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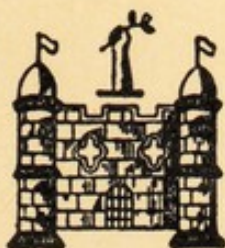
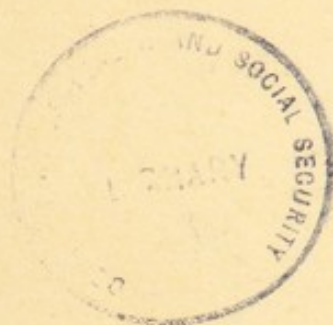
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KNARESBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

as at 31.12.69

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Councillor J. K. Harding

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health:
N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:
Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:
J. D. Andrews, M.A.P.H.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector
H. Cooper

Clerk/Typist:
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Telephone Number:
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Knaresborough.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report for the year 1969 on the activities of your public health department and the health of your area.

A small number of cases of infective hepatitis were notified during the Autumn, but the town was otherwise remarkably free from any undue incidence of infectious disease.

The department has continued its work of dealing with unfit houses, and Knaresborough is becoming a better (if perhaps somewhat less picturesque) place in which to live as a result of the modern houses being provided both by the Council and by private builders.

The supervision of food hygiene in a place with a large catering trade continues to provide work for the public health inspector.

I am indebted to him, to the elected members and to my brother officers for continued kindness and help.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

N. V. HEPPLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1969) ..	11,120
Area (in acres)	2,488
Number of inhabited houses, March 31st, 1969.. ..	3,784
Rateable value, March 31st, 1969.. .. .	£344,560
Sum represented by a penny rate, March 31st, 1969 ..	£1,405

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Knarborough is an inland holiday resort on the banks of the Nidd. It is a centre for the Yorkshire Dales and its Castle and boating facilities have a special attraction for the day visitor. It has one of the largest weekly open-air agricultural produce and general markets in the North of England.

During the summer, catering is one of the principle trades in the town. There are also a number of small industries including the manufacture of plastic goods, raincoats, shirts, and sports clothes, two linen and cotton weaving mills, a saw mill, and a boat building and repair factory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

Live Births	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	92	69	161
Illegitimate	1	4	5
Total ..	93	73	166
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	..	..	14.9
Adjusted birth rate .. .. .	..	..	16.3
Comparability Factor .. .. .	..	..	1.09
Still Births	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births			6.0
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths	78	85	163
Crude death rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	..	..	14.7
Adjusted death rate .. .. .	..	..	9.1
Comparability Factor .. .. .	..	..	0.62

Maternal Mortality				<i>Rates per 1,000 total births</i>		
				<i>Deaths</i>		
Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	..	—	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	..	..	..	—	—	—
Infant Mortality				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	2	—	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	—	—	—
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:						
All Infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	12.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	..	..	..	..	..	12.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	..	..	..	..	..	0.0

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The birth rate of 16.3 was lower than in 1968 and is the same as the national rate for 1969.

Deaths

The death rate of 9.1 was the same as the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 11.9.

The principal causes of death were as follows:—

Cerebrovascular disease	..	..	..	..	40
Ischaemic heart disease	..	..	..	..	28
Malignant neoplasms, leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	..	..	..	..	24
Pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	..	..	..	..	20
Heart diseases (excepting Ischaemic heart disease)	..	..	..	..	9

Together these groups accounted for three-quarters of the deaths from all causes.

Natural Increase of Population

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 3.

Infantile Mortality

Two children died under the age of one year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 12.0 per 1,000 live births, compared with a rate of 18.1 for England and Wales and nil for the previous year.

The babies died at the ages of 1 hour and of 3 months and the causes of death were prematurity and inhaled vomitus respectively.

Maternal Mortality

No mother has died in Knaresborough as a result of childbirth for many years.

Causes of Death
Registrar-General's Return 1969

Cause	Male	Female	Total
1 Cholera	—	—	—
2 Typhoid fever	—	—	—
3 Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis ..	—	—	—
4 Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ..	—	—	—
5 Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	—	—	—
6 Other tuberculosis, including late effects ..	1	—	1
7 Plague	—	—	—
8 Diphtheria	—	—	—
9 Whooping cough	—	—	—
10 Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	—	—	—
11 Meningococcal infection	—	—	—
12 Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
13 Smallpox	—	—	—
14 Measles	—	—	—
15 Typhus and other rickettsioses	—	—	—
16 Malaria	—	—	—
17 Syphilis and its sequelae	—	—	—
18 All other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
19 Malignant neoplasms, leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	17	7	24
20 Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	—	—	—
21 Diabetes mellitus	1	1	2
22 Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	1	—	1
23 Anaemias	1	—	1
24 Meningitis	—	—	—
25 Active rheumatic fever	—	—	—
26 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	—	1
27 Hypertensive disease	1	3	4
28 Ischaemic heart disease	17	11	28
29 Other forms of heart disease	2	6	8
30 Cerebrovascular disease	8	32	40
31 Influenza	—	2	2
32 Pneumonia	5	4	9
33 Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	8	3	11
34 Peptic ulcer	—	2	2
35 Appendicitis	—	—	—
36 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	—	—	—
37 Cirrhosis of liver	—	—	—
38 Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
39 Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
40 Abortion	—	—	—
41 Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	—	—	—
42 Congenital abnormalities	—	—	—
43 Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1	—	1
44 Other causes of perinatal mortality	—	—	—
45 Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	2	2	4
46 All other diseases	6	10	16
47 Motor vehicle accidents	4	1	5
48 All other accidents	—	1	1
49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	—	—	—
50 All other external causes	1	—	1
Total	78	85	163

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

The names and qualifications are set out on page 3.

2. Health Services

Laboratory Facilities.

The chemical analysis of the public water supply is carried out for the Claro Water Board by Messrs. T. Fairley & Partner, Leeds,

Specimens of milk and other food stuffs, including ice-cream, are taken for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory situated at Seacroft, Leeds. This laboratory also undertakes the bacteriological examination of the public water supply for the Claro Water Board.

Any special investigation into outbreaks of infection is undertaken at the Leeds Public Health Laboratory as well as the isolation and typing of viruses.

The routine bacteriological examination of clinical material, such as throat swabs, is undertaken at the laboratory of the Harrogate General Hospital.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was taken during 1969.

**HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY
COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1969
DIVISION No. 7**

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1. POPULATION

The estimated populations of the areas are as follows:—

Harrogate Borough	62,680
Ripon City	11,840
Knarborough Urban District ..	11,120
Nidderdale Rural District	17,750
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District	14,850
Total	<hr/> 118,240 <hr/>

2. DIVISIONAL STAFF

Medical Officers:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer.

Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

P. A. G. M. Ashmore, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Departmental Medical Officer.

A. W. I. Hall, M.B., B.Chir., Departmental Medical Officer.

*P. C. N. Clarke, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Paediatrician.

*P. A. I. MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon.

*Rosemary Hawe, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.O., Ophthalmologist.

*W. S. Suffern, M.D., M.R.C.P., Cardiologist.

*Elizabeth Gore, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic.

Anastasia Holroyd, M.A., M.B., B.S.	} Clinic doctors working on a sessional basis
Katherine H. Odling-Smee, M.B., Ch.B.	
Marjorie Parsons, M.B., Ch.B.	
Isobel Critchley, M.B., Ch.B.	

