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Divisional Medical Officer

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To the Chairman and Members of  
Divisional Health Committee No.16.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the annual report on the Divisional Health and Welfare Services for the year 1960.

The year saw a marked change in the administration of certain health and welfare functions within the division by reason of the operation of the Local Government Act, 1958, which permitted all authorities with populations of 60,000 or more to administer certain health and welfare functions under delegation schemes approved by the Minister of Health. The Borough of Stretford, being such an authority, assumed responsibility for the delegated functions from the 1st October, 1960, and on the same date the Urban District of Irlam was transferred from Health Division No. 15 to Health Division No. 16.

As a consequence of these major changes within the division, the statistical portion of the report is difficult to interpret since there is obviously no relationship to the statistical returns of previous years. Trends are consequently difficult to determine and I feel that I should not be justified in drawing any firm conclusions on the available evidence.

The number of live births registered during the year was 1,685, giving a live birth-rate of 16.8 per thousand population, which is slightly below the national average for England and Wales of 17.2.

The infant mortality rate was 28.3 per thousand live births, considerably above the national rate of 21.7. A total of 44 infants under the age of 1 year died, 23 of these dying during the first week of life.

Although as has been stated, conclusions are difficult to draw from the report, I think that it would be true to say that most services administered by the committee continued to expand during the year, particularly those services directly concerned with the care of the elderly in their own homes.

Services for the care of mothers and young children were maintained at a high level during the year and the infant welfare clinics in particular were well attended. It will be noted from the statistical table in the report that the average attendance at the main clinic in the Urmston District (Cornhill Road, Davyhulme) again increased, to an average of 82.8 attendances per session. This is considerably above the average



attendance at other clinics in the division and it is felt that this number is likely to increase still more in the years ahead. Consequently it is considered that additional clinic facilities should be provided for the many families with young children living on the large council housing estate at Woodsend and the adjacent privately developed Woodhouse estate.

Early in the year a free chiropody service was introduced for the elderly, registered handicapped persons and expectant mothers. This service has met a long-felt need, and expanded rapidly during the year. The service in the division is provided directly by the Divisional Committee who employ part-time consultants working from Local Authority Clinics, and provision is made for transporting the semi-ambulant to clinic sessions, and for the domiciliary treatment of the housebound.

The number of patients receiving treatment during the year was 866, of whom 811 were aged persons.

The ambulance service, which is the only health service function unaffected by delegation under the 1958 Local Government Act, showed an increased demand. The Stretford Station dealt with 1,412 cases more than in the previous year and the Urmston Station with 1,098. The total number of cases conveyed by the two stations was 37,318 and the total mileage run was 156,074.

In the welfare field similar difficulties to those experienced in previous years in the placement of persons in need of care and attention, in homes for the aged, were encountered due to the lack of accommodation.

It is therefore pleasing to report that the two 50 place homes, at present under construction in the division, should be in commission before the end of 1961. It should be remembered, however, that approximately 70 of the available extra places will be allocated to residents at present accommodated at Bridgewater House, in order that this inadequate Part III unit can be closed down. Although the accommodation position as far as the division is concerned will be greatly improved, it will be some years before the full benefit to the residents in the area will be felt.

The scheme to provide short-stay accommodation for the aged in order to afford some relief to relatives during holiday periods and at times of severe domestic stress proved to be a most valuable service during the year. A total of 53 persons were admitted to homes in Morecambe and Fleetwood during the year, compared with 36 during 1959.

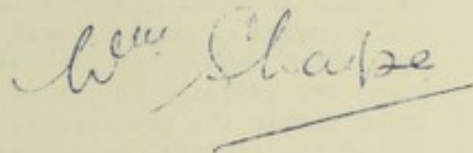
Following a considerable amount of work by W.V.S. personnel a van was acquired towards the end of the year in order to establish a "Meals on Wheels" Service in the Stretford area. This service commenced in January 1961 and has met a long-felt need in the district.

The duties and responsibilities of the Divisional Health staff continue to increase and I wish to record my gratitude to the medical and administrative members of the team for their loyal and cheerful co-operation and efficiency throughout the year, and to acknowledge the very valuable assistance I have had at all times from Dr. Gawne and members of his staff.

To the Chairman and members of the Committee, I tender my sincere thanks for their encouragement and help.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. H. Shapze", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Divisional Medical Officer



## SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Health Division is a geographically compact area, comprising the Municipal Borough of Stretford and the Urban Districts of Urmston and Irlam, with a total population of 118,220. In area, it covers 13,046 acres.

The Division is practically completely urban in character, except for a few acres in the Urmston and Irlam districts which are still farmed, as a last surviving indication of the more rural type of area it was a few decades ago. Housing and industrial development is still proceeding and it is unlikely that even this small pocket of agricultural activity can survive the persistent demand for re-housing. Although, in the main, the division is residential in character, it contains within its boundaries, in the Trafford Park area, one of the greatest concentrations of industry in the country. This industrial zone has a wide range of industry, varying from heavy to light, and containing a number of oil refining and sulphur processing plants. In addition, there is a very large electrical power station, so that it is not surprising that the Trafford Park zone of the division has one of the most highly polluted atmospheres in Britain. The concentration of sulphur dioxide in the air is undoubtedly one of the greatest environmental health problems which has be faced.

The size and population of the three sanitary districts are as follows :-

	<u>Area</u>	<u>Population</u>
Stretford M.B. ..	3,530 acres	61,460
Urmston U.D. ..	4,799 acres	41,550
Irlam U.D. ..	4,717 acres	15,210

In spite of the very rapid development of the area, the residential amenities have been well preserved, notably the green belt of considerable depth bordering the River Mersey.

Cultural and recreational activities are well provided for throughout the division, there being numerous well laid out public parks and recreation grounds, with the usual facilities for bowling, tennis, football and cricket. There are also three indoor swimming pools. In addition, the Lancashire County Cricket Club and the Manchester United Football Club have their playing fields with the divisional boundaries.



CARE of MOTHERS and

YOUNG CHILDREN

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1960

VITAL STATISTICS BASED ON REGISTERED BIRTHS AND DEATHS

(After correction for inward and outward transfers  
as furnished by the Registrar-General.)

	<u>Stretford</u>	<u>Urmston</u>	<u>Irlam</u>
LIVE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of estimated population .. ..	16.3	18.1	16.0
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births .. ..	23.2	24.6	24.0
<u>DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:-</u>			
MORTALITY RATE of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births	36.1	19.9	28.8
<u>DEATHS UNDER THE AGE OF 1 MONTH:-</u>			
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 live births .. ..	19.9	11.9	24.7

# NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

Notified Births (i.e. occurring) in Sanitary Districts in the Division during 1960

	In Hospitals, Maternity Homes, etc.						In the Home						Total					
	Live births						Live births						Live births					
	* Prem- ature		Mature		Total		* Prem- ature		Mature		Total		* Prem- ature		Mature		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Stretford M.B. (To 30/9/60)	8	7	176	166	184	173	1	3	114	88	120	95	2	1	290	254	304	268
Urmston U.D. ..	88	97	1010	836	1098	933	34	25	56	52	57	54	-	-	99	1066	1155	987
Irlam U.D. (From 1/10/60)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	24	9	24	-	-	9	24	9	24
TOTALS occurring in the Division - 1960	96	104	1186	1022	1282	1106	35	28	179	164	186	173	2	1	113	1365	1468	1279
																	37	29

\* A birth is regarded as "premature" if the birth weight is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less.

