
- (e) Section 5 of the Family Allowance and National Insurance Act, 1956
- (f) Section 6 of the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act, 1958
- (g) Section 9 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, and the provisions of Section 10 of that Act relating to children and young persons in respect of whom the rights and powers of a parent are vested in a local authority as mentioned in paragraph (a) subsection (i) of that section.

The children's officer works in close liaison with the medical and nursing staffs of the county.

Medical reports on children residing in the various homes maintained by the council were provided from time to time by the medical officers, together with the statutory reports on boarded-out children.

Certain advisory visits were made to the homes.

## NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS REGULATION ACT, 1948

Two persons remain registered as child minders on 31st December, 1962.

## FOOD AND DRUGS

Mr. F. W. Crabtree, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, has submitted the following report for the year 1962:—

It is the duty of the county council as the food and drugs authority for the whole of the administrative county to carry into execution and enforce the following:—



1. Food and Drugs Act, 1955,
  - (a) Sections 1, 2 and 6 (composition and labelling of food and drugs),
  - (b) Section 31 (prohibition of sale of milk from diseased cows),
  - (c) Section 32 (adulteration, etc. of milk),
  - (d) Section 36 (restriction on use of special designations applied to milk),
  - (e) Sections 37 and 38 (compulsory use of special designations in specified areas),
  - (f) Section 47 (mis-use of designation "cream" in relation to cream substitutes).
2. The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960 (control and heat-treatment of milk),
3. Labelling of Food Order, 1953 (labelling of pre-packed food).

#### *Composition and Labelling of Food and Drugs*

These duties are discharged by a continuous observation of food and drugs offered for sale throughout the county. The composition of a wide variety of foodstuffs is now controlled by food standards orders. The provisions of the Preservatives in Food Regulations are also dealt with under this heading. Samples are submitted for examination to the public analyst for the county, Dr. S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., FRIC, Tenison Road, Cambridge.

A summary of the samples submitted for examination during the year is as follows:—

Butter	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Biscuits/Cakes			...	...	...	...	4
Coffee	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cream/Evaporated Milk			...	...	...	...	3
Drugs/Medicines		...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Flour/Flour Confectionery			...	...	...	...	4
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Meat/Meat Products			...	...	...	...	35
Preserves/Jellies		...	...	...	...	...	14

Sauces/Pickles	...	...	...	...	6
Sausages/Sausage Meat	...	...	...	...	15
Soft Drinks	...	...	...	...	8
Spices/Condiments	...	...	...	...	3
Spreads/Pastes	...	...	...	...	8
Sweets	...	...	...	...	11
Tinned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	2
Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	11
Total					141

The public analyst reported adversely on 2 samples as follows:

*Real Salmon Spread with Butter:* This article was declared to contain, and did contain, the following ingredients: Salmon, butter, salt, spices and colour. A further ingredient — cereal — was present but was not declared on the label (about 7.0%). The manufacturers stated that the omission of the cereal from the list of ingredients was inadvertent and the matter was rectified. The sample was taken to support objections made by the department to national advertisements referring to the product and other similar lines as "the real thing". The company eventually agreed to give serious consideration to the re-phrasing of future advertisements.

*Minced Steak:* This sample was submitted as a result of a complaint from a housewife who maintained that she had ordered lean minced beef by telephone. The public analyst stated that in his opinion lean steak should contain about 10% of fat — in this instance the sample contained fat to the extent of 47.2%. The butcher was seen but the circumstances of the purchase were not such as to justify proceedings.

An article on sale as "Salad Cress" was found to consist mainly of rape with a small proportion of cress. The label was challenged on the grounds that the description did not reveal the true nature of the product. The National Farmers' Union took counsel's opinion on the matter on behalf of the producer and eventually advised him to describe the article as "Mustard and Cress", and this label is now in use. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food were the source of the questionable suggestion that rape seed might properly be described as "mustard".



Cooked shoulder pork cured in the same manner as ham was found displayed for sale in a chain store with a show-ticket reading "HAM". The words "cured shoulder" in smaller letters appeared underneath. Exception was taken to this ticket as being misleading. The proprietors instructed all branches and their printers to destroy all such show-tickets and amended the ticket to read "Ham-Cured SHOULDER".

#### *Prohibition of Sale of Milk from Diseased Cows*

All milk sold by retail within the county is pasteurised, tuberculin tested, or sterilised and consequently the need for sampling under this heading is not great. During the year eight samples of raw milk were taken and submitted to the Medical Research Council, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. They were all reported as free from tubercle and brucella abortus bacilli.

#### *Adulteration, etc., of Milk*

Seventy-three samples of ordinary milk were sent to the public analyst. One sample was found to be low in fat content but the freezing point indicated the absence of added water. Four samples were submitted to the analyst as a result of a complaint from a purchaser. These were all sealed pint bottles of milk delivered on a single occasion. Contamination was visible as sediment in each bottle. The public analyst reported that in all cases the foreign matter resembled coal and/or coke dust. Proceedings were taken against the bottlers of the milk, who were fined £4.

Twenty samples of Channel Island milk were submitted for analysis for which the Milk and Dairies Regulations prescribe a standard of 4 per cent. fat. Three samples were found to be low in fat content and one to have an objectionable flavour due to rancidity. No samples were found to contain added water.

#### *Restriction of Use of Special Designations to Milk*

The use of the special designations "pasteurised", "tuberculin tested", and "sterilised" is restricted to the holders of licences authorising the use of these designations. No infringements were detected under this heading.

#### *Compulsory Use of Special Designation in Specified Areas*

In areas specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food the only milk which may be sold by retail is specially designated, i.e. tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised. The whole of the administrative county is a specified area.

#### *Mis-use of Designation "Cream" in relation to Cream Substitutes*

Under this section it is an offence to sell any food which resembles cream in appearance by a description including the word "cream"



unless it is "real cream" or unless it is made quite clear at the time that the substance is either re-constituted or imitation cream. No mis-descriptions were found.

*Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960*

These regulations so far as the county council's duties are concerned control the processing and retail distribution of milk, premises used for these purposes being licensed with the council. The following licences are at present in force:

Dealer's (Pre-packed) Milk	...	...	...	88
Dealer's (Tuberculin Tested) Milk	...	...	...	3
Dealer's (Pasteuriser's)	...	...	...	2
Dealer's (Steriliser's)	...	...	...	Nil

Sampling is required to see that the regulations applicable to the various licences are complied with. As the whole county is a "specified area" further sampling becomes necessary of milk coming from outside the county. Samples are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Cambridge. The following is a summary of the samples taken:—

	No. of samples taken	No. failed phosphatase test (heat treatment)	No. failed methy- lene blue test (keeping quality)
Pasteurising establishments:			
Regent Dairy (March) Ltd., Dartford Road, March	67	3	8
Peterborough & District Co- operative Society Ltd., Nor- wich Road, Wisbech	17	—	—
Dealer's (pasteurised)	25	1	—
Dealer's (tuberculin tested) Raw	18	not applicable	
Dealer's — school supplies (pasteurised)	33	2	2

*Labelling of Pre-packed Food*

The Labelling of Food Order requires, inter alia, that pre-packed food, with certain exceptions, must bear a statement of ingredients, specified in order of the proportion in which they are used. These statements are verified by the public analyst during his examination of samples. No serious infringements were found.

F. W. CRABTREE,  
Chief Inspector.

## THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

### INCIDENCE

There was a slight decrease in the number of cases of scarlet fever from 45 in 1961 to 40 in 1962, while notifications of pneumonia fell from 35 to 15. The number of cases of measles was considerably lower than in 1961. The only increase to be noted was chicken-pox — 296 cases compared with 26 the previous year.

A full list of notifications is given in the following table.

### *Measures for control*

These continued to operate as described in previous reports and close liaison was maintained with local sanitary authorities and their staffs, especially when an infectious disease showed any signs of epidemic prevalence. The school medical officers and school nurses continued routine investigations when cases of scarlet fever were notified among school children, followed up, if necessary, by field work based on the public health laboratory, Cambridge. Close contact was always maintained with the general practitioners during these investigations.

### *Institutional Provision*

Cases are transferred from the northern half of the Isle to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital, and from the southern half to the hospital at Ely.

## VENEREAL DISEASE

Facilities for treatment of patients from the Isle of Ely are provided at the Clinic, Peterborough; Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and at the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Hospital. The provision of these arrangements is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

## GENERAL

### *Medical Examinations*

During the year 116 examinations of candidates have been carried out by the council's medical officers.