**Part-time from Regional Hospital Board.*

Speech Therapist	1
Child Guidance Staff (part-time)	
Clinical Psychologist	1
Psychiatric Social Worker	1
Remedial Teacher	1
Clerical	1
Mental Health Service	
Senior Mental Welfare Officer	1
Mental Welfare Officers	3
Harrogate Training Centre	8
Harrogate Hostel	2
Dental Officers	
Mr. K. Cowell, L.D.S.	
Mr. M. Hattan, L.D.S.	
Mr. G. A. Thompson, L.D.S. (part-time, Orthodontic Consultant).	
Mr. R. F. Grainger, L.D.S. (part-time)	
Mr. M. Hollings, L.D.S. (part-time)	
Mr. J. G. Wills, L.D.S. (part-time).	
Nursing Staff	
Divisional Nursing Officer	1
Health Visitors who are also school nurses	17
Health Visitor (part-time)	1
Health Visitor employed on Hospital Liaison Duties	1
Tuberculosis Health Visitor (part-time)	1
Assistant Health Visitors	1
Assistant Health Visitors (part-time)	6
Home Nurses	13
Home Nurses (part-time)	2
Home Nurse Midwives	11
Midwives	4
Administrative	
Divisional Administrative Officer	1
Clerical	18
Sale of Food Assistants	
Part-time	2

Dental Assistants

Full-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Albany Avenue Day Nursery

Nursing Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Domestic Staff (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Home Helps

Working whole-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Working part-time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	188

Domestic Staff, etc.

Cleaners (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Gardener/Handyman (part-time)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cook, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Maids, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Escorts, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Caretaker, Harrogate Training Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

A. School Medical Inspections

There was a slight increase in the number of medical inspections carried out during 1969, with a corresponding increase in the number of defects. Defective vision requiring treatment formed 31.0% of the total.

Age Groups born	No. of pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	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
1965 and later	5	5	—	—	—	—	—
1964	1,244	1,243	1	—	33	174	200
1963	697	695	2	—	33	117	134
1962	204	204	—	—	10	28	36
1961	264	264	—	249	26	65	81
1960	136	136	—	238	11	23	31
1959	126	126	—	—	12	26	33
1958	193	193	—	133	24	56	71
1957	127	127	—	180	19	34	47
1956	52	52	—	162	5	6	10
1955	84	84	—	273	12	19	28
1954 and earlier	406	406	—	489	55	56	103
TOTAL	3,538	3,535	3	1,724	240	604	774

B. Other Inspections

Number of Special inspections	522
Number of re-inspections	654
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Total	1,176
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C. Infestation with Vermin

- (a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons 15,515
- (b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested 260
- (c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944) 17
- (d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944) —

1.7% of the children examined were found to have dirty heads, compared with 1.5% in 1968, and 1.4% in 1967.

Year	Number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)
1967	15,515	260	17	—
1968	15,515	260	17	—
1969	15,515	260	17	—
1970	15,515	260	17	—
1971	15,515	260	17	—
1972	15,515	260	17	—
1973	15,515	260	17	—
1974	15,515	260	17	—
1975	15,515	260	17	—
1976	15,515	260	17	—
1977	15,515	260	17	—
1978	15,515	260	17	—
1979	15,515	260	17	—
1980	15,515	260	17	—
TOTAL	155,150	2,600	170	—

D. Periodic and Special Inspections

Defect or Disease	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total		Special Inspec- tions	
	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
Skin ..	38	58	14	20	31	16	83	94	3	4
Eyes										
(a) Vision ..	66	126	67	65	107	94	240	285	31	101
(b) Squint ..	27	29	2	7	14	11	43	47	1	21
(c) Other ..	2	9	3	4	4	10	9	23	1	4
Ears										
(a) Hearing ..	20	78	5	12	6	32	31	122	5	24
(b) Otitis Media ..	17	15	1	1	6	—	24	16	—	7
(c) Other ..	4	1	1	4	3	—	8	5	—	1
Nose and Throat ..	40	26	10	10	33	16	83	52	5	2
Speech ..	37	40	3	—	13	15	53	55	8	8
Lymphatic Glands	2	5	—	5	2	3	4	13	—	—
Heart ..	10	20	2	7	10	17	22	44	—	8
Lungs ..	40	24	7	5	19	12	66	41	3	1
Developmental:										
(a) Hernia ..	3	6	—	—	1	3	4	9	—	1
(b) Other ..	35	53	5	5	27	29	67	87	1	4
Orthopaedic										
(a) Posture ..	1	—	1	3	4	1	6	4	—	—
(b) Feet ..	46	41	7	4	24	27	77	72	9	10
(c) Other ..	11	8	4	4	4	7	19	19	2	3
Nervous System:										
(a) Epilepsy ..	4	—	2	2	1	6	7	8	1	1
(b) Other ..	29	102	8	7	28	46	65	155	1	12
Psychological:										
(a) Development ..	2	7	1	1	7	21	10	29	2	5
(b) Stability ..	—	10	3	9	4	9	7	28	1	1
Abdomen ..	10	1	2	1	3	6	15	8	—	—
Other ..	8	7	8	3	11	5	27	15	3	—

(T) Treatment.

(O) Observation.

Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	20
Errors of refraction (including squint)	726
Total —	746
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	420

Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	1
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	124
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	31
Received other forms of treatment	12
Total	168

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:—

(a) in 1969	—
(b) in previous years	12

Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics or out-patient departments	7
Pupils treated at school for postural defects	—

E. Handicapped Pupils

These are children who, by reason of physical or mental disability, need special educational treatment in ordinary or special schools.

267 children were on the register at the end of the year and the following table gives details:—

	In ordinary school	In special school	Not attending school	Home tuition
Blind	—	4	1	—
Partially sighted	7	2	—	—
Deaf	—	8	—	—
Partially deaf	9	5	—	—
Educationally sub-normal	71	66	2	—
Epileptic	2	—	—	—
Maladjusted	13	13	—	—
Physically handicapped ..	33	15	1	2
Delicate	1	1	—	—
Double defect	*4	†7	—	—
Total	140	121	4	2

*3 Esn/Physically Handicapped

*1 Esn/Partially Hearing

†5 Esn/Physically Handicapped

†2 Esn/maladjusted

F. Audiometry

Routine testing of six to seven year olds was continued during 1969. Health visitors who have received special training in the use of the pure-tone audiometer visited schools in the Division. 1,401 school children in this group were tested and 14 were referred for further investigation.

Health visitors are also trained in the methods of testing the hearing of the pre-school child from the age of six months onwards.

4. SPEECH THERAPY

The Speech Therapist attends Dragon Parade, Harrogate, and Ripon Clinics. 154 new cases were treated during the year and the treatment of 89 others was continued.

5 visits were paid to schools and 27 domiciliary visits were made.

5. CARDIAC CLINIC

22 sessions of the Cardiac Clinic were held at irregular intervals throughout the year. During this time 118 children made 137 attendances. The number of children fell in spite of the fact that 16 new cases were recommended by their family doctors and 3 cases were transferred from the Paediatric Clinic. 8 older children were returned to the care of their own doctor and 7 were transferred to the adult Cardiac Clinic at the Harrogate Hospital. 6 children were referred to the Cardiac Unit in Leeds for further investigation.

It is hoped that in the coming year purely cardiac cases attending the Paediatric Clinic will be referred to this special children's Cardiac Clinic.

6. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

During the year 139 new cases were seen. 90 boys and 49 girls. 120 of these were referred from this Division:-

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Divisional Medical Officer	28	16	44
General Practitioners	17	12	29
Head-teachers	12	2	14
Parents	5	8	13
Paediatrician	2	2	4
Speech Therapist	1	2	3
Teacher of the Deaf	1	1	2
Probation Officer	2	—	2
Children's Department	1	—	1
National Children's Home	2	1	3
N.S.P.C.C.	1	—	1
Others	4	—	4
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	76	44	120

Dr. E. Gore, the Consultant Psychiatrist, reports as follows:—

As the figures show there has been an increase of 35 cases this year, and an overall increase of girls (the number being doubled). The general impression of the cases seems to suggest that the girls have been referred because of parental concern in many cases, and also that there was a preponderance of secondary school girls.

We therefore broke down the figures to study these two points. Four of the girls have been referred for psychological assessment only, but of the remaining 45, 28 were over eleven years of age, and

of these 28, in 14 cases the parents had initiated the referral through the General Practitioner or Divisional Medical Officer.

Since the most frequent age of referral for boys has remained between eight and eleven, these findings seem significant and may suggest an increased concern on the part of the parents in the development of their adolescent girls.