Births are NOTIFIED within 48 hours of birth. Registration may be made at any time up to 42 days after birth.

(From 1.10.60 Stretford M.B. became a "delegated authority" and Irlam U.D. was transferred from Division No. 15)



## NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

Notified Births in the Division, together with inward and outward transfers, during 1960

	In Hospitals Maternity Homes, etc.						In the Home						Total											
	Live births						Live births						Live births											
	* Prem- ature		Mature		Still births		* Prem- ature		Mature		Still births		* Prem- ature		Mature		Still births							
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F						
Total number occurring in the Division .. ..	96	104	1186	1002	1282	1106	35	28	7	9	179	164	186	173	2	1	103	113	135	116	1468	1279	37	29
	68	59	650	494	718	553	19	18	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	68	59	652	494	720	553	19	18
	11	7	72	69	83	76	6	4	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	11	7	74	69	85	76	6	4
FINAL NUMBER to division - 1960	39	52	608	577	647	629	22	14	7	9	179	164	186	173	2	1	46	61	787	741	883	802	24	15

\* A birth is regarded as "premature" if the birth weight is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less.

(From 1st October 1960 Stretford Municipal Borough became a "delegated authority" and Irlam Urban District was transferred from Division No. 15)



# INFANT MORTALITY

Infant Mortality (notified births and deaths - i.e. occurring)  
after correction for inward and outward transfers, during 1960:-

## (a) Sanitary District, Sex and Age Groups

Sanitary District	Age at Death										TOTAL		
	Under 1 day		1 - 7 days		Over one week and up to 4 weeks		Over four weeks and up to six months		Over six mths. and up to 12 mths.				Both Sexes
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Stretford M.B. (To 30.9.60)	4	3	6	1	1	-	3	8	2	-	16	12	28
Urmston U.D.	1	2	3	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	7	8	15
Irlam U.D.(from (1.10.60)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL - 1960	5	5	9	4	2	-	6	11	2	-	24	20	44

# INFANT MORTALITY

## (b) Cause, Sex and Age Groups

	Age at Death										TOTAL		
	Under 1 day		1 - 7 days		Over 1 week and up to 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks and up to 6 months		Over 6 months and up to 12 months		Both Sexes		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	5	-	-	5	5	10
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Infections of the new born	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	3	1	-	6	4	10
Birth injuries	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	2	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	4	9
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	7
All other causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
TOTAL - all cases	5	5	9	4	2	-	6	11	2	-	24	20	44

(c) Mortality Rates

Y E A R	Number of notified live births	Neo-natal deaths (deaths occurring within one month of birth)		Total infant deaths (under one year)	
		Number	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Number	Mortality rate per 1,000 live births
1960	1,635	25	15.3	44	26.9

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were two deaths of women in or associated with child-birth during the year 1960 :-

Mortality Rate (notified births and deaths) :

YEAR	No. of notified live and still births	No. of deaths of mothers in childbirth	Mortality Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) notified births
1960	1,724	2	1.16



CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

Summary of attendances at Child Welfare Centres  
during 1960 :-

Child Welfare Centre	No. of Sessions	Number of individual children attending who were born in			Number of attendances of children at ages			Average attendances by all children (per session)
		1960	1959	1958 1956	0-1	1-2	2-4	
* Trafford Public Hall, (Old Trafford)	75	252	253	271	2,733	411	341	46.5
* Stretford (Mitford Street)	75	184	239	382	2,891	825	680	58.6
* Lostock (Barton Road)	39	65	103	166	1,543	440	557	65.1
* Trafford Park (Sixth Street)	39	36	41	28	656	55	19	18.8
Davyhulme (Cornhill Road)	98	349	281	173	6,647	986	486	82.8
Flixton (Alker Hall)	51	168	128	100	2,857	451	198	68.7
Humphrey Park (Urnston)	51	52	48	53	1,275	276	122	32.8
† Irlam (Liverpool Road)	12	40	50	35	462	89	32	48.6
† Cadishead (Longfield Lodge)	12	35	50	22	503	83	12	60.0
TOTALS	452	1,181	1,193	1,230	19,567	3,616	2,447	56.7

\* to 30th September, 1960.

† From 1st October, 1960.

### ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Particulars of work at the various ante-natal and post-natal Clinics during 1960 are as follows :-

Combined Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics (Including Midwives' Sessions)	Number of Sessions	Number of Individual Women Attending	Number of Attendances
* Trafford Public Hall (Old Trafford)	41	214	723
* Trafford Park (Sixth St.)	16	39	96
* Stretford (Mitford St.)	36	94	190
* Stretford (Lostock)	16	29	106
‡ Cadishead (Longfield Lodge)	13	120	334
TOTALS ..	122	496	1,449

\* To 30th September 1960.

‡ From 1st October 1960.

### Post-Natal Examinations of Women Confined during 1960

	Confined in Hospital	Confined in private Nursing Homes	Confined at Home	
			Doctor Engaged	No Doctor Engaged
Number of mothers normally resident in division confined during 1960.	934	11	293	1
Number of mothers who had a post natal pelvic examination by a doctor between the fifth and twelfth week after confinement	823	8	245	1



## RELAXATION CLINICS

Particulars of expectant mothers who attended Relaxation Clinics during the year 1960 :-

Name of Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of individual women attending	No. of attendances
* Trafford Public Hall (Old Trafford)	37	151	1,021
Davyhulme	98	211	1,621
‡ Cadishead	6	9	35
TOTALS ..	141	371	2,777

\* To 30th September 1960

‡ From 1st October 1960

## DENTAL CARE

Particulars of expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children who received dental treatment at the clinics during 1960:-

	Children under 5 years of age and NOT attending school	Expectant mothers	Nursing mothers	Total
Number inspected ..	319	31	26	376
Number found to require treatment .. ..	282	30	25	337
Number treated ..	271	36	21	328
Number treated who were rendered dentally fit	40	7	11	58
Number of extractions	503	177	176	856
Number of administrations of anaesthetics - local	6	29	25	60
general	183	22	21	226
Number of fillings	274	13	27	314
Number of scalings, or scalings and gum treat- ment .. ..	2	31	23	56
Number of silver nitrate treatment .. ..	24	-	-	24
Number of dressings ..	514	16	22	552
Number of radiographs	4	3	7	14
Number of dentures provided				
Complete ..		3	26	29
Partial ..		1	4	5
Repaired ..		2	-	2



#### CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS:

##### Ministry of Health Circulars 20/44

The recommendations of the Ministry of Health Circular 20/44 were implemented during the year under review. The division is fortunately placed in the hospital provision available, which greatly increases the chances of survival of infants prematurely born.

##### Premature births notified during 1960, after adjustments for inward and outward transfers:

	Born at Home	Born in Hospital or Maternity Home	Total
Total premature births	16	91	107
Died within 24 hours	-	11	11
Percentage of infants surviving 24 hours	100%	88%	91%
Survived 28 days	15	76	93
Percentage of infants surviving 28 days	94%	86%	87%

#### NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS' REGULATION ACT, 1948:

No application for registration of premises to be opened under this Act as Day Nurseries, was received.

There were no Registered Child Minders in the Division on the 31st December, 1960.