Staff	...	...	...	...	49
Teachers	...	...	...	...	20
Training college entrants	...	...	...	...	47

**Infectious Diseases Notified in the Several Districts for the Year ending  
1962**

	URBAN DISTRICTS						RURAL DISTRICTS					Combined Total
	Chatteris	Ely	March	Whittlesey	Wisbech	Total Urban Districts	Ely	North Witchford	Thorney	Wisbech	Total Rural Districts	
Small Pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	3	...	6	...	6	15	...	...	...	25	25	40
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ... ..	...	4	...	...	8	12	1	1	...	1	3	15
Cholera ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhus Fever... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glandular Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal Inf. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	4	5	6
Tuberculosis												
(a) Pulmonary ... ..	...	2	2	...	6	10	4	1	...	...	5	15
(b) Other ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	4	4
Malaria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infectious Hepatitis ... ..	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chicken Pox ... ..	1	...	...	...	295	296	...	...	...	...	...	296
Measles ... ..	...	26	35	...	441	502	79	3	1	126	209	711
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other diseases												
(a) Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Paratyphoid Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...



# TUBERCULOSIS

Details of the Notifications received during the year 1962.  
Previous years also given for comparison.

			Notifications on Form A												Total Notifications on Form A
			Number of Primary Notifications												
			Age Periods											Total Primary Notifications	
			0-1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 and upwards		
Pulmonary : —	Males	in 1952	...	...	5	1	2	5	4	4	5	3	2	31	31
"	"	in 1953	1	...	1	...	1	5	5	5	5	4	2	29	29
"	"	in 1954	...	2	3	1	4	1	8	...	5	2	1	27	27
"	"	in 1955	...	1	...	...	1	2	7	3	2	2	...	19	19
"	"	in 1956	...	1	...	...	2	1	5	4	3	6	1	23	23
"	"	in 1957	...	...	...	...	5	2	3	2	5	4	1	23	23
"	"	in 1958	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	3	4	2	...	13	13
"	"	in 1959	1	2	3	...	4	4	6	3	1	3	4	31	31
"	"	in 1960	...	...	...	...	4	1	4	1	4	2	1	17	17
"	"	in 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1962	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	1	8	8
"	Females	in 1952	1	1	3	1	2	8	3	3	2	1	1	26	26
"	"	in 1953	...	1	2	...	7	7	17	6	3	2	...	45	45
"	"	in 1954	...	...	...	...	2	6	8	...	1	...	...	17	17
"	"	in 1955	...	...	1	7	4	2	10	2	2	1	1	30	30
"	"	in 1956	...	1	...	...	1	1	6	1	...	...	...	10	10
"	"	in 1957	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	4	6	...	...	13	13
"	"	in 1958	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	...	3	1	...	12	12
"	"	in 1959	...	2	2	...	1	4	2	3	4	1	...	19	19
"	"	in 1960	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	2	6	6
"	"	in 1961	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	3	2	...	12	12
"	"	in 1962	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	1	...	7	7
Non-Pulmonary :	Males	in 1952	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	4
"	"	in 1953	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	6	6
"	"	in 1954	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1955	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1956	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
"	"	in 1957	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1958	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
"	"	in 1959	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1960	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
"	"	in 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	"	in 1962	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Females	in 1952	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
"	"	in 1953	...	1	3	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	8	8
"	"	in 1954	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2
"	"	in 1955	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
"	"	in 1956	...	...	1	...	1	1	3	...	1	...	...	7	7
"	"	in 1957	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	6	6
"	"	in 1958	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	5	5
"	"	in 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	3
"	"	in 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
"	"	in 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	3
"	"	in 1962	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## PRINCIPAL

## SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

for the

*Year ending 31st December, 1962*

No. of Children on Roll:—

Primary Schools	...	...	...	...	8,497
Secondary Schools	...	...	...	...	5,749
Special Schools	...	...	...	...	60
					<hr/> 14,306 <hr/>
No. of Schools	...	...	...	...	71

### MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Routine visits of inspection were paid to 33 schools

		1962	1961	1959	1958
Periodic Inspections	...	5,093	3,706	2,614	2,216
Special Inspections	...	80	38	45	45
Re-inspections	...	649	528	1,026	1,321
Total	...	<hr/> 5,822 <hr/>	<hr/> 4,272 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,685 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,582 <hr/>

It is hoped to give every child three periodic medical examinations during his school career, the first as soon as possible after admission to school, the second while he is in the junior school, and the third during the year prior to his fifteenth birthday.

### WORK OF SCHOOL NURSES

Sessions spent at routine medical inspection	...	...	310
Attendances at minor ailment and eye clinics	...	...	177
Follow-up visits for all purposes	...	...	2,238
Average number of visits per school for cleanliness inspection	...	...	4.7
No. of children examined for cleanliness	...	...	31,055
No. of individual children found unclean	...	...	396

## HEALTH EDUCATION

Courses on hygiene, housewifery and mothercraft are given at the Sir Harry Smith School, Whittlesey, and the school medical officers and nurses use every opportunity to teach individual pupils on health matters.

## MINOR AILMENT CLINICS

Clinic		Address	Doctor present
WISBECH	...	County Clinic, Lynn Road, Wisbech ... ..	1st & 3rd Friday mornings
MARCH	...	County Clinic, County Hall, March ... ..	4th Thursday morning
ELY	...	County Clinic, Downham Road, Ely ... ..	When required
THORNEY	...	Duke of Bedford C.P. School ... ..	3rd Thursday afternoon
WHITTLESEY	...	Sir Harry Smith School ...	1st Thursday afternoon
OUTWELL	...	Beaupre School ... ..	3rd Monday afternoon
CHATTERIS	...	Cromwell School ... ..	3rd Friday morning



TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS IN THE CLINICS FOR THE YEAR 1962  
(individual numbers of children treated)

	Wisbech	March	Ely	Chatteris	Thorney	Outwell	Whittlesey	Total
Ringworm (head) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ringworm (body) ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Scabies ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Impetigo ...	9	4	—	—	1	2	2	18
Other skin diseases ...	4	11	1	3	24	—	36	79
Minor eye defects ...	3	7	1	6	5	25	21	68
Minor ear defects ...	—	1	—	—	2	3	1	7
Miscellaneous ...	24	9	6	7	60	387	41	534
TOTALS ...	40	33	8	16	92	417	101	707

Grand Total: 707

Total attendances made by children: 861

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Dr. F. E. Adams, the principal school dental officer, has submitted the following report:—

This year saw the departure of both Mr. Rowlands and Mr. Wheeler — I succeeded Mr. Rowlands at the end of September. Mr. Steele was appointed in Mr. Wheeler's place at the end of the year, and commences duty in 1963.

For only two thirds of the year did we have the advantage of two full time dental officers working in the March and Whittlesey clinics, but the figures relating to dental treatment carried out are satisfactory. In addition, treatment was carried out at the Chatteris clinic throughout the year. Evening sessions were held at both the March and Whittlesey clinics and were well attended.

At Ely, the part-time dental officer continued to maintain a steady and valuable service.

Periodic school inspections were carried out as in previous years and more children were inspected this year than in the year before.

Seventy per cent. of children inspected required dental treatment as compared with 75 % in the previous year, and 82 % in 1960. This is a satisfactory trend, and reflects the advantage of two full time dental officers working in the March and Whittlesey clinics.

More fillings were performed on both the permanent and temporary teeth than in the previous year. As a result of the increased amount of conservation carried out on the temporary dentition, fewer temporary teeth were sacrificed by extraction.

More orthodontic treatment was carried out this year, and good use was made of the consultant orthodontic service based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Peterborough Memorial Hospital. The number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth was twice as many as the previous year. The provision of dentures to school children is always a poor reflection on the dental health of these children, but in this case the increase may be partly due to the increased number of children who were brought within the orbit of periodic school inspections.

In the field of preventive dentistry, many posters and pamphlets on oral hygiene were supplied to certain schools. Children attending the school clinics were frequently given pep talks on dental health.

In November the dental staff manned a dental health mobile trailer belonging to the General Dental Council which was on show at the Wisbech fruit and vegetable show. Many people attending the show displayed a keen interest in the dental health material on view.

The general public, on the whole, give little thought to dental health and the apathy of many parents to this subject is reflected in the poor state of their children's teeth. It is only too common to see little children taking cakes, sweets and biscuits to school for the mid-morning snack. Fresh fruit, potato crisps, salted and roasted nuts, and dried fruit such as raisins would do their teeth a lot more good.

The apathy of the public to dental health is responsible for the slow progress fluoridation of drinking water is making. This measure has been shown to reduce dental decay in children by 50 %. It would be a great boon to a rural area such as the Isle of Ely. If the public demanded it, it would not be long in coming.

To sum up, I would say that there has been an improvement in the dental health of children who come within the scope of the school dental service as it now stands. For those children outside its reach, particularly the rural area, the state of their dental health must remain very bad. I consider five full time dental officers are required to provide an adequate school dental service for the Isle of Ely.

In concluding this report on the school dental service I wish to express my thanks to the principal school medical officer and staff of the health department for their valuable help. I must also thank the headteachers for their friendly co-operation.