The general increase in the number of cases seen may be attributed to an increase in staff, rather to an increase in referrals, since we have always had a waiting list.

Mrs. Scott has joined us as part-time psychologist, and we have been plentifully supplied throughout 1969 with psychiatric social work students. We have also continued to have visits from students from: Ripon Training College, The Institute of Education, Leeds, Assistant Medical Officers, etc. This has meant that lunch-time discussions have been taking place regularly both on Thursdays and Fridays.

Contact with Health Visitors has continued, to discuss individual cases, but so far it has not been possible to extend this to the idea of a regular consultative service. It is most difficult to do all one wishes, as Mr. Pickles and I are only at the clinic on two days; although the psychiatric social workers and students do put in more time than this.

The Remedial Classes continue to flourish, though there have been difficulties during the year owing to one or two seriously disturbed children who have been in the group. I feel strongly that the Remedial Teacher requires some assistance if the work is to continue at its present high level.

7. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(a) Births

Return of Births Notified in the Divisional Area during the Year

DETAILS	BIRTHS				TOTAL
	Domiciliary		Institutional		
	Live	Still	Live	Still	
(a) Primary notifications	80	—	2,051	23	2,154
(b) Add Inward Transfers	—	—	79	2	81
(c) Total Notifications received	80	—	2,130	25	2,235
(d) Deduct Outward Transfers	2	—	571	4	577
(e) Total adjusted births	78	—	1,559	21	1,658
ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL BIRTHS					
Born in					
(a) Hospitals			1,553	21	
(b) Maternity Homes			6	—	
(c) Nursing Homes			—	—	
TOTAL			1,559	21	

Only 5% of births to residents of the Division took place at home.

(b) Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinics

Name and Address of Ante-natal/Post-natal Clinic (whether held at Infant Welfare Centre or other premises)	No. of separate sessions held during year					No. of women in attendance (including those seen at combined infant welfare & ante-natal sessions)		Total No. of attendances (including those seen at combined infant welfare and ante-natal sessions)	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Midwives (excluding mother-craft & relaxation)	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Med. Staff	Total	A/N	P/N	A/N	P/N
2, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	5	—	—	—	5	4	5	—	
” ” ”	—	47	—	—	47	29	118	—	
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane Knaresborough	—	51	—	—	51	27	165	—	
Totals	5	98	—	—	103	60	288	—	

(c) Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of sessions held during the year		No. of women who attended during the year		Total number of attendances made during the year		
	Separate Sessions	Combined with normal ante-natal clinic sessions	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total
Central Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate	170	—	170	2	172	3	882
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate	96	—	99	—	99	—	617
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresbro'	34	—	57	1	58	5	252
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	6	—	—	2	2	12	12
Health Centre, Boroughbridge	10	—	8	—	8	—	52
Alma House, Ripon	18	—	32	—	32	—	196
Claro Barracks, Ripon	6	—	5	—	5	—	17
Menwith Hill	30	—	20	—	20	—	108
Health Centre, Pateley Bridge	24	—	15	—	15	—	83
Totals	394	—	406	5	411	20	2,219

(d) Infant Welfare Centres

Name and Address of Centre	No. of Infant Welfare Sessions held during year by				No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year	No. of children referred elsewhere	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Medical Staff	Total	1969	1968		1964/1967	1969	1968			1964/1967
Central Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	98	—	—	—	98	117	115	86	866	617	220	1,703	—	
St. John Ambulance H.Q., Starbeck	52	—	—	—	52	120	126	99	1,130	917	231	2,278	—	
Skipton Road, Harrogate	—	50	50	—	100	253	277	268	2,588	2,052	520	5,100	—	
Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate (Army premises)	—	22	—	—	22	15	19	5	78	95	12	185	—	
St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Harrogate	—	—	25	—	25	45	55	34	280	371	113	764	—	
Pannal Memorial Hall, Pannal, Harrogate	—	—	13	—	13	6	17	26	32	103	47	182	—	
Methodist Buildings, College Rd., Harrogate	24	—	—	—	24	47	61	40	327	411	73	811	—	
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough	97	—	—	—	97	175	162	165	1,415	1,114	776	3,305	—	
Health Centre Boroughbridge	18	—	—	—	18	21	8	13	125	85	45	255	—	
Village Hall, Whixley	26	—	—	—	26	3	18	8	10	91	17	118	—	
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	27	—	—	—	27	63	34	31	394	269	135	798	—	
Alma House, Ripon	49	—	—	—	49	85	66	20	922	630	86	1,638	—	
Claro Barracks, Ripon	—	12	—	—	12	13	18	9	98	127	46	271	—	
Summerbridge	—	—	12	—	12	9	18	16	44	98	81	223	—	
Mobile Clinic	207	—	242	—	449	185	216	177	859	996	637	2,492	—	
Totals	598	84	342	—	1,024	1,157	1,210	997	9,168	7,976	3,039	20,183	—	

In addition, the Mobile Clinic provides infant welfare centre services in the rural parts of the area as follows:—

Darley	Monday	Fortnightly
Hampsthwaite	Friday	"
Killinghall	Friday	"
Aldfield	Tuesday	Monthly
Birstwith	Monday	"
Bishop Monkton	Friday	"
Bishop Thornton	Monday	"
Burnt Yates	Monday	"
Burton Leonard	Friday	"
Copt Hewick	Tuesday	"
Follifoot	Wednesday	"
Glasshouses	Monday	"
Grafton	Wednesday	"
Grantley	Tuesday	"
Green Hammerton	Wednesday	"
Grewelthorpe	Tuesday	"
Great Ouseburn	Wednesday	"
H.M.S. Forest Moor	Monday	"
Heyshaw Lane End	Monday	"
Hunsingore	Wednesday	"
Kirby Malzeard	Tuesday	"
Kirk Hammerton	Wednesday	"
Lead Lane, Ripon	Friday	"
Little Ouseburn	Wednesday	"
Lofthouse	Monday	"
Markington	Monday	"
Marton	Wednesday	"
Moor Monkton	Wednesday	"
Nun Monkton	Wednesday	"
Nunwick	Tuesday	"
Ramsgill	Monday	"
Ripon Army Camp	Tuesday	"
Rufforth	Wednesday	"
Sawley	Tuesday	"
Scotton	Friday	"
Staveley	Friday	"
Shaw Mills	Monday	"
Skelton	Tuesday	"
Studley	Tuesday	"
Whixley	Wednesday	"
Winksley	Tuesday	"

(e) Routine Tests on Young Babies

The urine of young babies is tested routinely to eliminate the possibility of phenylketonuria, a metabolic abnormality which can produce mental defect if it is untreated.

1,572 children were tested, all with a negative result.

The health visitors and midwives also test young infants for congenital dislocation of the hip by the Ortolani test.

One confirmed case was discovered during the year.

(f) Dental Care

The arrangements for dental treatment of expectant mothers and nursing mothers continue as before.

(g) Care of Unmarried Mothers and their Children

The unmarried girl who is having a baby is often desperately in need of expert help and advice. She needs to make arrangements for the confinement, and for her own rehabilitation and the care of her child afterwards.

Valuable work in this field is done by the Social Workers of the Ripon Diocesan Social Responsibility Council who work in close co-operation with the general practitioners, the health visitors, and the health department.

The County Council makes grants in approved cases towards the cost of institutional care before the confinement.

91 cases were dealt with by the Department during the year. 3 girls were under the age of fifteen, 34 were between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, 26 between twenty and twenty-four, 12 between twenty-five and twenty-nine, 15 between thirty and thirty-nine, and 1 was over forty.

(h) Care of Premature Infants

Special portable incubators with electrical heating are available for the transport of premature babies to hospital. These prevent injury from chilling.

(i) Albany Avenue Day Nursery

This nursery is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. It accommodates the young children of mothers who are obliged to maintain themselves and their families by going out to work. The health of these children is supervised by the medical staff of the Department.