#### OPHTHALMIC NEONATORUM:

No cases of ophthalmic neonatorum were notified during 1960.

#### PUERPERAL PYREXIA:

Four cases of puerperal pyrexia were notified during the year.

#### CARE OF UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

During 1960, arrangements were made for twenty unmarried mothers to be admitted to the undermentioned Mother and Baby Homes :-

	<u>Expectant Mothers</u>	<u>Post Natal Care</u>
The Grange, Wilpshire	8	-
St. Anne's Maternity Home, Heywood .. ..	3	-
St. Teresa's Home & Nursery, Salford .. ..	1	1
St. Agnes House, Withington	-	3
St. Monica's Maternity Home, Kendal .. ..	2	-
Prospect House, Hoylelake	1	-
St. Margaret's Home, Halifax	1	-

#### CHILDREN NEGLECTED AND ILL-TREATED IN THEIR OWN HOMES

The County Council has designated the County Medical Officer of Health as the Officer responsible for the co-ordination of all efforts to eliminate neglect and ill-treatment of children, and Divisional Medical Officers act as the co-ordinating officers in their own areas. For some time it has been the practice to convene quarterly meetings of the appropriate officers to discuss problems in connection with neglected children. These meetings, presided over by the Divisional Medical Officer, has been attended by Assistant Divisional Medical Officers, Health Visitors, Area Children's Officer, Officers representing the two constituent Housing Authorities, National Assistance Area Officers, Officers of the N.S.P.C.C., Probation Officers, Mental Health Workers, Education Welfare Officers, and other interested officers. During 1960, fifteen "problem families" have been discussed at the meetings.

It is considered that the meetings continue to serve a useful purpose and that the exchange of points of view is in the interests of the children liable to suffer from neglect.

### DAY NURSERIES

The following is the list of priorities adopted by the County Council as a guide to considering the admission of children to Day Nurseries :-

#### Social Cases:

- (a) Special cases due to illness, confinement, etc. of mothers.
- (b) Widows.
- (c) Women separated, divorced, or deserted.
- (d) Unmarried mothers.
- (e) Women whose husbands are invalids or work part-time.
- (f) Widowers, or fathers separated, divorced or deserted.
- (g) Any other special reasons, e.g. problem families, unsatisfactory living conditions, children requiring special care, etc.

#### All Other Cases:

Where the mothers are in employment priority being given as far as possible to those mothers whose financial need is greatest and to those, e.g. nurses, teachers, etc. of whom there may be a considerable need in a particular area.



DAY NURSERIES

NURSERY	Number of places approved		Mondays to Fridays only				Number of children at end of year			
	Number of places approved		Number of days open	Total attendances at ages		Proportion of attendances to day places (all ages)	On Registers		On Waiting lists	
	0-1	2-4		0-1	2-4		0-1	2-4		
* Beresford Road, Stretford	10	24	185	916	3,864	76%	5	26	11	10
* Victoria Park, Stretford	10	24	186	1,315	3,306	73%	11	28	21	26
* Seymour Grove, Old Trafford	12	26	185	1,687	4,344	85.8%	13	26	15	8
* Northumberland Road, Old Trafford.	18	22	186	1,880	3,762	75.8%	13	27	35	30
Chesham, Urmston.	10	30	249	2,409	5,892	83.3%	9	36	23	18
Stocks House, Flixton.	10	32	249	1,368	7,154	81.5%	10	37	7	16
Hayeswater Road, Davyhulme.	10	40	248	2,504	7,740	82.6%	11	39	10	6
1 Fiddlers Lane, Irlam.	10	20	63	350	1,098	76.6%	9	24	-	-
TOTAL	90	218	1,551	12,429	37,160	80.3%	81	243	122	114

\* To 30th September, 1960

† From 1st October, 1960

## M I D W I F E R Y   S E R V I C E

### County Midwives employed in the Division :-

At the 31st December, 1960, there were four county domiciliary midwives employed in the Urmston and Irlam areas. In addition there were ten midwives on the staff of the Stretford Memorial Hospital, six at the Urmston Cottage Hospital, and seventeen at Park Hospital, Davyhulme.

### Cases attended by all midwives in the Division during the year 1960:-

	Confine- ments attended	Miscar- riages	Total cases	Cases in which analgesics were used
(a) LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES :- County Council Midwives .. 1960	356	7	363	309
(b) HOSPITAL SERVICES - In State Hospitals 1960	2,057	-	2,057	1,353
(c) <u>TOTAL</u> - 1960	2,413	7	2,420	1,662



Summary of work done by County Council midwives during 1960 :-

(a) Confinements and miscarriages:

Confinements (1)					Miscarriages (2)				
Dr. NOT booked Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Dr. booked Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Total	Dr. NOT booked Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	Dr. booked Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	
1	-	19	333	356	1	3	1	2	7

(b) Livebirths, stillbirths, hospital discharges and deaths :-

Livebirths			Still Births			Cases attended where patient had been confined in hospital and discharged before 14th day (3)	Deaths (4)	
Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	TOTAL	Dr. present at delivery	Dr. NOT present at delivery	TOTAL		Mother	Child (under 1 mth)
18	339	357	2	1	3	311	-	1

(c) Visits

To confinements and miscarriages shown in section (a) above  (1)	To hospital discharges in section (b) (3) above  (2)	TOTAL  (3)	Total number of visits included in column (1) which were made between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. (i.e. night visits) (4)
9,762	1,400	11,162	386



Proportion of births in the division attended by County Council midwives during the year 1960:-

(a)	Total number of live and still births occurring in the division .. ..	2,813*
(b)	Number of (a) which were domiciliary	362
(c)	Number of (b) which were attended by County Council midwives .. ..	360
(d)	Percentage of total births attended by County Council midwives .. ..	13.5
(e)	Percentage of domiciliary births attended by County Council midwives ..	99.4

Records received from all certified midwives practising in the division, in accordance with the Rules of the Central Midwives' Board, during 1960:-

	Number of notifications received in respect of			
	Calling for medical aid	Still births	Deaths Mother	Child (under 1 month)
(a) <u>Local Health Authority Services :-</u> County Council Midwives	49	3	-	-
(b) <u>Hospital Services:-</u> In State Hospitals	-	-	-	-
(c) <u>In Private Practice :-</u>	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL - All Services</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\* Only 1,674 of these births relate to residents in the division.

## HEALTH VISITING

STAFF: (at 31st December, 1960)

Miss A. M. Brunt, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss M. Evans, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Mrs. E. Lee, S.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.F.N., Q.N.,  
H.V. Cert.

Miss P. M. Parker, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Mrs. N. M. Torres, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Miss A. Yates, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

The staff establishment for the division provides for thirteen Health Visitors, but at the end of 1960, the number of Health Visitors was only six. As in previous years, the shortage of Health Visitors prevents the service from being expanded to satisfactorily cover present day needs.

One temporary School/Clinic Nurse was employed at the end of the year to relieve Health Visitors by assisting in Clinics and Schools.