#### ATTENDANCES AT EYE CLINICS DURING 1962

	Number of Clinics	Individuals Attending	Total At'd'ances	Prescriptions
Doddington Hospital	40	284 (114)	417	114
Wisbech Clarkson Hospital	39	220 (102)	320	82
Ely School Clinic	45	263 (44)	539	116
TOTAL	124	767 (260)	1,276	312

New Cases shown in Brackets

#### OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT

Miss Perrers Taylor reports as follows:—

The Ely ophthalmic clinic has run very smoothly in the year 1962, there being no change in the type of work. Attendances were slightly up in spite of the bad weather in November and December, and defaulters have been fewer. The clinic runs very pleasantly



under the guidance of Nurse Gudgeon and with the help of Miss Hynd. We shall miss her greatly on her departure and wish her well in her new post on the Continent.

Number of clinics	...	24
New cases	...	20
Operations	...	5
Attendances	...	298

Dr. Backhouse reports as follows:—

It has been a year of quiet progress, with no change in the staff of the clinic with whom it has been a pleasure to work. The improved central heating has been appreciated by those in the waiting room.

We have been glad to take advantage of the help of the ophthalmologist and his staff at the RAF Hospital, Ely, in arranging early operation on two cases where delay for admission to Addenbrooke's Hospital might have imperilled the chances of full binocular vision. The confidence of parents in the work of the clinic has been illustrated by the request of a mother, who resented our two visits to her for defaulting with her daughter three years ago, to retain the clinic's supervision of the case when she moves away shortly.

The figures below give the main details of the work done:—

Number of clinics	...	...	...	21
New Cases	...	...	...	24
Refractions	...	...	...	125
Defaulters	...	...	...	54
Individual attendances	...	...	...	135
Total attendances	...	...	...	241
Glasses ordered	...	...	...	74

#### ELY ORTHOPTIC CLINIC

Miss Hynd reports as follows:—

Clinics have been held on Thursdays regularly throughout the year.

The majority of patients are amblyopes and attend for monthly vision checks. There is sufficient time here to give concentrated courses of treatment weekly, for a time, followed by exercises which are undertaken at home.

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working here for the last three years and to thank everyone for their kindness during this time.

Number of sessions	...	...	...	...	92
Number of appointments given	...	...	...	...	625
Number of attendances	...	...	...	...	519
Percentage of defaulters	...	...	...	...	17
Average number of patients per session	...	...	...	...	5.6

#### AUDIOMETRY

In 1962 routine audiometry "sweep" tests were carried out on 908 boys and 848 girls at the time of their first medical examination in school and, of these, 162 boys and 141 girls (12.7%) were found to require further investigation. In addition, pupils referred by head-teachers, school nurses and at the parent's request were examined.

#### CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

Under the auspices of the regional hospital board, a child guidance clinic is held every week at the county clinic in March under the direction of the consultant child psychiatrist, Dr. R. E. Glennie, with the assistance of Dr. B. F. Whitehead.

#### MARCH CLINIC

Number of clinics held at County Hall, March in 1962	40
Number of times child seen by psychiatrist	153
Number of times parent seen by psychiatrist	80
Number of times parent seen by psychiatric social worker	114

# CASES FROM THE ISLE OF ELY, 1962

New Cases seen	March	Chesterton	Ad'brooke's	Total
Number of new cases seen ... ..	12	3	3	18
Number notified to Medical Officer ...	10	—	—	10
Number taken on for treatment ...	8	—	3	11
<b>Source of Cases</b>				
School Medical Officer	7	—	—	7
General Practitioners and Consultants	3	1	3	7
Magistrates and Probation Officers ...	—	1	—	1
Others ... ..	2	1	—	3
	12	3	3	18
<b>Cases under Treatment brought forward from 1961 ...</b>	29	6	5	40

## SPEECH THERAPY

Miss Eckersley reports as follows:—

During the year 78 children have been treated and 22 discharged. Each week an average of 35 children have attended the clinics. Twenty minute sessions per week for each child were found beneficial. Suitable cases have been treated in small groups and in order to attempt to meet the larger number of children requiring therapy some children were given treatment once a fortnight.

Clinics have again been held weekly in Ely and Littleport and fortnightly in Stretham and Wilburton. A regular clinic was started at the Martin School, Littleport, but the number of children who required treatment dropped so that less frequent visits to this school were found to be sufficient.

The most usual defect encountered in the schools has been persistent "baby talking", i.e., dyslalia and within this category "lisps". There have been a few stammerers: two children with



dysphonia, i.e. harsh voices due to "over shouting"; and one interesting case of a child who — though able to talk wouldn't speak to anybody except her parents. She is now beginning to speak to other relations and close friends of the family, but does not say anything at school. The teaching staff are very co-operative and this is an instance where their interest and concern is ensuring that this child is given the maximum help to overcome this difficulty.

My thanks are due, once again, to all members of the health and education departments who have been so helpful.

# HANDICAPPED PUPILS

Category	In Special Schools (including Hospital Special Schools)		In maintained Primary and Secondary Schools		In Independent Schools		Boarding Hostels		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Blind ... ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Partially Sighted ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2
Deaf ... ..	5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	1
Partially Hearing ...	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2
Delicate ... ..	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	3	2
Educationally Sub-normal ... ..										
Resident pupils ...	22	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	139	65
Day pupils ...	19	9	98	35	—	—	—	—		
Epileptic ... ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Maladjusted ... ..	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	3
Physically Handicapped										
Resident pupils ...	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	9
Day pupils ... ..	1	1	4	7	—	—	—	—		
	66	38	103	43	2	1	2	2	173	84

During the year handicapped pupils were admitted to special and independent residential schools outside the county as follows:—

CATEGORY	BOYS	GIRLS
Blind ... ..	1	—
Deaf ... ..	2	—
Delicate ... ..	—	1*
Educationally sub-normal ... ..	4	1
Maladjusted ... ..	1	1

\* This girl was admitted to a special hostel for delicate pupils and attends at the local school.

Admissions to the authority's Wilburton Manor Special School for the educationally sub-normal totalled 16, and of these 4 (3 boys and 1 girl), became resident, and 12 (10 boys and 2 girls) commenced daily attendance.

## TUBERCULOSIS

469 examinations of school children were carried out at the chest clinics at Wisbech, Doddington, and Peterborough, by the chest physician during 1962. Of this number 158 were new cases, the remainder being re-examinations.

382 X-ray examinations of school children were carried out at the chest clinics and of these 144 were new cases, the remainder being re-examinations of old cases.

During 1962, 1,533 children were given BCG vaccination.

### BCG VACCINATIONS

School	Tuberculin Tested	+	-	Ab- sent	% +	BCG
Chatteris, The Cromwell	162	2	157	3	1.3	157
Ely High	78	5	72	1	6.5	72
Ely Needham's	129	5	123	1	3.9	122
Ely, The Palace School	5	1	4	0	20.0	4
Isle of Ely Technical College	17	2	15	0	11.8	15
Littleport, The Martin	70	4	63	3	6.0	63
March Grammar	40	3	36	1	7.7	36
March High	101	9	88	4	9.3	88
March Hereward Boys'	148	6	138	4	4.3	138
March Hereward Girls'	75	2	71	2	2.7	70
Thorney, Duke of Bedford	25	3	22	0	13.6	22
Whittlesey, Sir Harry Smith	137	19	116	2	14.1	116
Wisbech Grammar	83	3	77	3	3.8	77
Wisbech High	87	9	75	3	10.7	75
Wisbech Queen's Boys'	204	10	190	4	5.0	190
Wisbech Queen's Girls'	212	8	194	10	4.0	194
Witchford S.M.	106	10	94	2	9.6	94
Total	1,679	101	1,535	43	6.2	1,533

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable and other infectious diseases:—

	Diph- theria	Scarlet Fever	Whoop- ing cough	Chick- en pox	Meas- les	German measles	Mumps	Total
Cases	—	45	10	598	400	2289	392	3734
Contacts	—	0	0	1	0	3	1	5



## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

### *Diphtheria*

During 1962, 89 school children were immunised against diphtheria and 572 received a re-inforcing, or "booster" injection.

### *Whooping Cough*

During 1962, 143 pupils were immunised against whooping cough.

### *Poliomyelitis*

During 1962, Sabin oral vaccine was brought into use in addition to the Salk vaccine which is given by injection.

During the year vaccination was given to children as follows:—

Full courses:		Boosters:—	
Sabin	286	Sabin	1,789
Salk	116	Salk	244

## MILK IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

On a given day in September, 1962, 11,173 pupils in attendance took milk.

All schools, including non-maintained schools, now receive milk in  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint bottles.

Since the 6th August, 1946, all pupils requiring milk are supplied free of charge.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
No. on school rolls ...	14594	14573	14292	14250	14146	14712	14365
No. of $\frac{1}{2}$ pints supplied	10956	11067	11142	11203	10875	11528	11173
Percentage receiving milk	75 %	76 %	78 %	79 %	77 %	78 %	78 %

## PROVISION OF COOKED MEALS AND HOT DRINKS IN SCHOOLS

During 1962, school meals were provided in all schools. On a day in September, 1962, the number of mid-day meals served was 7,213.

### SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

The following examinations were carried out during 1962:—

Prospective teachers	...	...	...	...	47
Entrants to teaching profession	...	...	...	...	20

### HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS

Hygiene inspections were carried out in schools as in previous years.

The close co-operation between the education department and the school health department has continued.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

Return for the year ended 31st December, 1962

*I—Medical Inspection of Pupils attending maintained primary and Secondary Schools (including Nursery and Special Schools)*

Number of pupils on registers of maintained primary and secondary schools (including nursery and special schools) in January, 1963, as in Form 7, 7 M. and 11

Schools ... .. 14,306

TABLE A—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups inspected (by year of Birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils inspected				Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory		For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any other condition recorded at Part II	Total Individual pupils
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1958 & later	5	5	100.00	—	—	—	1	1
1957	390	390	100.00	—	—	7	59	60
1956	510	510	100.00	—	—	9	94	95
1955	443	442	99.77	1	0.23	6	43	47
1954	128	128	100.00	—	—	3	18	21
1953	58	58	100.00	—	—	3	6	8
1952	271	270	99.63	1	0.37	13	26	36
1951	374	372	99.47	2	0.53	17	62	71
1950	404	400	99.01	4	0.99	14	54	61
1949	559	559	100.00	—	—	10	57	62
1948	633	630	99.53	3	0.47	27	63	81
1947 & earlier	1318	1316	99.85	2	0.15	35	122	138
Total	5093	5080	99.74	13	0.26	144	605	681



TABLE B—OTHER INSPECTIONS

A special inspection is one that is carried out at the special request of a parent, doctor, nurse, teacher or other person.

A re-inspection is an inspection arising out of one of the periodic medical inspections or out of a special inspection.

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	80
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	649
Total	...	...	729

TABLE C—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	31,055
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	396
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	Nil
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	Nil

TABLE D—SCREENING TESTS OF VISION AND HEARING

1. (a) Is the vision of entrants tested? Yes.  
(b) If so, how soon after entry is this done? At first routine medical examination.
2. If the vision of entrants is not tested, at what age is the first vision test carried out? —
3. How frequently is vision testing repeated throughout a child's school life? As necessary.
4. (a) Is colour vision testing undertaken? Yes.  
(b) If so, at what age? 14 plus.  
(c) Are both boys and girls tested? Yes.
5. By whom is vision and colour testing carried out? School medical officers.
6. (a) Is audiometric testing of entrants carried out? Yes.  
(b) If so, how soon after entry is this done? At first routine medical examination.
7. If the hearing of entrants is not tested, at what age is the first audiometric test carried out? —
8. By whom is audiometric testing carried out? School medical officers.

Part II—Defects found by Medical Inspection during the Year

TABLE A—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	Periodic Inspections			
		Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total
4	Skin ... .. T	16	35	46	97
	O	10	35	31	76
5	Eyes—a. Vision T	16	62	66	144
	O	91	388	288	767
	b. Squint T	11	1	3	15
	O	8	16	37	61
	c. Other ... T	1	2	6	9
	O	—	5	1	6
6	Ears—a. Hearing T	7	1	11	19
	O	127	13	108	248
	b. Otitis Media T	1	3	5	9
	O	—	3	3	6
	c. Other ... T	8	53	59	120
	O	3	13	29	45
7	Nose and Throat T	38	6	27	71
	O	87	45	149	281
8	Speech ... .. T	7	—	14	21
	O	4	6	6	16
9	Lymphatic Glands T	2	1	1	4
	O	120	19	129	268
10	Heart ... .. T	2	5	5	12
	O	8	38	23	69
11	Lungs ... .. T	11	4	9	24
	O	20	13	38	71
12	Developmental— T	—	2	3	5
	a. Hernia O	1	1	3	5
	b. Other ... T	23	14	32	69
	O	52	52	85	189
13	Orthopaedic— T	2	—	—	2
	a. Posture O	7	13	19	39
	b. Feet ... T	9	10	9	28
	O	18	72	80	170
	c. Other ... T	4	8	11	23
	O	21	51	63	135

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*Part II—Defects found by Medical Inspection during the Year—  
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TABLE A—PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	(2) Defect or Disease		Periodic Inspections			
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total
14	Nervous System— a. Epilepsy	T	3	4	7	14
		O	—	3	1	4
	b. Other ...	T	1	9	7	17
		O	4	9	15	28
15	Psychological—	T	1	1	—	2
		O	3	6	18	27
	a. Development	O	4	2	1	7
	b. Stability	T	17	3	9	29
16	Abdomen ...	T	1	3	3	7
		O	5	2	6	13
17	Other ...	T	2	21	7	30
		O	3	24	8	35
			779	1077	1481	3337



TABLE B—SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	Special Inspections	
		Pupils requiring Treatment (3)	Pupils requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin ... ..	2	—
5	Eyes—a. Vision ... ..	2	10
	b. Squint ... ..	1	3
	c. Other ... ..	1	—
6	Ears—a. Hearing ... ..	—	1
	b. Otitis Media ... ..	—	—
	c. Other ... ..	1	—
7	Nose and Throat ... ..	—	2
8	Speech ... ..	3	1
9	Lymphatic Glands ... ..	—	3
10	Heart ... ..	—	3
11	Lungs ... ..	—	—
12	Developmental—a. Hernia ... ..	—	—
	b. Other ... ..	—	2
13	Orthopaedic—a. Posture ... ..	—	1
	b. Feet ... ..	2	3
	c. Other ... ..	—	—
14	Nervous System—a. Epilepsy ... ..	—	—
	b. Other ... ..	—	—
15	Psychological—a. Development ... ..	—	1
	b. Stability ... ..	—	—
16	Abdomen ... ..	—	—
17	Other ... ..	—	—
		12	30

TABLE A—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint ... ..	72
Errors of refraction (including squint) ... ..	2408
Total ...	2480
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	1572

TABLE B—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT  
Received operative treatment—

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) for diseases of the ear ... ..	6
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis ... ..	172
(c) for other nose and throat conditions ... ..	23
Received other forms of treatment ... ..	10
Total ...	211
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—	
(a) in 1962 ... ..	3
(b) in previous years ... ..	9

TABLE C—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients depart- ments ... ..	46
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects ...	—
Total ...	46

TABLE D—DISEASES OF THE SKIN

(excluding uncleanness)

							Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Body	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
							—
Total	...						98
							—

TABLE E—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

							Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	44

TABLE F—SPEECH THERAPY

							Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists	...	...	...	...	...	...	76

TABLE G—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

							Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments	...	...	...	...	...	...	534
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	...	...	...	...	...	...	1538
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above. Please specify:							
Hospital In-patients:—							
Medical	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Surgical	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
							—
Total (a)—(d)	...						2208
							—



# DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY

(a) Dental and Orthodontic work			
(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental officers:—			
(i) At Periodic Inspections	4093	Total (1)	5427
(ii) As Specials	434		
(2) Number found to require treatment			3151
(3) Number offered treatment			2932
(4) Number actually treated			1936
(b) Dental work (other than orthodontics)			
(1) Number of attendances made by pupils for treat- ment, excluding those recorded at (c) 1 below			5976
(2) Half days devoted to:			
(i) Periodic (School) Inspection	34	Total (2)	811
(ii) Treatment	777		
(3) Fillings:			
(i) Permanent Teeth	3507	Total (3)	3708
(ii) Temporary Teeth	201		
(4) Number of Teeth Filled:			
(i) Permanent Teeth	3210	Total (4)	3400
(ii) Temporary Teeth	190		
(5) Extractions:			
(i) Permanent Teeth	1034	Total (5)	2464
(ii) Temporary Teeth	1430		
(6) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction			915
(7) Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth			52
(8) Other operations:			
(i) Permanent Teeth	593	Total (8)	765
(ii) Temporary Teeth	172		
(c) Orthodontics			
(i) Number of attendances made by pupils for orthodontic treatment	...		245
(ii) Half days devoted to orthodontic treatment			
Cases seen during routine treatment sessions			
(iii) Cases commenced during the year	...		25
(iv) Cases brought forward from the previous year			20
(v) Cases completed during the year	...		15
(vi) Cases discontinued during the year	...		6
(vii) Number of pupils treated by means of appliances			
(viii) Number of removable appliances fitted	...		45
(ix) Number of fixed appliances fitted	...		34
			Nil

## APPENDIX "A"

### DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HEALTH AND

### WELFARE SERVICES

1962/3—1971/2

The authority was required by the Ministry of Health to prepare a plan for the development of its health and welfare services over the next ten years in two periods of five years. The plan was prepared in table form in three parts in accordance with the Ministry's advice, and shows the following aspects of the proposed development.

Part I	Estimated net revenue expenditure
Part II	Capital programme
Part III	Staff

In Part I is given an estimate of the effect on the revenue expenditure of the development of all the services.

Part II gives a list of present premises with notes on proposed replacement dates together with the suggested annual capital programme for the first five years in some detail, and less specifically for the second five year period (1967/8—1971/2). The capital programme includes provision of new buildings for Part III accommodation and for such premises as are thought likely to be required for the Mental Health Act, and for mentally sub-normal persons. The plan also includes provision for new clinics and housing for domiciliary nurses.