(j) Inspection of Children at Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes

Medical inspections were carried out at the residential nurseries and County children's homes by the medical staff of the department. In addition, all children were examined on admission and discharge and any medical problems dealt with.

8. MIDWIFERY

Four whole-time domiciliary midwives and eleven home nurse-midwives were working in the Division at the end of 1969. They attended 75 home confinements during the year. In addition, 2,054 patients were delivered in hospital.

The practice of allowing women to go home twenty-four or forty-eight hours after having their babies in hospital is increasing and the closest possible liaison is maintained between the staff of the hospital maternity departments and the local health authority midwives in order that the mother may be under continuous care. 238 patients were sent home at forty-eight hours; 310 patients after forty-eight hours but up to and including the fifth day and 376 patients after the fifth but before the tenth day.

Applications for maternity beds on social grounds are investigated by the domiciliary midwives. This has proved necessary owing to the shortage of accommodation in the maternity units of the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals and the York Maternity Hospital.

The Obstetric Flying Squad was called out on 3 occasions during the year.

Medical Aid Notices

3 medical aid notices were issued by midwives during the year, all in respect of domiciliary cases. The following summary gives the conditions for which medical aid was sought:—

Pregnancy	..	..	—
Labour	..	..	1
Lying-in	..	..	—
The child	..	..	2

Analgesia

Analgesia was administered by County Council midwives to domiciliary patients as follows:—

Trilene	..	..	20
Pethidine	..	..	11
Trilene and Pethidine			29

9. HEALTH VISITING

18 full-time health visitors, 2 part-time health visitors, 1 full-time assistant to health visitor and 6 part-time assistants to health visitor were employed in the Division at the end of the year. All the full-time health visitors are now attached to General Practitioners. In addition 1 full-time health visitor and 1 part-time health visitor did tuberculosis visiting and maintained liaison between the Health Department and the Chest Physicians. Another was largely occupied with the admission and discharge of elderly people to hospitals, old people's homes and Part III accommodation, working closely with the Geriatric Unit at Knaresborough Hospital. Like the rest of the nursing staff, the health visitors work under the general direction of the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The following table shows categories of visits made:—

	No. of cases i.e., first visits
1. Total number of cases	9,824
2. Children born in 1969	1,775
3. Children born in 1968	1,601
4. Children born in 1964-67	2,948
5. Total number of children in lines 2-4	6,324
6. Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits)	1,346
7. Number included in line 6 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	714
8. Mentally disordered persons	50
9. Number included in line 8 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	34
10. Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	94
11. Number included in line 10 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	54
12. Number of tuberculous households visited (i.e., visits by health visitors not employed solely on tuberculosis work)	102
13. Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	28
14. Other cases	1,880

10. HOME NURSING

13 home nurses, 2 part-time home nurses, and 11 home nurse-midwives were nursing in the Division at the end of the year. Almost all the Home Nurses are now attached to General Practitioners.

The following table gives classification of the work carried out:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year
Medical	1,652	48,217
Surgical	350	8,696
Infectious diseases	13	122
Tuberculosis	14	468
Maternal complications	84	873
Other	32	188
TOTALS ..	2,145	58,564

11. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Protection is offered against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, poliomyelitis, smallpox, and measles.

(a) Vaccination of Persons under 16 years completed during 1969 Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-1965		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	19	904	39	5	10	1	978
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	11	6	—	4	2	23
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	—	—	—	1	7	30	38
Poliomyelitis	19	909	83	15	34	25	1,085
Measles	—	141	312	215	284	7	959

Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-1965		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	—	8	2	8	173	19	210
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	—	2	6	773	76	857
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	—	—	—	5	11	99	115
Poliomyelitis	—	7	11	16	955	188	1,177
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

(b) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The numbers in different age groups vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year are shown below:—

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—15	Total
No. Vaccinated ..	67	694	183	89	1,033
No. Re-vaccinated ..	—	6	17	102	125

(c) B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was again offered to all children 13 years of age and over attending schools in the area.

The following are details of work carried out:—

1. No. of Medical Officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination 5
2. Acceptances
 - (a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary (whether the offer was made during the year or previously) 2,377
 - (b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously 17
 - (c) No. of acceptances 1,553
 - (d) Percentage of acceptances 65.8%

3. Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test	
(a) No. of children 2(c) tested	1,463
(b) Result of Heaf Test: (i) Positive	190
(ii) Negative	1,222
(iii) Not ascertained	51
(c) Percentage positive	13.4%
4. Vaccination	
No. vaccinated following negative Heaf Test	1,191

12. MENTAL HEALTH

(a) Mental Welfare

Harrogate Therapeutic Club

Sixty patients have received day care at the Therapeutic Club during 1969. Forty-two are still attending, though not all of them attend each day. On average twenty patients are seen daily. Fourteen patients whose names do not appear on the register of patients receiving day care have attended Dr. Galley's group therapy sessions which are held on Monday afternoons.

Dr. Kerr attends on Wednesday afternoons and he sees an average of eight patients who are "follow up" cases. New patients are seen at the Harrogate General Hospital. Dr. Munro was also seeing a similar number of "follow up" cases until he left Clifton Hospital to take up his new appointment at the beginning of October, 1969. Dr. Haslam did not arrive until March, 1970, so there are no figures for his sessions for 1969.

The kitchen is working to capacity, the price of the mid-day meal being 2/-. The new cooker has made it possible to cope with ease with the twenty meals which have been served daily from the time it was installed in 1969.

Occupational Therapy during 1969 followed a similar programme to that which was pursued previously, namely cookery, laundrywork, needlework, soft furnishing, and furniture restoration, etc., in addition to the cleaning of the premises. There is no caretaker but two male patients undertake caretaker duties and are paid incentive money of 10/- per week. During the illness of the Training Centre caretaker a member of the Therapeutic Club gave assistance with the cleaning of floors.

Several projects outside the Club have been completed. Following a fall of ceiling in the home of an epileptic patient, a complete re-decoration of the kitchen was carried out by two members of the Therapeutic Club. A monthly "hairdo" is provided for an elderly patient who cannot leave her home during the cold weather, and her garden is taken care of by members of the club. The gardens at three mental health premises are also tended by club members.

Furnished Accommodation for Mental Health Patients

A house providing furnished accommodation for mental health patients was opened by this Department on the 5th August, 1969. Only one room has changed tenants since that time. Room No. 4 has had two temporary tenants before the present occupier. One of these has returned to resident hotel work and one has joined her husband in a Council house which is their first secure home after many years of life in furnished rooms, and after suffering many evictions due to mental illness and subnormality.

There are few problems in the management of the house and the collection of rents has not presented much difficulty.

All the patients are chronic schizophrenics and it may be some time before any of them are able to take paid employment. Two have had relapses which have resulted in them spending a few days in hospital.

Four of the six residents are in contact with the Therapeutic Club and they occasionally eat there. Only one has attended the Psychiatric Social Club.

Psychiatric Social Club

The Psychiatric Social Club continued to meet on each Tuesday evening throughout the year with an average attendance of 20. The activities included whist, dominoes, beetle drives, bingo, table tennis, darts, the playing of records and dancing.

A weeks holiday at Bridlington was again organised for some of the members and the Annual Christmas Party was the usual success.

(b) Harrogate Training Centre

Staff

Junior Wing	Class 1	Miss McCall, Assistant Supervisor
	Class 2	Miss Reynolds, Supervisor
	Class 3	Mrs. Barker, Assistant Supervisor
	Class 4T	Mrs. Higgins, Assistant Supervisor
	Special Care Unit	Miss Craven, Assistant Supervisor
Adult Wings	Workroom 1	Mr. Roebuck, Instructor
	Workroom 2	Mrs. Musgrave, Instructor
	Workroom 3	Mrs. Mawson, Senior Instructor
		Mrs. Irish, General Duties
		Miss Harrison, Cadet

Training Courses

During the year Miss Craven, Mrs. Musgrave and Mr. Roebuck attended courses at Grantley Hall.