NUMBER OF VISITS BY HEALTH VISITORS

	<u>1 9 6 0</u>
No. of childer under 5 years of age visited .. .. .	7,355
Expectant mothers :-	
First visits .. .. .	190
Total visits .. .. .	333
Children under 1 year of age:-	
First visits .. .. .	1,674
Total visits .. .. .	7,493
Children - one to five years :-	
Total visits .. .. .	8,961
Adults (excluding expectant mothers)	
Total visits .. .. .	2,660
Other cases:-	
Total visits .. .. .	941
Problem families:-	
Total visits .. .. .	481
TOTAL VISITS .. .. .	20,869
No. of families or households visited .. .. .	6,080



## HOME NURSING

STAFF: (at 31st December, 1960)

Mrs. M. Bennett, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. A. Burrell, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., S.R.F.N.  
Mr. L. Hutchinson, S.R.N., Q.N.  
Mrs. F. A. Mees, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. B. Oliver, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. A. H. Pimley-Pope, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. W. H. Spencer, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Miss M. Douglas, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.  
Mrs. B. Watson, S.R.N., Q.N.

The County Council's policy to provide domiciliary care for more elderly persons, together with the shortage of hospital beds, is responsible for more cases being nursed at home. Modern methods of treatment continue to give additional work to the district nurses, who often carry out their duties under most difficult conditions. One assistant nurse was employed to assist the district nurses with the nursing of elderly chronic patients.

HOME NURSING - ANALYSIS OF COMPLETED CASES

TABLE I - By Duration of Treatments and Frequency of Visits -  
Completed Cases for Year ended 31st December 1960

Disease or Ailment	Total No. of Cases	Duration of Treatments				Average No. of Visits (Day and night)	Average No. of Visits per Case per Week
		Length of Treatment (weeks)	Average duration of treatment (weeks)	Day	Nights		
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	13	197.3	15.2	924	-	71.1	4.7
Other infective and parasitic diseases	19	139.9	7.4	621	-	32.7	4.4
Cancer .. .. .	87	618.6	7.1	2,472	41	28.9	4.1
Diabetes .. .. .	25	1,420.7	56.8	7,119	-	284.8	5.0
Anaemias and other blood diseases ..	74	4,331.3	58.5	4,464	-	60.3	1.0
Mental, psychoneurotic disorders ..	9	59.6	6.6	138	-	15.3	2.3
Cerebral haemorrhage, cerebral embolism and thrombosis .. .. .	41	588	14.3	2,726	3	66.6	4.6
Other diseases of central nervous system	65	1,159.7	17.8	2,579	-	39.7	2.2
Diseases of eye, ear and mastoid process	6	11.6	1.9	51	-	8.5	4.4
Diseases of heart and circulatory system	95	1,973.1	20.8	4,063	-	42.8	2.1
Influenza .. .. .	4	15	3.8	32	-	8	2.1
Pneumonia .. .. .	13	91.4	7.0	262	-	20.2	2.9
Bronchitis .. .. .	56	626.6	11.2	1,677	2	30.0	2.7
Other diseases of respiratory system	24	36.6	1.5	222	-	9.3	6.1
Diseases of digestive system .. .. .	92	130.6	1.4	601	-	6.5	4.6
Diseases of genito-urinary system ..	41	839.1	20.5	1,153	-	28.1	1.4
Diseases of the skin .. .. .	40	580.9	14.5	1,886	-	47.2	3.2
Diseases of bones and organs of movement (including rheumatism and arthritis)	37	1,519.9	41.1	3,230	1	87.3	2.1
Senility and ill-defined conditions	168	2,212	13.2	4,313	17	25.8	2.0
Burns and scalds .. .. .	13	39.6	3.0	200	-	15.4	5.1
Other accidents, injuries, etc. ..	27	358.7	13.3	810	-	30	2.3
All other conditions .. .. .	29	318	11.0	1,333	-	46.0	4.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	978	17,268	17.7	40,876	64	41.9	2.4
Health Division				1,035,615	2,349	33.9	2.3
Admin. County	30,635	444,912.4	14.4				



ANALYSIS OF COMPLETED CASES (continued)

TABLE 2

Year ended 31st December, 1960

	Health Division		Admin. County	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
1. Total completed cases analysed	978	100	30,635	100
2. Sex and age groups - (age in years)				
0- M	11	1.1	900	2.9
F	5	0.5	526	1.7
5- M	5	0.5	605	2.0
F	2	0.2	490	1.6
15- M	31	3.2	1,742	5.7
F	109	11.1	4,140	13.5
45- M	99	10.1	3,067	10.0
F	176	18.0	4,834	15.8
65- M	189	19.3	5,150	16.8
F	351	35.9	9,181	30.0
All ages M	335	34.3	11,464	37.4
F	643	65.7	19,171	62.6
3. Agency of reference :- Services of nurse requested by:				
General practitioner	877	89.7	25,967	84.8
Hospital	81	8.3	3,624	11.8
P.H. Authority	12	1.2	335	1.1
Direct	5	0.5	607	2.0
T.B. Clinic	-	-	30	0.1
Other	3	0.3	72	0.2
4. Disposal of cases -				
Recovered, relieved, etc.	432	44.2	16,646	54.3
Admitted to hospital	185	18.9	4,682	15.3
Died	190	19.4	4,905	16.0
Gone away	47	4.8	1,045	3.4
Out-patient X-ray, etc.	74	7.6	2,583	8.4
Nurse withdrawn	44	4.5	652	2.1
Other	6	0.6	122	0.4



I M M U N I S A T I O N    a n d    V A C C I N A T I O N

D I P H T H E R I A    I M M U N I S A T I O N

(These figures relate to Urmston and Irlam only)

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1960					
Age at 31/12/60 i.e. born in years	Under 1 1960	1 - 4 1956 - 1959	5 - 9 1951 - 1955	10 - 14 1946 - 1950	Total under 15
Number immunised	285	3,069	4,487	6,107	13,948

Immunisations against Diphtheria completed during the year 1960:-

	Number of individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisations during the period			Number of children who were given a reinforcement injection (i.e. subsequent to complete course)
	Age at date of final injection			
	Under 5 yrs.	5 - 14 years	Total 0 - 14 yrs.	
* Stretford	549	32	581	202
Urmston	537	50	587	678
† Irlam	64	4	68	85
TOTAL in Division	1,150	86	1,236	965

\* To 30th Sept. 1960.

† From 1st Oct. 1960.

Number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria during the year 1960 :-

	By Assistant Div. Medical Officers	By General Practitioners	Total
Primary Immunisation (full course)	679	557	1,236
Reinforcement injections	844	121	965
TOTAL	1,523	678	2,201

# WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

(This table relates to Urmston and Irlam only)

<u>Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to the 31st December 1960</u>						
Age at 31/12/60 i.e. born in years	Under 1 year 1960	1+ years 1959	2+ years 1958	3+ years 1957	4+ years 1956	Under 5 years TOTAL
Number immunised	281	838	778	743	652	3,292

## Notification of cases of whooping cough during 1960, after correction of diagnosis

	Age Group											
	0+		1+		2+		3+		4+		Total under 5 years	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Irlam U.D.	1	-	6	3	4	3	4	4	6	6	21	16
Urmston U.D.	5	-	6	3	4	4	8	2	4	3	27	12
TOTAL	6	-	12	6	8	7	12	6	10	9	48	28



# POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

## Vaccinations completed during 1960

District	Number receiving two injections - 1960				TOTAL
	0 - 4 Years	5 - 9 Years	10 - 14 Years	Over 15 Years	
*Stretford Municipal Borough	551	97	60	1,695	2,403
Urmston Urban District	567	51	9	961	1,588
‡ Irlam Urban District	57	2	2	54	115
TOTALS	1,175	150	71	2,710	4,106