In an annex is a statement relating to the replacement of the residential accommodation at present provided in joint-user establishments.

Part III provides a statement of existing staff and the estimated requirements for the first five years, and of the estimated number required by the end of the second period in 1971/2.

The development plan is to be reviewed each year and with the exception of those proposals already approved is purely provisional.

**PART I**  
**NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE**  
(including loan charges and capital expenditure from revenue)

	Estimate for					
	1962/63	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1971/72
Health Centres	—	—	—	—	—	—
Care of Mothers and Young Children	7,375	9,100	10,000	10,150	10,300	11,200
Midwifery including expenditure as Local Supervising Authority	16,812	16,620	18,475	19,320	20,400	21,600
Health Visiting	8,937	8,275	10,120	10,150	10,675	11,600
Home Nursing	15,400	17,000	20,220	21,050	21,475	22,500
Vaccination and Immunisation	3,065	3,175	3,910	3,950	4,400	4,900
Ambulance Service	17,775	18,900	19,000	19,100	19,250	20,250
Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care (excl. Mental Health)	3,695	3,875	3,935	4,000	4,150	4,900
Domestic Help	10,900	12,575	12,610	13,900	15,200	18,200
Mental Health	16,480	25,970	38,000	39,000	39,700	52,500
Expenditure under other Enactments, and on General Administration	12,190	12,250	12,300	12,375	12,450	13,400
*Expenditure on Local Health Services not reckonable for general grant	3,250	3,275	3,400	3,450	3,500	3,800
Residential Accommodation under Section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 (including temporary accommodation as a separate figure in brackets)	54,090 ( — )	64,200 ( — )	67,300 ( — )	97,800 ( — )	98,000 ( — )	132,350 ( — )
Welfare Services for the Handicapped under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948	10,200	10,965	11,155	11,300	11,400	19,300
Other Welfare Services provided under the National Assistance Act 1948	830	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,100	2,000
<b>Grand Total of Expenditure £</b>	<b>180,999</b>	<b>207,180</b>	<b>231,425</b>	<b>266,645</b>	<b>272,000</b>	<b>338,500</b>



PART I—ANNEX

FINANCIAL YEAR 1962-3

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
Wisbech Combined district offices and all purpose clinic to serve a population of approximately 20,000	Horsefair, Wisbech	REPLACEMENT PLUS SOME NEW PROVISION Urgently required (a) to pro- vide a dental clinic not at present existing, (b) owing to poor condition of present clinic and unsatisfactory nature of present hired accommodation used for infant welfare centre and main welfare foods dis- tribution centre	Building 34030 Land 3500 Site ) Investigation ) 350 Clerk of ) Works ) 1000	+ £5,367
March Residential home for the aged and infirm	Kingswood Site, Burrowmoor Rd., March 60 beds	NEW PROVISION Five household all purpose home. First stage towards vacating present Part III joint user accommodation	Building 85000 Sewer ) Connection ) 1250 Site ) Investigation ) 50 Clerk of Works 1650	+ £17,972
Wisbech Hostel for mentally sub-normal children	The Orchards, Money Bank, Wisbech 16-18 beds	NEW PROVISION Residential accommodation in connection with adjoining Or- chard Court Junior Training Centre	Building 2900	+ £5,950
Chatteris Flats for district nurse/midwives	Station Road, Chatteris 2 flats	REPLACEMENT Unsatisfactory present accom- modation	Building 5440	+ £460
Haddenham House for district/ nurse midwife	Haddenham, Site not yet chosen 1 nurse	NEW PROVISION No existing accommodation	Building 2800 Site	+ £240

# FINANCIAL YEAR 1963-4

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
Wisbech Residential home for the aged and infirm	Wisbech Site not yet determined 60 beds	NEW PROVISION Five household all purpose home. Second stage towards vacating present Part III joint user accommodation	Building Clerk of Works Site 85000 ) ) ) 1000	+ £12,816
Whittlesey Residential home for old people	Turner's Lane, Whittlesey 30-35 beds	NEW PROVISION To provide accommodation for this part of the county where none exists at present	Building Clerk of Works Site 43500 ) ) ) 1000	+ £7,456
March Training centre with hostel accommoda- tion for mentally sub-normal adults	March Site not yet determined 60 places 30 beds	NEW PROVISION Centrally situated to serve whole county	Building Clerk of Works Site 7000 ) ) ) 1000	+ £17,542

# FINANCIAL YEAR 1964-5

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
Ely Residential home for old people	Croylands, Cambridge Rd., Ely Approximately 30 beds	NEW PROVISION Conversion and extension to the present home for the blind (12 beds). Blind persons to be accommodated in one or both of the five household homes. Final stage in vacating present Part III joint user accommo- dation	Building Clerk of Works Site 30000 ) ) ) 1000	—

# FINANCIAL YEAR 1965-6

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
Wisbech Residential home for old people with additional accom- modation for persons requiring day care only	Wisbech Site not yet determined 40-45 beds plus 20 day places	NEW PROVISION To meet anticipated growing needs for accommodation in this area	Building Clerk of Works Site 78000 ) ) 1000	+ £12,653

# FINANCIAL YEAR 1966-7

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
March Combined district offices and all purpose clinic to serve a population of approximately 17,500	March Site not yet determined	REPLACEMENT To replace (a) existing clinic in County Hall urgently re- quired for additional office ac- commodation, (b) unsatisfac- tory hired accommodation for infant welfare centre	Building Clerk of Works Site 34000 ) ) 1000	+ £4,719



# FINANCIAL YEARS 1967-72

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
March or Wisbech Hostel for the re- habilitation of the mentally disordered	March or Wisbech Site not yet determined 25 beds	NEW PROVISION To serve needs of whole county	Building 46000 Clerk of Works ) 1000 Site	+ £12,680
March or Wisbech Hostel for the physically handicapped	March or Wisbech Site not yet determined 20 beds	NEW PROVISION To serve needs of whole county	Building 39000 Clerk of Works ) 1000 Site	+ £7,127
Whittlesey All purpose clinic to serve a population of approximately 9,000	Whittlesey Site not yet determined	REPLACEMENT This clinic will replace accom- modation at present used in a school, and an unsatisfactory church hall	Building 29000 Clerk of ) Works ) 1000 Site	+ £3,832
Whittlesey Flats for district nurse/midwives	Whittlesey Site not yet determined 2 flats	REPLACEMENT Present accommodation in old house unsatisfactory	Building 5440 Site	+ £442
March Residential home for old people with additional accom- modation for persons requiring day care only	March Site not yet determined 30 beds plus 15 day places	NEW PROVISION To meet anticipated growing need for accommodation	Building 61000 Clerk of ) Works ) 1000 Site	+ £10,353

# FINANCIAL YEARS 1967-72

Schemes (in order of priority)	Location and Size	Need	Provisional Cost	Effect on Revenue Expenditure
Ely Residential home for old people with additional accom- modation for persons requiring day care only	Ely Site not yet determined 30 beds 15 day places	NEW PROVISION To meet anticipated growing need for accommodation	Building Clerk of Works Site 61000 ) ) 1000	+ £10,353

# PART II

List of Premises at 31.3.62

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	Location and Size		Purpose for which used	Suitability
BLACK HORSE				
DROVE	Community Centre	Council property	Maternity and Child Welfare	
CHATTERIS	Grove House	Hired premises	Welfare Foods distribution	
	Seymour House	"	Maternity and Child Welfare	
	Cromwell School	Council property	Clinic	
COATES	Public Hall	Hired premises	Maternity and Child Welfare	
DODDINGTON	Church Rooms	"	"	
FRIDAYBRIDGE	Church Hall	"	"	
ELY	St. Mary's Clinic, St. Mary's Street	Council property	also serving village of Elm Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic	
	"	"	Combined mothercraft and physiotherapy	
	"	"	Part-time training centre— all ages	To be transferred to Junior Training Centre now in course of con- struction
	County Clinic, Downham Road	"	Clinic	
	Cambridge Road (45 places)	"	Junior Training Centre	In course of con- struction
	St. Mary's Lodge (31 beds)	"	Old Persons' Home	Additional accom- modation being provided to make a total of 44 beds
	St. Mary's Street	"		