On July 25th, Miss Harrison completed her Cadetship and was seconded for two years to Leeds College of Commerce to train as a Teacher of the Mentally Handicapped.

Resignations

Miss McCall resigned on July 25th to take up a new appointment in the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Relief General Assistant

Mrs. Morgan has been appointed and this means she can be called upon whenever there is staff sickness, etc. This arrangement is highly satisfactory and helps maintain continuity within the Centre.

Trainees

Number on Roll

January 1st, 1969		December 31st, 1969
37	Junior Wing	38
19	Female Wing	23
18	Male Wing	21
6	Special Care Unit	6
<hr/> 80		<hr/> 88

Outings

As usual we followed a full programme which included visits to various places of interest:—

- Jan. 1—Adult Wings—Leeds Grand Theatre
“The Bachelors Show”
“ 6— “ “ “ “
“ 8—Classes 3 & 4T “ “
“ 15—Classes 1, 2 & part 3—Harrogate Opera House
“Robinson Crusoe”.
“ 15—Adult Wings—Leeds Grand Theatre
“The Bachelors Show”.
April 28—Class 1—Syke House Farm, Barwick in Elmet.
May 5—Mrs. Barker and Miss McCall took a party of eight trainees to London, by train, for three days.
June 18—Class 1—Leeds and Bradford Airport and then to the home of a trainee for a picnic lunch in the garden.
“ 19—Class 4T—St. Annes and Blackpool.
“ 27—Class 2—Knaresborough for a picnic.

- July 2—Class 3—Roundhay Park, Leeds.
 „ 8—Adult Females—Yorkshire Show.
 „ 17—Class 2—Leeds and Bradford Airport and Yeadon Dam.
 „ 18—Class 1—Knaresborough Zoo.
 „ 28—Adult Males—Ripon Cathedral.
 „ 30—Adult Wings—Brimham Rocks to gather bilberries for pies.
 Aug. 4—Adult Wings—Leeds and Bradford Airport and Yeadon Dam.
 „ 6—Special Care Unit—Ripon.
 „ 11—Adult Wings—Wetherby.
 „ 13—Adult Wings—Aysgarth Falls.
 Oct. 7—Class 1—Oulton Hall Hospital, School Department, Harvest Festival Service.
 Nov. 19—Class 3—Leeds, Christmas Shopping.

Special Occasions

- Jan. 1—Adult Wings—New Year Party.
 Nov. 5—Junior Wing—Guy Fawkes Party
 Dec. 11—All School—Uncle Bill and “The Mermaids”.
 „ 16—Junior Wing and Special Care—Christmas Party (with patients from the School Department, Oulton Hall Hospital).
 „ 17—Adult Wings—Christmas Party
 „ 18—All School—Christmas Dinner.

Our aim is to go out in small groups and, whenever possible, use public transport. This means more emphasis can be placed on individual teaching and excellent progress has been noted.

Some trainees go out locally daily to shop and here again progress has been noted, especially supermarket shopping.

Classes

At the end of July, 1969, we had four classes in the Junior Wing. When Miss McCall resigned she was not replaced and this meant that we had to concentrate the children into three classes. Because of this, classes are larger thus creating extra problems for each teacher.

Special Care Unit

As stated in previous reports this continues to be unsatisfactory in the present accommodation. It is planned that building will soon commence on a larger unit to cater for eighteen children.

Dental Inspection

All trainees are inspected and treated periodically. The visiting dentist is very pleased with the overall state of the trainees' teeth.

Medical Examinations.

All trainees in the Junior Wing were examined during the year.

Speech Therapy

A Speech Therapist from the Harrogate Hospital continued to come weekly whenever possible. There were four children in the group.

Speech Project

During the early months of 1969, Mr. Simpson, a Research Fellow of Newcastle University, came to discuss a speech project he was conducting for research. Miss Reynolds and Mrs. Barker spent many hours testing children within a selected age group and filling in numerous forms. These were sent to Newcastle University and the result is not yet known.

Fire Drill

Drill was carried out at unannounced times throughout the year.

(c) Meadow Bank Hostel

Meadow Bank is a purpose built hostel which accommodates eight children between the ages of five and sixteen. They attend the nearby Training Centre from Monday to Friday and return to their own homes for the weekend.

Four boys left the Hostel during the year. One 'special-care' case was transferred to permanent hospital care, two reached the upper age limits and one had to be excluded from both the Hostel and the Training Centre due to behaviour difficulties.

Three small boys were admitted and they all settled down very quickly. In addition, two other children were admitted for short periods to relieve family tension at home.

During the summer holiday period several children who do not normally live in the Hostel were admitted for one week or two weeks short-stay to enable their parents to take a holiday.

Mrs. J. Fuller resigned during the year after being Warden at the Hostel for five years. She was replaced by Miss R. A. Schiendorfer who commenced duty in October.

There was also a change of Assistant Warden when Miss M. Lavender was replaced, after eighteen months, by Miss K. Smith.

13. HOME HELP SERVICE

This service has shown a slight increase in the number of cases over the previous year, and an increase of 2,306 in the number of hours worked.

4 full and 216 part-time home helps were employed, equivalent to 77.7 whole-time workers.

The following table gives details of the work undertaken for various categories of user:—

Category	No. of Cases	Hours Employed
Aged 65 or over	997	139,163
Under 65 years:—		
(a) Chronic Sick and tuberculous ..	85	16,092
(b) Mentally disordered	2	145
(c) Maternity	30	1,380
(d) Others	49	5,033
Totals ..	1,163	161,813

14. PREVENTION, CARE AND AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physicians hold sessions once a week at Scotton Banks Hospital, twice a week at Harrogate General Hospital and once a week at Ripon and District Hospital. The health visitors who do tuberculosis visiting attend the clinics at the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals.

The Chest Physician reports as follows:—

During the year there were 12 new additions to the T.B. Register in the Harrogate area. One of these was a transfer in from Wakefield—a man of 49 years with negative sputum. Of the other 11 there were 7 with positive sputum. One of these, a man of 65 was very ill from various other maladies and died in June, 1969. An old case of pulmonary tuberculosis became positive during the year, 16 were removed from the register, 7 died, 4 recovered and 5 removed from the area.

At the Harrogate Chest Clinic 280 contacts were examined during the course of the year, 129 were vaccinated with B.C.G., 195 were skin tested, 76 being positive and 119 negative.

Of the notified cases, 1 had previously been vaccinated with B.C.G. at school, St. Peter's, Harrogate, 9 years previously; she had recently been living in Barnsley under great stress and privation due to her husband's unemployment and extra expense and care of her baby. The baby aged six months was also notified and both responded to treatment and were hospitalised for some months.

No major contact schemes were undertaken and I consider the state of tuberculosis in the Harrogate area is satisfactory.

15. CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

A screening test for the detection of cancer of the cervix is offered to all married women. Sessions were held twice weekly at The Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate, monthly at Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and as required at the Health Centre, Pateley Bridge.

708 women attended the Harrogate sessions, 208 women attended the Ripon sessions and 28 women attended the Pateley Bridge sessions. There were 5 positive smears at these clinics, 4 in Harrogate and 1 in Ripon.

16. CHIROPODY

The provision of this service continued during the year. Old age pensioners, expectant mothers and physically disabled people received regular appointments at intervals of approximately nine weeks. A direct service was maintained in the Harrogate, Ripon, and Ripon and Pateley Bridge areas. In Harrogate the length of time on the waiting list reached eight months, whereas in the other areas the waiting time was only four weeks.

Indirect services organised by voluntary associations were worked at Knaresborough, Boroughbridge, Nun Monkton, Poppleton, Burton Leonard, Kirkby Malzeard and Bishop Monkton. The Whixley service had to be suspended as the chiropodist visiting the area retired and no suitably qualified replacement could be found.

17. REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

There were 15 registered nursing homes in the Division at the end of the year. 23 visits of inspection were made.

18. REGISTRATION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

The 23 old people's homes registered in the area were visited by the Divisional Medical Officer in conjunction with the Divisional Welfare Officer.