District	No. receiving a reinforcement injection				TOTAL
	0 - 4 Years	5 - 9 Years	10 - 14 Years	Over 15 Years	
* Stretford Municipal Borough	724	342	195	1,825	3,086
Urmston Urban District	667	205	105	1,325	2,302
‡ Irlam Urban District	67	14	6	81	168
TOTALS	1,458	561	306	3,231	5,556

\* To 30th September, 1960

‡ From 1st October, 1960

# VACCINATION AGAINST SMALL-POX

The following tables give particulars of the number of vaccinations performed during 1960 :-

County District	Primary Vaccinations					Re-vaccinations				
	Age in Years					Age in Years				
	Under 1	1+	5+	15+	Total	Under 1	1+	5+	15+	Total
Stretford M.B. *	403	33	17	31	484	-	8	17	100	125
Urmston U.D.	363	63	15	33	474	-	3	11	105	119
Irlam U.D. ‡	14	1	4	-	19	-	-	1	3	4
TOTAL	780	97	36	64	977	-	11	29	208	248

\* To 30th September, 1960.

‡ From 1st October, 1960.

Age in years	By Assistant Divisional Medical Officers			By General Practitioners			Total		
	Under 5	5+	15+	Under 5	5+	15+	Under 5	5+	15+
Primary vaccination	333	9	9	544	27	55	877	36	64
Re-vaccination	1	-	6	10	29	202	11	29	208
TOTALS	334	9	15	554	56	257	888	65	272

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

### AMBULANCE STATIONS

Supervisory Assistant - Mr. O. Fahy

STRETTFORD - Talbot Road, Old Trafford.  
URMSTON - Church Road, Urmston.  
IRLAM - Liverpool Road, Irlam.

The following table shows the work done  
during 1960 :-

	Number of		Number of Cases				Mileage
	Amb.	Cars	Emer- gency	General (Non Urgent)	Others	Total	
Stretford	4	2	1,769	17,731	2,171	21,671	93,547
Urmston	3	2	1,181	12,976	1,390	15,547	63,527
Irlam**	1	2	79	5,722	671	6,472	35,587
TOTAL	8	6	3,029	36,429	4,232	43,690	192,661

\* From 1st October, 1960.



## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS

### CARE AND AFTER-CARE

#### HEALTH EDUCATION

Personal contact with the public is still considered to be the most satisfactory method of health education. Assistant Divisional Medical Officers and Health Visitors continued to give advice on matter concerning health.

Literature and posters have been distributed and exhibited on all suitable occasions.

Lectures on mothercraft to school-girls are given by the Health Visitors.

#### CONVALESCENT HOMES

During 1960, arrangements were made for thirteen persons to have convalescent treatment in accordance with the County Council's scheme. Charges to applicants are assessed according to their financial circumstances.

#### PROVISION OF NURSING EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS

A quantity of nursing equipment apparatus is held in a Central Store at Lostock Clinic and has been in constant demand for loan to patients being nursed at home. There is ample evidence that this service is appreciated by the public.

### TUBERCULOSIS:

The tuberculosis health visitor continues to work in close co-operation with the Chest Physicians.

#### Summary of the work of the Tuberculosis Health Visitor for the Year 1960

##### No. of Visits to all Cases :-

(a)	Routine Visits -	
	(i) New cases and contacts	194
	(ii) Old cases and contacts	2,259
(b)	Unclassified Home Visits	111
(c)	Ineffective Visits	254
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<u>Total</u>	visits to all cases	2,818
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## B.C.G. VACCINATION

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

#### Number of B.C.G. Vaccinations by Chest Physicians

AGE GROUPS	Under two years of age	2 - 4 years inc.	5 - 14 years inc.	15 years of age and over
No. of persons tested for suitability for B.C.G. vaccination	29	25	31	26
Number found negative	27	21	26	8
Number of persons vaccinated	45	26	28	7

#### B.C.G. Vaccinations of School Leavers by Assistant Divisional Medical Officers

	No. of Schools	No. of Children		
		Tuberculin Tested	Found Negative	Vaccination with B.C.G.
Main B.C.G. Vaccination	6	559	498	498
B.T.A. Trial Scheme	3	426	398	398



## LAUNDRY SERVICE:

The laundry service for incontinent patients which was introduced in the Division in March, 1956, continues to provide a very valuable service. During 1960, 52 patients received assistance.

Patients are carefully selected and those considered to be in need are issued with a sufficient supply of bed linen on loan, in order that a twice weekly delivery and collection is able to meet their requirements.

Patients are assessed to pay towards the cost of the service according to their means. In 1960, in all but 11 cases, no charge was made. The maximum charge is 8/-d. per week.

The bed linen used for the purpose of the scheme is purchased from the West Manchester Hospital Management Committee, who have agreed to the laundering being carried out at one of the hospitals under their control. A motor van is hired for the collection and delivery, which is carried out on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. The co-operation of the Hospital Management Committee is greatly appreciated.

The following statement gives particulars of the type and duration of each case benefitting by the service in 1960.

<u>Type of Illness</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Senility	52 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
	50 weeks - " " "
	38 weeks - transferred to Stretford 1.10.60.
	30 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
	29 weeks - admitted to hospital
	15 weeks - deceased
	14 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
	11 weeks - transferred to Stretford 1.10.60.
	7 weeks - deceased
	5 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
	4 weeks - " " "
	3 weeks - " " "
	3 weeks - deceased
	3 weeks - transferred to hospital (deceased)
	3 weeks - service no longer required
	2 weeks - " " " "
	2 weeks - deceased
	2 weeks - "
	2 weeks - "
	1 week - "
	1 week - "
	1 week - transferred to hospital
Hemiplegia	52 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
	3 weeks - transferred to hospital
	1 week - deceased
Paralysis	52 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.

LAUNDRY SERVICE (continued)

<u>Type of Illness</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Disseminated sclerosis	38 weeks - transferred to Stretford 1.10.60. 9 weeks - deceased 2 weeks - deceased
Multiple sclerosis	12 weeks - transferred to hospital
Cerebral thrombosis	8 weeks - deceased 6 weeks - transferred to hospital 5 weeks - deceased 5 weeks - " 4 weeks - transferred to Stretford 1.10.60. 3 weeks - deceased 2 weeks - service no longer necessary 1 week - deceased
Cerebral haemorrhage	41 weeks - still receiving service at 31.12.60.
Fractured femur	33 weeks - transferred to Stretford 1.10.60.
Fractured spine	1 week - deceased
Colostomy	3 weeks - transferred to hospital (deceased)
Carcinoma	5 weeks - deceased 5 weeks - " 2 weeks - " 1 week - "
Chronic bronchitis	12 weeks - transferred to hospital 7 weeks - deceased
Cirrhosis of the liver	37 weeks - transferred to hospital
Gastrectomy	2 weeks - deceased
Ovarian cyst	7 weeks - deceased
Arthritis	10 weeks - deceased

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AGE GROUPS:

<u>Years of Age</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
40 yrs. to 50 yrs.	5
51 yrs. to 60 yrs.	6
61 yrs. to 70 yrs.	7
71 yrs. to 80 yrs.	12
81 yrs. to 90 yrs.	16
91 yrs. to 100 yrs.	6

TOTAL	52
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### CHIROPODY SERVICE

A chiropody service for the elderly, the physically handicapped and expectant mothers was inaugurated in March 1960. Clinics were established at Davyhulme Clinic, Mitford Street Clinic, Stretford, Old Trafford Clinic and Trafford Park Clinic, and have been very well attended. The chiropody service for old people, which has for many years been carried on by the Stretford Voluntary Old People's Welfare Committee, ceased on the inauguration of the statutory service. Tribute must be paid to the voluntary workers who worked so hard to provide a chiropody service for old people.