ELY—continued	Croylands, Cambridge Road Tower Hospital	(12 beds) (58 beds)	" "	Blind Persons' Home	To be enlarged to accommodate 30 beds in 1964/5
			Joint User (former P.A. Institution)		
	City Chambers, Market Street		Hired premises	Welfare Foods distribution	
GUYHIRN	Village Hall			Maternity and Child Welfare	
HADDENHAM	Baptist Church Hall		" "	" "	
LEVERINGTON	Parish Hall		" "	" "	
LT. DOWNHAM	Parish Hall		" "	" "	
LITTLEPORT	Oddfellows Hall		" "	" "	
MANEA	Church Hall		" "	" "	
MARCH	County Clinic, County Hall		Council property	Dental, School and Child Guidance Clinic	To be replaced by purpose built clinic in 1966/67
	British Legion Rooms, West End		Hired premises	Adult Psychiatric Clinic	
	Oakwood House (16 places)		Council property	Maternity and Child Wel- fare	
	4 Elwyn Road		Hired premises	Part-time training centre— all ages	
	St. John Ambulance Brigade Hall, St. John's Close		" "	Welfare Foods distribution Combined mothercraft and physiotherapy	
	Coronation Close (30 beds)		Council property	Old Persons' Home	
NEWTON	Women's Institute Hall		Hired premises	Maternity and Child Welfare	
PARSON DROVE	Church Hall		" "	" "	

PRICKWILLOW	Women's Institute Hall	"	"	"	"	"	
SUTTON	Methodist Church Hall	"	"	"	"	"	
THORNEY	Community Centre	Council property	"	"	"	"	
WHITTLESEY	St. Mary's Hall, Station Road	Hired premises	"	"	"	"	To be replaced by purpose built clinic 1967/72
	British Red Cross Society Centre (10 places)	"	"	part-time training centre— all ages	"	"	
	Plough Road Public Hall			Welfare Foods distribution			
	Station Road Sir Harry Smith School	Council property		Clinic			
WISBECH	Youth Centre, Hill Street	Hired premises		Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic			To be replaced by purpose built clinic 1962/63
	County Clinic, Lynn Road	Council property					
	Haig Assembly Rooms, King Street	Hired premises		Combined mothercraft and physiotherapy			
	Hill Street, Orchard Court	" Council property		Welfare Foods distribution Junior Training Centre Part-time Training Centre— all ages			
	Glennfield House (41 beds) Clarkson and Barton Road Hospitals (30 beds)	" Joint User establishment (Clarkson, a former P.A. Institution)		Old Persons' Home Old and infirm persons			To be replaced by new accommoda- tion by 1965/6
WISBECH ST. MARY	Women's Institute Hall	Hired premises		Maternity and Child Welfare			

Location	Size	Owned or Rented	Suitability	
CHATTERIS	3 bedroomed council house	2 nurses Rented	Unsuitable—no district room	To be replaced See Part I Annex 1962/3
ELM	3 bedroomed purpose built house	2 nurses Council property		
GOREFIELD	2 bedroomed house	1 nurse Rented	Suitably adapted	
LT. DOWNHAM	3 bedroomed cottage	1 nurse "	Unsuitable—no district room	
LITTLEPORT	3 bedroomed purpose built house	2 nurses Council property		At present under construction
MANEA	3 bedroomed council house	1 nurse Rented	Suitably adapted	
MARCH	4 bedroomed house	2 nurses "	To be adapted	
SUTTON	3 bedroomed council house	1 nurse "	Unsuitable—no district room	Replacement under consideration
THORNEY	2 bedroomed council house	1 nurse "	Suitably adapted	
WHITTLESEY	3 bedroomed house	2 nurses Council property	Unsuitable—old property—too large	To be replaced. See Part I Annex 1967/72
WISBECH	Two 3 bedroomed purpose built houses	4 nurses "		
WISBECH ST. MARY	3 bedroomed purpose built house	2 nurses "		



## PART II—ANNEX

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948—SECTION 21

#### REPLACEMENT OF JOINT-USER ESTABLISHMENTS

It is proposed to replace the accommodation provided at the joint-user establishments at Ely and Wisbech by building new sixty bed, five household homes at March (Part 1 Annex 1962—3) and Wisbech (Part I — Annex 1963—4) and finally by converting the Croylands Home for the Blind at Ely into a thirty bed home (Part I Annex 1964—5).

The conversion of Croylands will be the final stage in vacating the former Public Assistance Institutions and will be completed during 1965—6. Blind persons will be accommodated in one or both the sixty bed homes.

**PART III—STAFF**  
**APPROXIMATE WHOLE TIME EQUIVALENT**  
**EXCLUDING STAFF OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE**

	1961/62 in post 31/12/61	Estab. 1962/63	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1971/72
1. Doctors (including M.O.H.)	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
2. Dentists	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0
3. Domiciliary Midwives	11.5	11.5	11.5	12.5	13.75	14.75	15.25
4. Health Visitors	6.5	6.5	7.0	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.5
5. Home Nurses	13.5	13.5	13.75	16.0	17.0	17.2	17.5
6. Staff (other than domestic) in Day Nurseries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Other Nursing Staff in Health Service	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
8. Ambulance Staff (total all grades) No. of ve- hicles in brackets	—(8)	—(8)	—(9)	—(9)	—(9)	—(9)	—(9)
9. Staff (other than dom- estic) in Training Centres for Mentally Sub-normal	3.0	4.0	6.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0
10. Home Helps (including supervising staff)	22.5	22.5	25.0	27.0	30.0	33.0	40.0
11. Staff (other than dom- estic) in Res. Acc. Sec. 21/48 or 28/46	26.0	27.0	31.0	43.0	59.0	59.0	83.0
12. Staff (other than dom- estic) in Non- res. Acc. for Handicapped	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	1961/62 in post 31/12/61	Estab. 1962/63	1963/64	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1971/72
13. Domiciliary Social or Wel- fare Workers							
(a) Univ. or pro- fess. trained	—	—	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
(b) Gen. training with cert- ificate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Other social workers	4.5	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	8.0
(d) Welfare Assistants	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
14. Others—Home Teachers	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
15. Administrative and Clerical Staff	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	22.0



## APPENDIX B

### EXTRACT FROM COMMAND PAPER 1973

#### ISLE OF ELY C.C.

	1962	1967	1972
Population, all ages .....	89,420	90,600	91,300
Population, aged 65 and over	11,500	12,100	13,100

#### *1 (a)—Health and Welfare Premises*

(The numbers of places are given in brackets)

	Premises in use or under construction at		Projects to be started in	
	31.3.1962	31.3.1972	1962-63 to 1966-67	1967-68 to 1971-72
Homes for the elderly	6 (219)	10 (404)	5 (213)	2 (60)
For the physically handicapped:—				
Centres ... ..	4	4	—	—
Homes ... ..	—	1 (20)	—	1 (20)
For the mentally sub- normal:—				
Junior training centres ... ..	4 (112)	3 (97)	—	—
Adult training centres ... ..	4 (51)	3 (89)	1 (60)	—
Hostels ... ..	—	2 (47)	2 (47)	—
For the mentally ill:—				
Centres ... ..	—	—	—	—
Hostels ... ..	—	1 (25)	—	1 (25)
Maternity and child welfare clinics ...	28	23	2	1

#### *1 (b)—Places in Training Centres for the Mentally Subnormal*

	31.3.1962	31.3.1967	31.3.1972
In junior centres ... ..	112	97	97
Per 1,000 population ... ..	1.25	1.07	1.06
In adult centres ... ..	51	89	89
Per 1,000 population ... ..	0.57	0.98	0.97

*I (c)—Places in Homes for the Elderly*

	31.3.1962	31.3.1967	31.3.1972
Places .....	219	344	404
Per 1,000 population aged 65 and over .....	19.0	28.4	30.8

*II—Domiciliary Services*

(The numbers per 1,000 population are given in brackets)

Staff (whole-time equivalent)	31.12.1961	31.3.1967	31.3.1972
Health visitors .....	6.5 (0.07)	9 (0.10)	9.5 (0.10)
Home Helps .....	22.5 (0.25)	33 (0.36)	40 (0.44)
Home nurses .....	13.5 (0.15)	17.2 (0.19)	17.5 (0.19)
Midwives .....	11.5 (0.13)	14.8 (0.16)	15.3 (0.17)
Social workers .....	4.5 (0.05)	5.5 (0.06)	8.5 (0.09)

*III—Ambulance Service*

	31.3.1962	31.3.1967	31.3.1972
Stations .....	7	7	7
Ambulances .....	11	12	12
Staff (whole-time equivalent) .....	28	31	31