19. CHILDREN NEGLECTED OR ILL-TREATED

5 meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee were held in Harrogate during the year.

Representatives of the Local Authority Health, Education and Welfare Departments, the N.S.P.C.C., the Department of Health & Social Security, the Guild of Help, the Ripon Diocesan Social Responsibility Council, the Medical Social Workers and the Probation Officers are on the Co-ordinating Committee. Meetings were held three monthly and there was one extraordinary meeting called at the request of the Department of Health & Social Security to discuss three families where there was no mother and the fathers were staying at home to look after the children.

During the year two families were removed from the list. One family was no longer in need of help and the other had left the district. Four families were added to the list and there are now 22 families under review.

Three families have their rent guaranteed.

20. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF, etc.

Medical examination of new staff is only carried out on those who have a significant medical history or who are over forty-five years old, thus avoiding some unnecessary work for the medical staff.

Medical examinations were carried out as follows:—

West Riding County Council	.. .. .	279
District Councils in the Division	.. .. .	47
Other Authorities	.. .. .	7
Applicants for Teachers Training Colleges	.. .. .	153
Children for employment (including entertainment)	.. .. .	58

21. HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education has continued along much the same lines as in previous years.

A new relaxation class was started at Boroughbridge. The demand for this type of teaching is increasing steadily and is of benefit, not only to the expectant mother, but to the relationship between the Health Visitor and the Midwife.

The Department has established a very good relationship with the Youth Leader at Granby Park Secondary School and takes an active part in the Health Education programme. Visits were made to the Bilton Youth Club.

In October, one of the Health Visitors started a series of lectures at the Institute of Further Education on the basic needs of young children and this will continue into 1970.

Most members of the health visiting staff have helped in one way or another; by giving talks to friendship clubs and young wives' groups, or by a series of talks on child welfare, first aid, etc. to St. John's, Red Cross, and Girl Guides; or by taking examinations for these voluntary organisations, especially for Brownies and their first aid badges.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

In the West Riding this is a separate service. The Ambulance Station is at Harrogate under the charge of a Superintendent Ambulance Officer. In both Ripon and Pateley Bridge there are sub-depots which are manned by members of the respective divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who give sterling service. Short wave wireless control is held throughout the West Riding area.

HOSPITALS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Name	Situation	Purpose	Beds	
			Adults	Children
Harrogate & District General Hospital	Knarborough Rd., Harrogate	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	239	25
Carlton Lodge Maternity Home	Leeds Road, Harrogate	Maternity	13	—
Royal Bath Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Rheumatic Diseases	130	—
White Hart Hospital	Cold Bath Road, Harrogate	do.	130	—
Yorkshire Home	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Chronic Sick Cases	71	—
Ripon & District Hospital	Firby Lane, Ripon	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	49	7
St. Wilfrid's Hospital	Princess Road, Ripon	Chronic Sick	32	—
Thistle Hill Hospital	Thistle Hill, Knarborough	Geriatrics	34	—
Scotton Banks Hospital	Ripley Road, Knarborough	Paediatrics	—	21
Do.	do.	General Surgery	27	—
Do.	do.	Gynaecology	26	—
Do.	do.	Diseases of Chest	96	—
Do.	do.	Young Chronic Sick	34	—
Do.	do.	Medical	22	—
Do.	do.	Private Wing Sect. 5	16	—
Do.	do.	do. Sect. 4	8	—
Knarborough Hosp.	Stockwell Road, Knarborough	Chronic Sick	134	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.—1969

	Measles (excluding rubella)		Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)		Scarlet fever		Whooping cough		Infective Jaundice		TUBERCULOSIS				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Respiratory	Meninges and C.N.S.	Other forms		
Under 1 year ..															
1 year ..	1	1													
2 years ..	4	3			2										
3 years ..	1	2					1								
4 years ..	3	5													
5—9 years ..		1			7	1			1						
10—14 years ..					1										
15—19 years ..															
20—24 years ..										1					
25—34 years ..										2					
35—44 years ..										1					
45—54 years ..															
55—64 years ..															
65—74 years ..															
75 and over ..															
Age unknown ..															
Total (all ages)	9	13			10	1	1	1	2	4					

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases—cont.

	Diphtheria		Tetanus		Acute meningitis		Acute encephalitis		Ophthalmia neonatorum		Acute poliomyelitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Infective	Post infectious	M	F	Paralytic	Non-paralytic
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases—cont.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases—cont.

	Malaria											
	Contracted naturally						Induced					
	In Great Britain			Abroad			Accidentally			Therapeutically		
	M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F	
	Food poisoning (excluding dysentery, typhoid and para-typhoid fevers)											
	Typhoid fever											
	Para-typhoid fever											
	Leptospirosis											
	M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F	
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases—cont.

	Plague		Cholera		Anthrax		Smallpox		Typhus fever		Relapsing fever		Yellow fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

Scarlet Fever

11 notifications were received during the year compared with 6 for 1968, which gave a notification rate of 0.99 per thousand population.

Whooping Cough

There was 1 notification for 1969 compared with 3 for the previous year; a notification rate of 0.09 per 1,000 population.

Measles

22 cases were notified in 1969 compared with 231 in 1968. This gave a notification rate of 1.98 per thousand population.

Infective Jaundice.

6 cases occurred during the year, giving a notification rate of 0.54 per thousand population.

Poliomyelitis

No notifications were received for the seventeenth year in succession.

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases notified during the year.

The following table gives details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January 1969	8	4	—	1	13
New notifications in 1969	—	—	—	—	—
Number restored to Register	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification	—	—	—	—	—
Number removed from Register in 1969	2	1	—	—	3
Number on Register at 31st December, 1969	6	3	—	1	10

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1969**

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Public Health and Cleansing Services for the year 1969.

The Housing Act, 1969 came into force towards the end of the year, and applications for Improvement Grants fell off in anticipation of this. The Act makes important changes in the grant system, and I have no doubt that the number of applicants will increase considerably in 1970.

Planning permission has now been given for use of part of the disused railway cutting for refuse disposal, but the problem is still acute and towards the end of the year the possibility of purchasing a refuse pulveriser was being investigated.

I am grateful to the members of the Council and the Medical Officer of Health for their help and encouragement, and to the staff for their invaluable assistance.

I am Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J. D. ANDREWS,
Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of inspections and visits made	.. ..	2,149
Complaints reported to the Public Health Department	.. ..	190
Contraventions found after complaint	.. ..	181
Contraventions discovered	.. ..	50
Contraventions in hand at 31.12.68	.. ..	12
Number abated during 1969	.. ..	225
Contraventions outstanding at 31.12.68	.. ..	18
Informal notices served	.. ..	231
Formal notices served	.. ..	8
Formal notices complied with	.. ..	8

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS

Public Health Acts, 1936—1961:		
Obstructed drains and sewers	.. ..	27
Drainage and sewer inspections	.. ..	90
Drains tested:—		
Colour Test	.. ..	12
Water Test	.. ..	—
Nuisances and sanitary defects	.. ..	231
Cleanliness of houses	.. ..	2
Keeping of animals	.. ..	1
Insect infestations	.. ..	25
Rivers, streams and ditches	.. ..	—
Infectious diseases	.. ..	10
Disinfestations	.. ..	25
Knackers Yard	.. ..	2
Unsewered premises	.. ..	4
Re-inspections—Public Health Acts	.. ..	190
Public Cleansing Services:—		
Refuse Collection	.. ..	45
Refuse Disposal	.. ..	82
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	.. ..	111
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	.. ..	45
Clean Air Act, 1956	.. ..	1
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	.. ..	1
Factories Act, 1937:—		
Part 1	.. ..	20
Outworkers	.. ..	—
Pet Animals Act, 1951	.. ..	3
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	.. ..	241
Hairdressers and Barbers	.. ..	5