In October 1960, the clinics in the Stretford area were taken over by the Stretford Corporation under delegation scheme. At the same time, clinics in Irlam and Cadishead were transferred to this Division.

A domiciliary service for house-bound people is also operated.

#### Number of Treatments:

Clinics	..	1,802	} Total	1,909
Home	..	107		

#### Number of Patients Treated:

Clinics	..	813	} Total	866
Home	..	53		

#### Categories:

Aged Persons	811	} Total	866
Handicapped			
Persons ..	15		
Expectant mothers	40		



## HOME HELP SERVICE

Home Help Organiser - Mrs. M. I. Healey

Under the provisions of the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, Local Authorities had power to provide Home Helps as an alternative to boarding out young children during their mother's confinement. This Act was repealed and re-enacted in the Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 204). Relatively little use was made of this Section until the war years, when in 1944 the Minister of Health requested Local Authorities to extend their schemes for domestic help to the sick, aged and infirm, or during some temporary domestic crisis under Defence Regulation (68E), and in addition to continue to provide helps for maternity cases under their existing powers.

It was not however until the introduction of the National Health Service Act 1946 that any real expansion of this service took place.

Section 29 of the National Health Service Act states :-

- (1) "A Local Health Authority may make such arrangements as the Minister may approve for providing Domestic Help for Households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age, within the meaning of the Education Act, 1944."
- (2) "A Local Health Authority may recover from persons availing themselves of the domestic help such charges as the authority consider reasonable, having regard to the means of those persons."

Although the provision of this service is not obligatory it has been widely adopted by Local Health Authorities, although the extent of the help varies considerably from area to area.

### ORGANISATION:

The Domestic Help Service is under the administrative control of the Medical Officer of Health, and in Lancashire County the day to day administration is the responsibility of the Divisional Medical Officer, who is of course responsible to the Divisional Health Committee. A Home Help Organiser is appointed to carry out the field work and she may or may not have an assistant, depending upon the volume of work.

The duties of the Home Help Organiser may be summarised as follows :-

1. Domiciliary Visiting and assessment of the needs of the household.
2. Recruitment of Home Helps.
3. Supervision of the work carried out.
4. Training of Home Helps if necessary.
5. Investigation of the ability of the householder to pay.

1. Assessment of need:

The amount of help allocated to any particular home varies from a few hours per week to a full working week of 44 hours. Many factors have to be considered in making a decision on the amount of help required, the chief being :-

- (a) The availability of help from friends and neighbours.
- (b) Age and infirmity of the applicant.
- (c) Type of premises.
- (d) Location of premises (nearness to shops, etc.)
- (e) Number of children in household.

2. Recruitment:

The ease with which women can be recruited to this service varies very much with the type of area, and the availability of alternative employment in industry. Until recently recruitment of suitable labour has not been easy in this division due chiefly to the demand for female labour from the many industrial concerns in the area.

3. Supervision:

The supervision of the work carried out by Home Helps entails a large amount of domiciliary visiting where many homes are receiving help concurrently. All that can be achieved is the carrying out of spot checks, since it is quite impracticable to carry out daily routine visiting to all homes. The quality of the service is therefore closely linked to the calibre and integrity of the Home Help.

4. Training:

Provision is made for the special training of Home Helps in dealing with problem families.

5. Assessment of Ability to Pay:

This is calculated according to the scale laid down by the County Council.

6. Publicity:

In the early years during the expansion of the service, publicity was an important feature, but in recent years the necessity for publicity has gradually diminished.



### DUTIES OF THE HOME HELP:

A home help is expected to carry out all the domestic work which would normally be done by the housewife who of course she is in effect temporarily replacing. She is therefore expected to keep the house clean and tidy, prepare meals, do the household laundry, look after the children, carry out the shopping if necessary, and attend to any sick person so far as one would expect the ordinary housewife to do. Duties involving a knowledge of nursing techniques are not expected of her.

### TYPE OF CASE ENTITLED TO DOMESTIC HELP:

1. Expectant Mothers: Help may be provided either for a domiciliary confinement or where the mother is admitted to hospital or maternity home. Full time help is usually provided in these cases if requested.
2. Illness or Infirmary of Housewife: Either at home or in hospital.
3. Other illness in the Home: Help given where the additional strain is considered to be too much for the housewife.
4. Mentally Defective: Where there is a mentally defective person in the household help may be given to lighten the load on the parents.
5. Aged and Infirm: The majority of Home Helps are now being employed in the care of the aged in their own homes and this is an extremely important part of the service. Home Help provision for the elderly has increased very rapidly over recent years and there can be no doubt that it will of necessity continue to expand in the years ahead, with the ever increasing proportion of elderly in the population. The amount of help required varies from a few hours to a full working week, depending on the circumstances, but it is most important that help in the case of the aged should be given early in order to prevent deterioration in the living conditions which in a number of cases may take place quickly and dramatically.

### EVENING HELPS AND NIGHT HELPS:

Home Helps may be provided outside the usual working hours and this is of great assistance in providing for the home care of the aged. Evening helps are engaged to pay a visit in the late evening in order to assist the elderly infirm to bed and to ensure that they are comfortable for the night.

This service is usually allocated to the very infirm, where the risk of accidents in the home is considered to be rather high.

A night help is intended to cover emergencies and may be provided to sit up with a sick person who would otherwise be left alone during the night. Help of this nature is provided usually when there are no relatives or in order to relieve a relative of the strain of sitting up during the night for prolonged periods.



At the end of the year the number of home helps employed totalled 72 and the number of cases assisted during the year amounted to 576.

Actual numbers of cases for which home helps were provided during the year are shown below :-

(a) Confinement at home	..	..	..	..	22
(b) Confinement away from home	..	..	..	..	7
(c) Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	1
(d) Chronic sick (under 65 years)	..	..	..	..	45
(e) Chronic sick (65 years or over) including aged and infirm	..	..	..	..	451
(f) Other cases (under 65 years)	..	..	..	..	37
(g) Other cases (over 65 years)	..	..	..	..	13
					<hr/> 576 <hr/>

Evening Helps were provided in five cases and 327 evening visits were made during the year.

Night Helps were provided in three cases and six night attendances were made during the year.

# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental Health Workers:- MR. H. BERRY  
MISS M.P. HARGAN  
MR. J.C. RATCLIFFE

The following table gives details of the work carried out by the Mental Health Workers during the first ten months of the year:-

## MENTAL DEFICIENCY

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cases</u>			
Number of new cases reported to be mentally defective during the year to 31st October, 1960 .. .. .	3	3	6
Number of cases admitted to Institutions under Sections 3, 6, 8 and 9 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, during the year to 31st October, 1960 .. .. .	-	4	4
Number of cases placed under Guardianship, Sections 3, 6, 8 and 9 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, during the year to 31st October, 1960 .. .. .	-	-	-
Number of cases awaiting institutional care at the 31st October, 1960 .. .. .	1	1	2
Number of cases in community care (excluding cases on licence from Institutions and cases discharged from Institutions or Guardianship) at the 31st October, 1960, viz. .. .. .	61	54	115
Summary of cases in community care at 31st October, 1960 :-			
(i) Under guardianship .. .. .	-	-	-
(ii) Under Statutory Supervision .. .. .	58	51	109
(iii) Under Voluntary Supervision .. .. .	6	10	16

	<u>No. of Visits</u>
<u>Visits</u>	
Home visits by Mental Health Workers in connection with defectives in the community up to 31st October, 1960,	
(i) Under Guardianship .. .. .	-
(ii) Under Statutory Supervision .. .. .	561
(iii) Under Voluntary Supervision .. .. .	23
(iv) No action cases .. .. .	25
(v) On licence from Institutions .. .. .	23
(vi) After-care (discharged from Institutions or Guardianship) .. .. .	25

Home visits by Mental Health Workers for the purpose of obtaining particulars, on behalf of Hospital Management Committees, on the home conditions, etc., of patients in Institutions in connection with :-

(i) Application for holiday licence on trial and discharge .. .. .	17
(ii) Section 11 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913 .. .. .	8

## MENTAL ILLNESS

Cases dealt with by the Mental Welfare Officers under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890/1930, up to 31st October, 1960:-

1. Admitted to an establishment designated for the purpose by the Minister of Health :-
  - (a) On a Three Days' Order under Section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. 45
  - (b) On a Justice's Fourteen Days' Order under Section 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. 10
2. Summary Reception Orders made :-
  - (a) Patient conveyed to a Mental Hospital from another hospital or establishment :-
    - (i) Following detention on an Order under Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. -
    - (ii) Not following detention on an Order under Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. .. -
  - (b) Patient admitted direct to Mental Hospital 1
  - (c) In respect of a patient already in the same Mental Hospital:-
    - (i) As a Voluntary patient .. -
    - (ii) Under the provisions of Section 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890 .. -
    - (iii) As an informal patient .. -
3. Notified as an alleged person of unsound mind or suffering from mental illness and
  - (a) Dealt with as :-
    - (i) Voluntary patient .. -
    - (ii) Temporary patient .. -
    - (iii) Informal patient .. 50
  - (b) No Order made (excluding cases already shown under 3 (a) ). .. .. -
4. Transfers from one Mental Hospital to another -



CARE AND AFTER-CARE - MENTAL HEALTH

Visits

Attendances of Mental Health Workers at Psychiatric  
Out-Patients' Clinics of the Regional Hospital  
Board, to 31st October, 1960 .. ..

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Home Visits by Mental Health Workers:-

(i) On behalf of Hospital Management Committees:-

(a) Obtaining case histories of patients in  
mental hospitals .. .. 2

(b) Obtaining information on the home conditions  
of patients under consideration for Licence  
or discharge from mental hospitals .. -

(ii) On behalf of the County Council :-

(a) In respect of patients attending psychiatric  
out-patients' clinics .. .. 1

(b) In respect of patients discharged from mental  
hospitals .. .. 677

(c) Miscellaneous .. .. 486

# MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959

The foregoing tables relate solely to duties carried out under the provisions of the Lunacy Acts 1890-1930 and the Mental Deficiency Act 1913-1938, both of which were repealed by the Mental Health Act, 1959, which became operative on the 1st November, 1960. Accordingly the statistics supplied cover work undertaken for the first ten months of the year. The following table gives details of the work carried out by Mental Welfare Officers during the months of November and December relative to the Mentally Subnormal and the Mentally Ill. (Urmston and Irlam).

	<u>No. of Cases Involved</u>	<u>No. of Visits Undertaken</u>
(a) Work connected with informal admission to hospitals .. .. .	10	25
(b) Application for compulsory admission to hospital :-		
(i) Admissions for observation (Sect. 25)	6	20
(ii) Admissions for treatment (Sect. 26)	1	1
(iii) Emergency admission (Sect. 29)	2	4
(c) Admission to hospital through Courts (Part V)	-	-
(d) Application for reception into Guardianship	-	-
(e) Application for Guardianship through Courts (Part V)	-	-
(f) Statutory visiting requirements for guardianship	-	-
(g) Preparation of Case Histories	-	-
(h) Reports on home conditions for licence on trial or discharge from hospital	1	1
(i) Progress reports in cases on licence	-	-
(j) Psychiatric out-patients clinics attended	-	-
(k) Home visits in respect of prevention, care and after-care :-		
(i) Mentally subnormal (including severely subnormal)	30	57
(ii) Psychopathic and mentally ill	49	99
(l) Visits to hospitals to interview patients	-	-
(m) Duties undertaken in connection with Section 48 National Assistance Act, 1948	1	4
(n) Duties in relation to admission to Training Centres	-	-
(o) Number of cases where notices to parents requiring attendance of children at Junior Training Centre served during November and December.	-	-
(p) Number of prosecutions for non-attendance at Junior Training Centres undertaken during November and December, 1960.	-	-
(q) Miscellaneous duties undertaken during November and December, 1960.	1	7



DELAMERE HOUSE TRAINING CENTRE: (Supervisor Miss K. Maguire)

The Training Centre is situated in Delamere Avenue, Stretford. At the end of 1960 there were 52 children attending, including 10 from other Divisions. The Centre was open on 199 days, and there were 8,915 attendances during the year.

The children are conveyed to and from the Training Centre. No charge is recovered for this service.

Each pupil attending the Centre is provided with a hot mid-day meal supplied by arrangement with the Local Education Authority. Charges similar to those operating in ordinary schools are made. Normally, no charge is made to pupils over 16 years of age.

The curriculum at the Centre is designed to provide training in clean habits, good manners, physical development and, where possible, a knowledge of simple manual occupations.

An "Open Day" for parents and other interested persons was held in July, 1960, and was well attended.

During the year, the Stretford Rotary Club again arranged a day's outing to Southport, for the children and their parents. This annual event is very much appreciated by all concerned.

The Stretford and Urmston Society for Mentally Handicapped children has continued to co-operate in many ways, and their assistance is very helpful.



### NURSING HOMES

One Nursing Home in the division is registered with the County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936. The Home is inspected by the Divisional Medical staff. No infringements of the bye-laws of the County Council have been observed.

### AGENCIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF NURSES

Under the provisions of the Nurses' Acts, 1943, and 1945, persons carrying on an Agency for the supply of nurses must be registered with the County Council. There are no such agencies in this Division.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations carried out by the Divisional Medical Staff during 1960, included :-

	<u>No. of persons examined</u>
(1) Fitness for Employment - County Council employees:-	
(a) Number of Forms M.E.5 (statement of fitness) scrutinised ..	256
(b) Number of medical examinations carried out following scrutiny of Form M.E.5 .. .. .	19
(c) For entry to County Council Superannuation Scheme .. ..	97
(2) For entry to other Local Authority Superannuation and Sickness Pay Schemes .. .. .	69
(3) Children Act, 1948 .. .. .	41
(4) Mental Deficiency Acts .. .. .	6
(5) Employment of children out of school hours .. .. .	194
(6) Children attending Camp Schools ..	69
(7) Entry to Teachers' Training Colleges, &c. .. .. .	62

## WELFARE SERVICES

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Under the provisions of Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, the County Council is the Authority responsible for providing accommodation, either permanent or temporary, for persons who, on account of age, infirmity or other circumstances, are in need of care and attention.