*IV—Capital Building Programme*

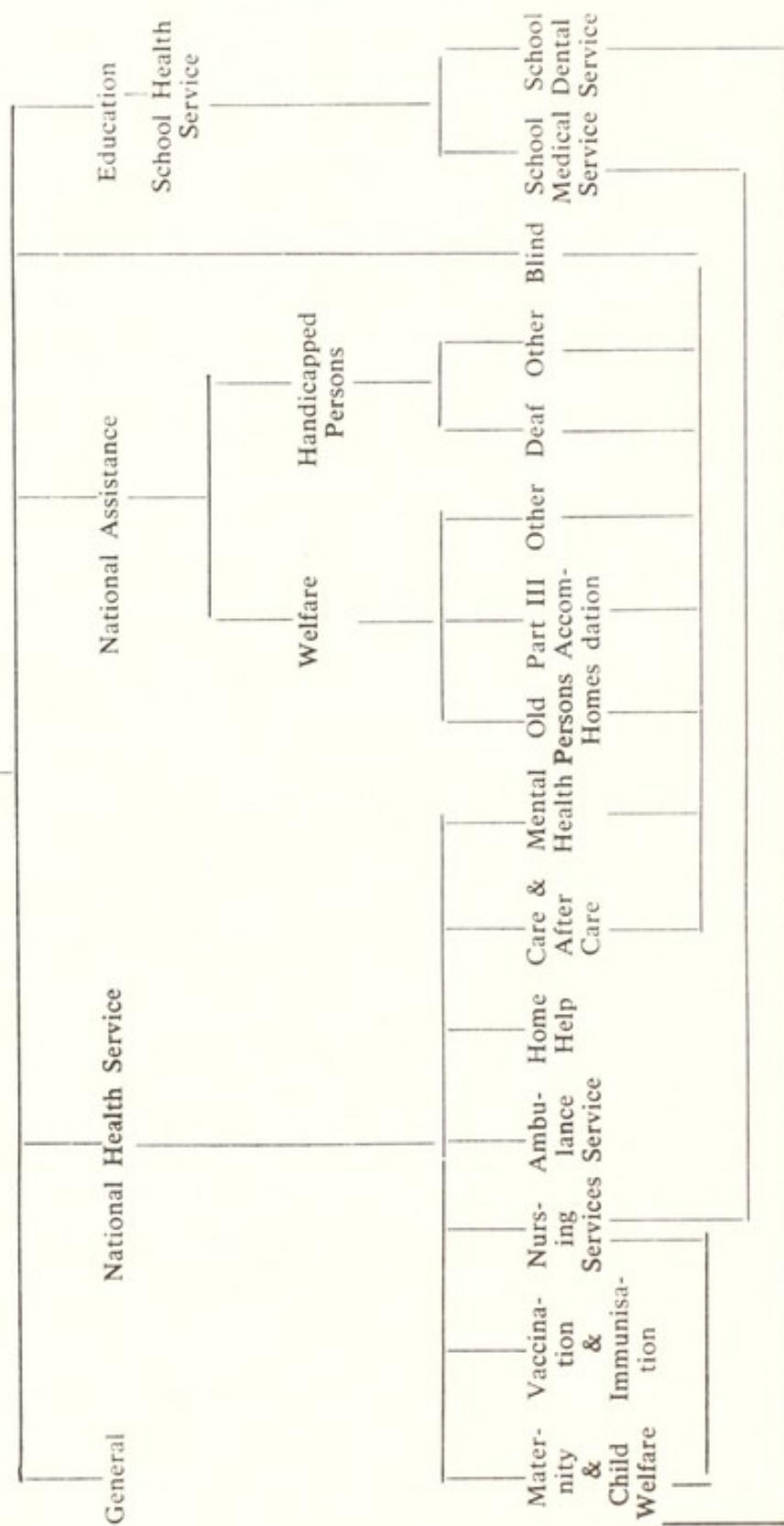
	1962-63 to 1966-67	1967-68 to 1971-72	Total 1962-63 to 1971-72
	£	£	£
Homes for the elderly .....	327,950	101,000	428,950
For the physically handicapped:			
Centres .....	—	—	—
Homes .....	—	44,000	44,000
For the mentally sub-normal:			
Junior training centres .....	—	—	—
Adult training centres .....	50,740	—	50,740
Hostels .....	28,160	—	28,160
For the mentally ill:			
Centres .....	—	—	—
Hostels .....	—	51,000	51,000
Maternity and child welfare clinics .....	77,880	33,000	110,880
Miscellaneous .....	29,590	41,140	70,730
Total .....	514,320	270,140	784,460

# ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ORGANISATION

County Medical Officer

Deputy County Medical Officer

Administration



APPENDIX C



APPENDIX D  
ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

STAFF

*Medical*

County Medical Officer (Principal School Medical Officer)  
(County Welfare Officer)

Deputy County Medical Officer (Deputy Principal School Medical  
Officer)

Assistant County Medical Officers (School Medical Officers)—2

Consultant Chest Physician (part-time)—1

Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners (part-time sessional)—2

General Medical Practitioners (part-time sessional)—15

*Dental*

Principal Dental Officer

Dental Officer—1 (vacancy 1—establishment subject to review)

Dental Officer (part-time)—1

*Medical Auxiliaries*

Speech Therapist—1 full-time (vacancy)  
1 part-time

Orthoptist—1 part-time

Orthopaedic Physiotherapist—1 (vacancy)

Dental Attendants—2 full-time  
1 part-time

Dental Auxiliary—1 (proposed)

*Nursing*

Superintendent Nursing Officer

Assistant Superintendent Nursing Officer

Health Visitor/School Nurses—7 (vacancies 3)

Tuberculosis Health Visitor—1

District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitors—7 (vacancies 3)

District Nurse/Midwives—12 + 4 part-time

District Nurses—3 + 3 part-time

District Midwives—2

Clinic Nurses—3 (part-time)

*Mental Health and Welfare*

\*Principal Mental Health and Welfare Officer

\*District Mental Health and Welfare Officers—3

Welfare Assistants—2

Home Teacher—1

Supervisor (part-time) of four part-time training centres for the mentally sub-normal

\* These officers are all designated "Mental Welfare Officers"

*Junior Training Centre*

Orchard Court, Wisbech— Supervisor—1

Assistant Supervisors—  
2 + 1 part-time

Domestic—1 part-time

*Old Persons' Homes*

Coronation Close, March— Matron

Assistant Matron/Cook

Resident Attendants—2

Gardener/Handyman

Domestics (part-time)—3

St. Mary's Lodge, Ely— Matron

Assistant Matron

Cook

Resident Attendant

Non-resident Attendant

Gardener/Handyman

Domestics (part-time)—3

Glennfield House,

Wisbech—Matron

Assistant Matron

Cook

Resident Attendant

Non-resident Attendant

Domestics (part-time)—4

Gardener/Handyman

*Part III Accommodation (Joint-user)*

Tower Hospital, Ely— Non-resident Attendants—3  
Clarkson Hospital,  
Wisbech—Non-resident Attendants—2

*Society for the Blind*

Secretary  
Home Teachers—3  
*Home*

Croylands, Ely—  
Matron  
Resident Attendant  
Cook  
Gardener/Handyman  
Domestics (part-time)—4

*Holiday Hostel*

Highcliffe, Hunstanton— Matron (and husband)  
Resident Domestic (during holiday  
season)

*General Office*

Administrative Officer  
Administrative Assistant  
Home Help Organiser  
Accounts Clerk  
Senior School Medical Clerk  
Clerical Staff—12 + 5 part-time



APPENDIX E  
ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
MAIN SERVICES AND BUILDINGS

A. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT

1. *Section 22—Maternity and Child Welfare*

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics (5) staffed by midwives (and in one by general medical practitioners).

Physiotherapy and mothercraft classes, jointly with North Cambridgeshire and South West General Hospital Management Committees (3) staffed by health visitors, midwives, and hospital staff.

Infant welfare centres (21-20 run by voluntary committees) staffed by assistant county medical officers and/or general medical practitioners, and health visitors.

Welfare foods distributed at 5 main centres, staffed by part-time clerks, and 26 voluntary centres.

Maternity outfits supplied under contract by chemists against official orders.

Care of unmarried mothers by agency arrangements with two voluntary societies, Ely Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work and the Wisbech Society for Social Service, employing 2 social workers.

Dental service for priority classes provided, owing to unavoidable staff shortage, by overtime work to a maximum extent of 15 hours per week.

2. *Section 23—Midwifery*

Domiciliary midwifery undertaken by district nurse/midwives employed by the Isle of Ely County Nursing Association.

Superintendent nursing officer and assistant are non-medical supervisors.

Selection of cases for admission to hospital on social grounds — only operative in northern part of county.

Domiciliary training of midwives (Part II) undertaken in conjunction with Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee — 4 midwives approved as teachers.

### 3. *Section 24—Health Visiting*

Full-time health visitors in urban areas — rural areas covered by district nurse/midwife/health visitors — under control of superintendent nursing officer and assistant.

### 4. *Section 25—Home Nursing*

Agency arrangement with Isle of Ely County Nursing Association, which employs nursing staff under control of superintendent nursing officer and assistant — housing (6 houses owned by County Council and 7 rented) and cars provided.

Whole county covered by 16 district nursing associations, represented on county nursing association.

Student nurses from local hospitals, and from Nottingham home nursing service, given experience of rural district nursing practice.

### 5. *Section 26—Vaccination and Immunisation*

Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis — by assistant county medical officers and general medical practitioners.

Smallpox — by general medical practitioners.

### 6. *Section 27—Ambulance Service*

County Council ambulances garaged, maintained, and operated by local garage firms in 4 areas, Chatteris, Ely, March, and Wisbech (8 ambulances).

Agency service in 3 areas, Littleport, Manea and Whittlesey (3 ambulances).

Sitting-case car service controlled from central office, operated by voluntary drivers and hired cars.