Housing Acts, 1957-1961:—						
Survey and Inspection	..	..	..	..	..	101
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	—
Miscellaneous visits	..	..	..	..	..	91
Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	..	60
Council House Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	8
Food & Drugs Act, 1955:—						
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	10
Butcher's Shops	..	..	..	..	..	17
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	3
General Provisions	..	..	..	..	..	88
Hotel, Cafe & Canteen Kitchens	..	..	..	..	..	34
Ice Cream Premises and selling	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hotel and Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	6
Unsound Food	..	..	..	..	..	26
Miscellaneous Food Visits	..	..	..	..	..	—
Food Hawkers, Food Hawkers' premises and vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	1
Slaughterhouse	..	..	..	..	..	150
Market Inspection	..	..	..	..	..	34
Food Stalls	..	..	..	..	..	57
Meetings and Interviews	..	..	..	..	..	60
No access	..	..	..	..	..	232

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT TO ABATE NUISANCES, 1969

Eavesgutters and fallpipes repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	3
Defective roofs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	4
Defective floors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	..	..	..	..	..	24
Defective drains cleared, repaired or re-laid	..	..	..	..	..	40
Defective windows repaired	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defective doors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	1
New sinks provided	..	..	..	..	..	6
Cleanliness of houses improved	..	..	..	..	..	1
Natural lighting improved	..	..	..	..	..	5
Food stores provided	..	..	..	..	..	6
Accumulation of refuse removed	..	..	..	..	..	8
Defective W.Cs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	3
New dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	124
External walls rendered or pointed	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cesspools cleaned	..	..	..	..	..	10
Works to remedy dampness carried out	..	..	..	..	..	37
Insect nuisances abated	..	..	..	..	..	20

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA WATER SUPPLY.

The Claro Water Board, of which the Council is a constituent member, is responsible for the supply and distribution of water throughout the area.

The following table shows details of water samples taken in the area and submitted for bacteriological analysis:—

Source of Supply	No. of Samples	Probable No. per 100ml.		Result
		Coliform bacilli	Bact-Coli (Type 1)	
Public Supply	21	Nil	Nil	Satisfactory

During the year mains extensions were provided to the following sites:—

2 off St. Robert's Road
Link mains, Wetherby Road—York Road, and
Wetherby Road—Farfields Estate

KNACKERS YARD

No complaints have been received in the past year.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

5 visits were paid to hairdressers' premises registered under the West Riding (General Purposes) Act. They were found to be satisfactory.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

2 visits were paid in respect of 1 alleged noise nuisance. No statutory action was necessary.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	30	11
Retail Shops	2	68	23
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	—	3	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	19	15
Fuel Storage Depots ..	—	1	—
Total ..	3	121	49

Total number of visits of all kinds to registered premises under the Act 241

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace:

<i>Class of workplace</i>	<i>Number of persons employed</i>
Offices	189
Retail Shops	251
Wholesale departments, warehouse	30
Catering establishments open to the public	119
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage depots	2
Total	591
Total Males	214
Total Females	377

Analysis of Contraventions

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of Contraventions found</i>
4 Cleanliness	20
5 Overcrowding	—
6 Temperature	6
7 Ventilation	5
8 Lighting	12
9 Sanitary conveniences	15
10 Washing Facilities	2
11 Supply of Drinking Water	—
12 Clothing Accommodation	3
13 Sitting Facilities	—
14 Seats (Sedentary workers)	—
15 Eating Facilities	—
16 Floors, Passages and Stairs	18
17 Fencing exposed parts machinery	2
18 Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	—
19 Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	—
24 First Aid—General Provisions	6
49 Registration of premises	2
50 Information for employees	11
Total	112

Reported Accidents

During the year only one accident was reported.

FACTORIES

At the end of 1969, there were 40 premises on the Factory Register. Details of these premises are shown below:—

(a) Factories without power—

Hand Knitwear	1	Parachute Frames	1
Slaughterhouse	1	Upholstery and Cabinet Making	1
		Total	4

(b) Factories with power—

Bakeries	1	Motor Vehicle Repairs	10
Boot & Shoe Repairs	2	Plastic Goods	1
Brickworking Machinery	1	Poultry Killing	1
Cotton Sewing	1	Printing	1
Electricity Generation	1	Pumping Station	1
Joinery, Wheelwright & Plumbing	4	Raincoat Manufactures	1
Knackers Yard	1	Sausage Making	1
Laundry	1	Skin Curing	1
Light Engineering	1	Sports Clothes	1
Linen & Cotton Weaving	2	Timber Sawing	2
		Ulton Manufacture	1
		Total	36

(c) Other Premises—

Building and Civil Engineering Operations	6
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6 Inspections were carried out during the year and contraventions noted were remedied by the persons responsible.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937
Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes and provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector):—

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	36	25	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	8	—	—
Total ..	47	40	—	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective draining of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	—	—	—	1	—

RODENT CONTROL TABLE

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agriculture	Agriculture
1. Number of properties in district	4453	86
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	37	—
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	28	—
(ii) Mice ..	9	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	17	—
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	—	—
(ii) Mice ..	—	—

DISINFESTATION

During 1969 a total of 20 premises was cleared of insects (mainly wasps) by this Department. Visits were also paid to 5 other premises to give advice to householders regarding other types of infestation.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

50 routine visits were paid to caravan sites during year. The following shows the sites licensed:—

The Close, Manse Lane	1 Caravan
Dropping Well Farm Caravan Site	42 Caravans
Homestead Camping Site, Wetherby Road ..	35 Caravans
Lido Camping Site, Wetherby Road	200 Caravans
Lorrisholme Camping Site, York Road	45 Caravans
Nidderdale Camping Site, York Road	30 Caravans
Riversmead, York Road	7 Chalets
Stoneface Farm, Forest Moor	1 Caravan

SMOKE ABATEMENT

1 observation was made of an Industrial Chimney, but there were no contraventions of the Clean Air Act, 1956. Daily readings were taken with the Volumetric Sampling Machine as part of the National Survey of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide and in the third full year of operation average concentrations of 55.5 microgrammes/cubic metre of smoke and 56.25 microgrammes/cubic metre of sulphur dioxide were recorded, an improvement on 1968.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Houses Demolished during the year:

Persons displaced from unfit houses	29
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Unfit Houses Closed during the year:

No. of Houses	Nil
Persons Displaced	Nil
Families Displaced	Nil
Parts of buildings closed (Persons Displaced)	Nil

Unfit Houses Made Fit:

After informal Action by Local Authority—by owner	Nil
After formal notice under Public Health Acts—by owner	Nil
After formal notice under Housing Act, 1957—by owner	Nil

Families Re-housed into Council Owned Dwellings:

Clearance Areas	18
Overcrowding	14

Number of New Dwellings completed during the year:

Local Authority	21
Private Enterprise	154

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

Standard Grants—1 application was received during the year.

Discretionary Grants—5 applications were received and approved.

6 properties were completed and £1,207 was given in respect of these houses.

As anticipated, the number of applications fell during 1969, but with the coming into operation of the Housing Act, 1969, I expect the number to increase in the coming year.

FOOD INSPECTION AND HYGIENE

The following table gives the types and numbers of the food premises in the district:—

Description of Premises	Total number of Premises (i)	No. of Premises which comply with Reg. 16 (ii)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 Applies (iii)	No. of Premises which comply with Reg. 19 (iv)
Bakeries	1	1	1	1
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Catering	37	37	37	37
Clubs	4	4	4	4
Confectioners	25	25	25	25
Fish & Chip Shops ..	9	9	9	9
Fish, Greengrocery & Fruit	9	9	9	9
Food Hawkers	8	8	—	—
Food Preparation Room	1	1	1	1
Greengrocery & Fruit ..	6	6	6	6
Grocers	37	37	37	37
Hospital Kitchens ..	3	3	3	3
Ice Cream Manufacturers	9	9	9	9
Licensed Premises ..	23	23	23	23
Market Food Traders ..	15	—	—	—
Pork Butchers	2	2	2	2
Poultry Dealers	6	6	6	6
Preserved, Pickled Meat, &c.	19	19	19	19
Residential Homes ..	2	2	2	2
Sale of Ice Cream	78	78	78	78
School Canteens	3	3	3	3
School Canteens	4	4	4	4
(consumption only) ..	4	4	4	4
Slaughterhouses	1	1	1	1

LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS AND UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS REMEDIED IN FOOD PREMISES IN 1969

(a) Structural	
Walls and ceilings repaired	2
Floors repaired	4
Sanitary Accommodation improved or repaired ..	1
Washing Facilities	4
Cleanliness, etc.	3
(b) Equipment and Practices	
Floors cleaned and/or recovered	4
Others	2

MEAT

Butchers' Shops

15 inspections of Butchers' Shops were made during the year. There are 22 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages and other "made up" foods.