#### Residential Accommodation

The shortage of residential accommodation in the division is still a most urgent problem. Two new Homes for the Elderly are being built, one in Old Trafford and one in Davyhulme.

#### "Grangethorpe"

The Old People's Home at "Grangethorpe", 98/100 Talbot Road, Old Trafford, has accommodation for twenty-five persons (thirteen women and twelve men). During the year a total of thirty people were accommodated. Five women and seven men were admitted during the year.

#### "Ann Challis" Eventide Home, Urmston.

The "Ann Challis" Home is a voluntary hostel for women and is registered under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year, in accordance with Section 26 of of the Act, the Lancashire County Council accepted financial responsibility for the maintenance of twenty-three elderly women at the Home. One woman, for whom responsibility was accepted, was admitted during 1960.

#### "Haylands" Eventide Home, Urmston.

The "Haylands" Home is a voluntary hostel for men and is registered under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year the Lancashire County Council accepted financial responsibility in accordance with Section 26 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, for the maintenance of eighteen elderly men at the Home. Thirteen men for whom responsibility was accepted were admitted during 1960.

#### Accommodation outside the Division

By arrangement, twenty-two persons were admitted to the undermentioned Institutions and Homes in areas outside the division during 1960 :-

<u>County Council Homes</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
"Highlands", Wesham. . .	1	-
Bridgewater House, Patricroft.	2	-
"Gildabrook", Eccles.	-	2
"Lakeside", Ashton-under-Lyne.	2	1
"Atherleigh Grange", Leigh.	-	1
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	5	5
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<u>Other Authorities</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Salford Corporation		2	2
<u>Voluntary Homes</u>			
"Haylands", Davyhulme.	..	14	-
"Ann Challis", Urmston.	..	-	1
"The Elms" (Manchester & Salford Blind Aid Society)		-	1
"Laurel Bank", Salvation Army		-	1
"Nazareth House" (Prestwich Vol. Association)	.. ..	-	1
"Nazareth House" (Widnes Vol. Association)	.. ..	-	1
Alexian Bros. Home	.. ..	2	-
Little Sisters of the Poor	..	-	2
		<hr/> 16	<hr/> 7

#### Short-Stay Accommodation

Accommodation was provided at the Empress Home for the Elderly, Morecambe, and the Cumberland Home for the Elderly, Fleetwood, for persons in need of care and attention for short periods. A portion of these homes is reserved to accommodate elderly persons for short periods to allow relatives to have a holiday and also to provide a holiday for old people living alone. It has been found that in many cases a short period of care will defer the need for permanent admission to a Home for Elderly Persons.

During 1960 fifty-three persons from this division were accommodated at the Empress and the Cumberland.

This service has been very successful and many applications have been received for return visits to the Homes.

#### WELFARE OF THE AGED IN THEIR HOMES

The County Council's scheme for the provisions of the welfare needs of the aged in their own homes continued to make progress.

Mr. R. N. Thomas, the Divisional Welfare Organiser, continued to visit elderly people who were reported from various sources to be in need of help. He was able to provide assistance for many of these old folks by arranging for the services provided by the Divisional Health Committee to be available. So far as those persons in need of residential accommodation are concerned, it is hoped that Mr. Thomas's task will be considerably lightened when the new homes in the course of construction at Old Trafford and Urmston are completed.

A certain amount of voluntary visiting was carried out by members of various organisations but much valuable work was done by kindly neighbours without recognition or thanks. The numerous clubs in the area catering for elderly persons continued to flourish and credit is due to the voluntary organisers who do so much to ensure the success of the clubs.



The Domestic Help Service, the District Nursing Service and the Laundry Service were all greatly utilised by aged persons, and it is this co-ordination of work which contributes so much to the welfare of the aged in their own homes.

The Health Visitors are the main field workers for all members of the family, including the aged, and their visits, advice and assistance were greatly appreciated by the elderly.

#### Voluntary Old People's Welfare Committees

There are three active Voluntary Old People's Welfare Committees in the Division, one in Stretford, one in Urmston, and one in Irlam. These Committees are both well established and make a valuable contribution to the welfare of aged persons in the area.

The W.V.S. in Stretford, Urmston and Irlam have been very active in their efforts to help the old people. In December, the W.V.S. in Stretford, after much pioneer work, acquired a van to enable a "Meals on Wheels" Service to be inaugurated. The van was handed to the local organiser of the W.V.S. at a ceremony at the Stretford Town Hall and a limited meals service commenced in January 1961.

#### HANDICAPPED PERSONS

A scheme for the welfare of persons who are permanently and substantially handicapped has been promoted by the County Council, and efforts were continued during the year to compile a comprehensive register of all handicapped persons, other than the blind and deaf and dumb, whose welfare is catered for by voluntary agencies acting on behalf of the County Council. At the end of the year 103 persons were included on the register and were classified according to disability and age.

During 1960 adaptations were carried out at the residence of six registered handicapped persons, and holidays were provided under the scheme for twenty-one persons.

During the year the Occupational Therapist has made much progress. The number of handicapped persons visited at home for instruction in occupational therapy was 68; the total number of visits was 403.

The handicraft class was attended by thirty-four handicapped persons and was much appreciated.

The Occupational Therapist also attended at the "Grangehorpe" Home for the Aged, Old Trafford, and twelve residents received instruction.

The Club for Handicapped Persons which was established at Flixton Institute in November 1955, continued to flourish. The Divisional Health Committee accepted responsibility for the rent of the premises and provided transport for members who are unable to travel on public vehicles. A number of volunteer motorists also provided transport.

The Divisional Medical Officer, or a member of his staff, regularly attended the Club meetings. Cooperation between the Organisers of the Club and the staff of the Divisional Health Offices, continued. Great praise is due to Mr. George Westlake, the Chairman of the Club, and his loyal band of voluntary helpers.



Details of handicapped persons included on the  
Divisional Register of Handicapped Persons (General Classes)  
as at 31st December, 1960.

Disability	Age Groups										Totals	
	M a l e					F e m a l e					M	F
	0-	16-	30-	50-	65-	0-	16-	30-	50-	65-		
A/E	-	-	1	2	4	-	-	-	1	7	7	4
F	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	8	7	7	15
G	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
H/L	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	6	6	1
Q/T	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	5	5	2
V	2	-	8	7	8	-	4	5	5	25	25	15
U/W Mental	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
U/W others	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	3	2
X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Y	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	2
Z	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	2	1	15	19	22	-	6	5	14	59	59	44
											103	

Code :-

- A/E Amputation
- F Arthritis and Rheumatism
- G Congenital malformations and deformities
- H/L Diseases of the digestive, genito-urinary, heart or circulatory and respiratory systems, and diseases of the skin.
- Q/T Injuries and diseases of upper and lower limbs and the spine.
- V Organic and nervous diseases.
- U/W Psychoneurosis and psychosis.
- X Tuberculosis (respiratory)
- Y Tuberculosis (other than respiratory)
- Z General diseases and injuries not included above (e.g. asthma, diabetes, malaria.)