### 7. *Section 28—Prevention, Care and After-Care*

#### (a) *Tuberculosis*

One full-time tuberculosis health visitor and part-time services of consultant chest physician.

Shelters and extra nourishment provided where necessary.

BCG vaccination of senior school children — by assistant county medical officers.

(b) *Mental Illness*

Four mental welfare officers employed.

(c) *Medical Loans*

Agency arrangements in force with British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade — most district nursing associations also maintain loan stocks.

(d) *Convalescence*

Provided as necessary at blind society's holiday hostel at Hunstanton.

(e) *Chiropody*

Provision made for subsidies to local voluntary organisations who operate schemes.

Eleven district nursing associations organise chiropody clinics, as well as those organised by old people's clubs and otherwise.

8. *Section 29—Domestic Help*

One whole-time organiser supervises some 60 part-time home helps.

9. *Section 51—Mental Health*

(a) Four mental welfare officers employed.

(b) Orchard Court Junior Training Centre, Wisbech (45) — directly operated — purpose built — serving northern half of the county.

(c) Four training centres, part-time — operated by voluntary committees, under a part-time supervisor, serving whole county.

(d) Additional approved future provision:—

A junior training centre at Ely, to complete the provision for the whole county — up to 45 places — at present under construction.

Residential accommodation in connection with the existing junior training centre at Wisbech, for 16 to 18 children.



- An adult training centre at March with hostel accommodation, to serve the whole county.
- A hostel for educationally sub-normal and/or maladjusted young persons.
- A hostel for the rehabilitation of persons discharged from mental hospitals.
- Residential accommodation for the elderly mentally infirm.
- Social centres, in the urban areas of the county, for the mentally ill.

## B. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

### 1. *Handicapped Persons*

- (a) Blind—Agency arrangements with voluntary society, Isle of Ely Society for the Blind — holiday hostel at Hunstanton.  
Croylands, Ely (Home for the Blind — 12, with extensions planned) directly provided and operated jointly by County Council and voluntary society.
- (b) Deaf—Agency arrangements with voluntary society, Ely Diocesan Association for the Deaf and Dumb, employing a qualified missionary.
- (c) Other—Scheme in operation, staffed by mental health and welfare staff, plus 1 home teacher.  
Voluntary workers have been co-ordinated, and a county voluntary society formed.

### 2. *Part III Accommodation*

#### (a) *Old Persons' Homes*

- Coronation Close, March (30), purpose-built.
- St. Mary's Lodge, Ely (31), adapted premises with lift, at present being enlarged (44).
- Glennfield House, Wisbech (41), purpose-built.

#### (b) *Joint-User*

- Part III beds available at Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech (30), and Tower Hospital, Ely (59), to be replaced in the future by purpose-built premises.

(c) Additional approved future provision:—

Homes to replace the existing joint-user accommodation (2 x 60).

Old Persons' Homes:—

A purpose-built home at Whittlesey (30).

A second purpose-built home at Wisbech (45).

3. *Temporary Accommodation*

Action taken whenever possible to prevent evictions, and otherwise to make suitable arrangements for those rendered temporarily homeless.

C. EDUCATION ACT

1. *School Health Service*

School medical inspections, routine and special, undertaken by county medical staff, who are all qualified in mental testing.

Ascertainment and placement in suitable special schools of handicapped pupils.

Audiometric sweep testing of hearing of children undertaken by school medical officers at first routine examination.

2. *Ophthalmic Service*

In northern part of county undertaken by hospital service — in southern part by directly employed part-time ophthalmic medical practitioners (2) and orthoptist.

3. *Speech Therapy*

Whole county covered by one whole-time therapist, and one part-time.

4. *School Nursing*

Undertaken by all health visitors (who are also appointed as school nurses), assisted by clinic nurses.

Minor ailment clinics held at 7 main centres.

5. *Child Guidance Clinic*

Undertaken by Regional Hospital Board staff on County Council premises.

Appointments arranged by county health department.

Full-time educational psychologist employed by education committee.

## 6. *School Dental Service*

Seriously understaffed as elsewhere generally in the country. Principal school dental officer, one full-time and one part-time dental officer available — all attempts to complete establishment abortive. Employment of dental auxiliaries under consideration.

Assistant county medical officers specially qualified to undertake dental anaesthesia.

## D. GENERAL

1. Medical examinations of Council staff on appointment, including teachers and fire service personnel, of college entrants, and of boarded-out children.

Supervision of general health and hygiene at children's homes and schools.

Control of infectious diseases in schools.

Work with problem families, in conjunction with co-ordinating committee.

Registration of child minders, and voluntary homes.

Health education.

Completion of health and welfare statistics.

Annual public health and school health reports.

## 2. *Clinic Premises*

(a) March — in County Hall and hired accommodation. Plan to provide comprehensive accommodation as (b).

(b) Wisbech — comprehensive district office and clinic, to cover all local health and welfare services, shortly to be built.

(c) Ely — two Council owned clinics available, providing for all services, including school ophthalmic service. District welfare office shortly to be acquired.

(d) Chatteris — clinic on school premises — includes dental clinic.

(e) Thorney — clinic on school premises.

(f) Whittlesey — clinic on school premises — includes dental clinic.



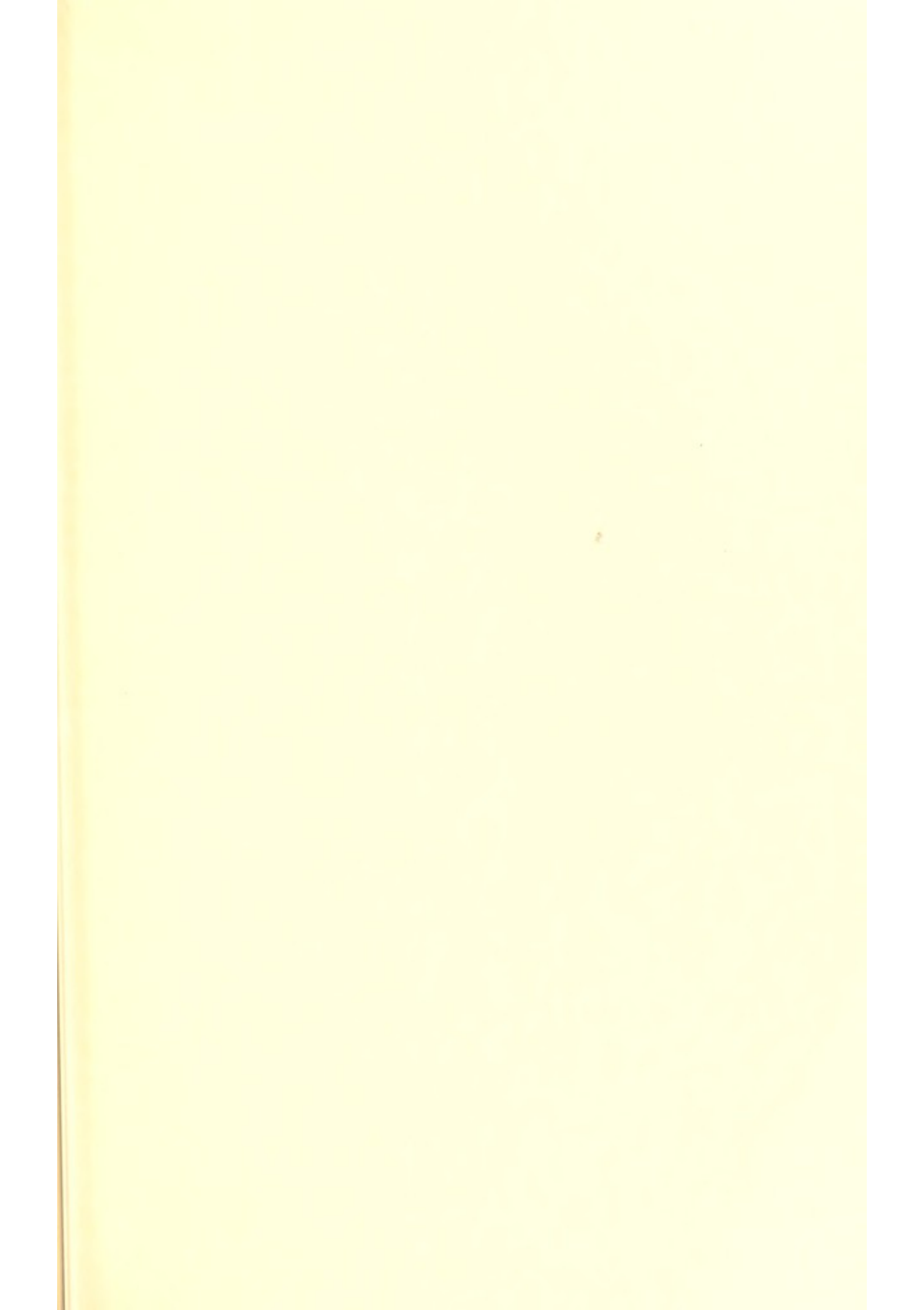
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