Slaughterhouse

Routine inspections were carried out at the slaughterhouse during the year. These small premises served only one butcher and during the year some minor improvements were made.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

5 Slaughterman's licences were issued during the year.

Meat Inspection

150 visits were made to the slaughterhouse for this purpose and 100% inspection was carried out.

847 lbs. of meat was condemned as unfit.

Ice Cream

78 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream. 42 inspections were carried out.

APPENDIX

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle (Excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	206	—	2	767	244	1219
Number Inspected	206	—	2	767	244	1219
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	—	—	24	50	111
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	17.9	—	—	3.1	20.3	9.18
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.4	0.08
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Produce Market

The market was visited 34 times during the year.

Unsound Food

664 lbs. of Food was voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption. This comprised 350 lbs. canned meat and 284 lbs. other foods.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

1st April, 1969 — 31st March, 1970

Collection of Refuse

Refuse was collected from 5,201 properties within the town, an increase of 175 over the previous year.

Collection Vehicles

The older of the two Pakamatics is now well into its fifth year and as usual, maintenance is becoming more expensive. The newest vehicle is performing satisfactorily and the old fore and aft tipper is proving invaluable as a spare.

Refuse Disposal

The Water Lane Tip is not expected to have a very long life due to its lack of depth, and negotiations are proceeding with British Rail for use of the railway cutting. There is no doubt that the proposed refuse pulveriser would solve many problems.

As I predicted in my last report, the Drott loader has needed some expensive repairs recently, and it has been necessary to hire another vehicle to replace it when it has been off the tip for long periods.

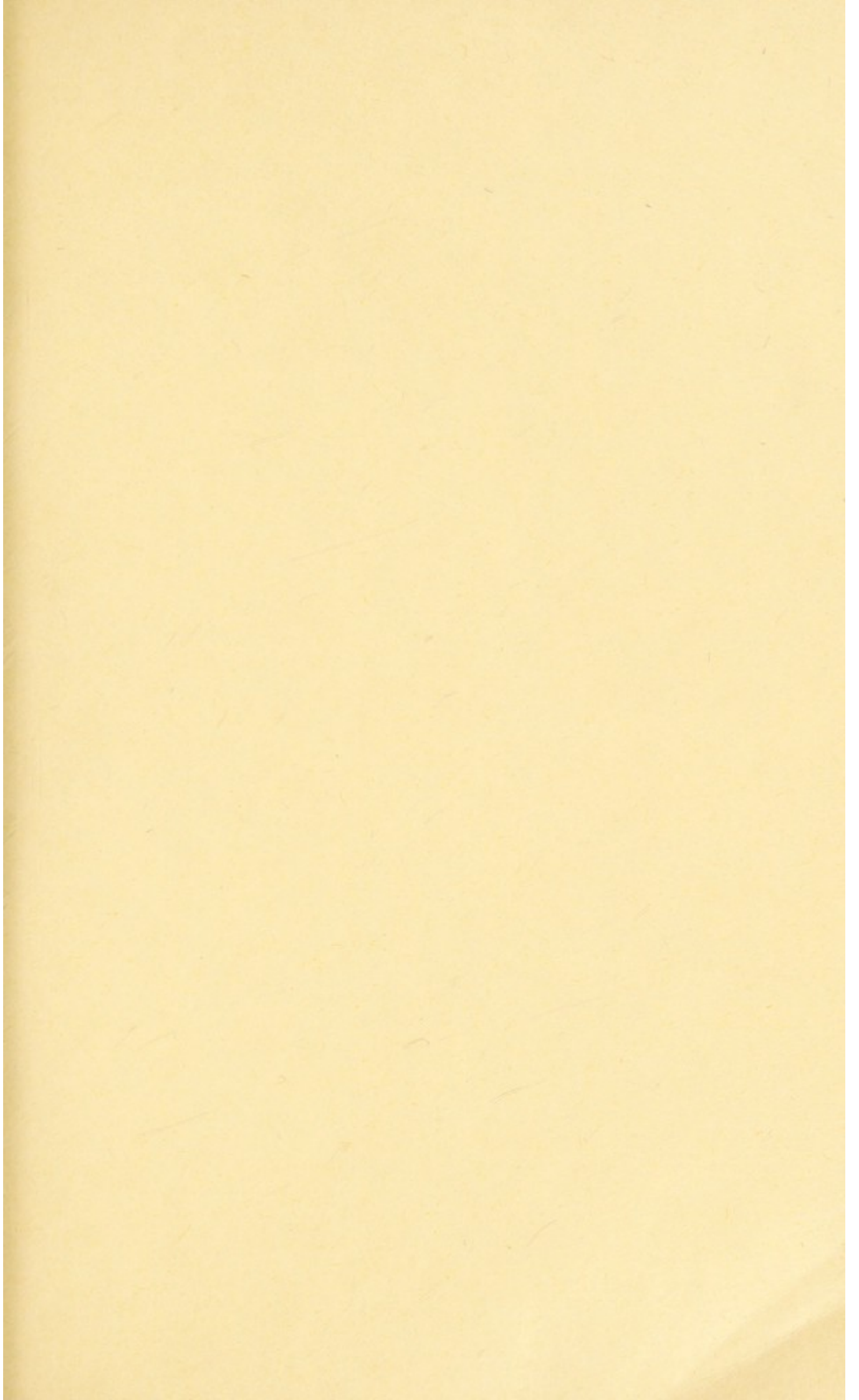
Public Cleansing Costs for the Year ending 31st March, 1970

The table below shows the cost of the Public Cleansing Services during the financial year ending 31st March, 1970.

Item	Particulars 1	Collection 2	Disposal 3	Total 4	Percentage of gross expenditure 5
		£	£	£	
1	Revenue Account				
	Gross Expenditure				
	(i) Labour	8950	640	9590	60.1
	(ii) Transport	3921	1067	4988	31.3
	(iii) Plant, equipment, land and other buildings	228	1076	1304	8.2
	(iv) other items	70	—	70	0.4
	(v) Total gross expenditure	13169	2783	15952	100.0
2	Gross income	350	50	400	
3	Net Cost	12819	2733	15552	
4	Capital expenditure met from revenue (including above)	—	—	—	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
5	Unit Costs Gross cost per ton, labour only	1 15 3	2 6	1 17 9	
6	Gross cost per ton, transport only	15 8	4 3	19 11	
7	Net cost (all expenditure per ton)	2 10 9	10 10	3 1 7	
8	Net cost per 1,000 population	1153 0 0	245 16 0	1398 16 0	
9	Net cost per 1,000 premises	2465 0 0	525 6 8	2988 6 8	

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

10	Area (statute acres)—land and inland water ..	2,488
11	Population at 30th June, 1969 (Registrar General's Estimate)	11,120
12	Total refuse collected (tons) estimate ..	5,047
13	Weights (cwts.) per 1,000 population per day, 365 days per year	24.85
14	Number of premises from which refuse is collected	5,201
15	Premises from which collections are made at least once weekly	100 per cent.
16	Average haul, single journey to final disposal point	2.00 miles
17	Kerbside collection expressed as estimated percentage of total collection	Nil
18	Total refuse disposed of	5,227 tons
19	Methods of disposal (salvage excluded) controlled tipping	100 per cent



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