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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

COUNCIL OFFICES, CROSS STREET, LEES, NR. OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

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URBAN DISTRICT OF LEES.

Chairman of the Council 1961-1962.

Councillor L. Vaughan J.P.

Health Committee 1961 - 1962.

Councillor H. K. Dyson, Chairman.

Councillor J. Gartside.

Councillor S. Pearson.

Councillor F. Ward.

Councillor H. Travis J.P.

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Councillor H. Slack.

Councillor H. Hirst.

Councillor J. G. Gartside.

Councillor L. Vaughan J.P.

Councillor O. Bevan.

Councillor F. Bennett.

Councillor F. Scholes.

Councillor A. M. J. Bradley.

Councillor W. Dixon.

Medical Officer of Health.

G. R. BRACKENRIDGE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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E. J. H. FOSTER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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VERNON K. HALLOWS, M.A.P.H.I. (to 7th May, 1961).

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J. W. RUSTIDGE, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (from 17th July, 1961).

Council Offices, Lees.

Tel: MAIN 1102.

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Council Offices, Cross Street, Lees, Nr. Oldham.

July, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council of Lees.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1961.

The details of the year's activities are described and tabulated in the body of the report. The form of some of these tables has been varied from that used in previous reports and it is hoped that this will improve their clarity and make them a more valuable source of information.

The population of the district again decreased slightly during the year. The birth-rate remained unchanged at 12.4 per 1,000, but the number of deaths was greater, 67 compared with 59 in 1960, giving an adjusted death-rate of 18.3 compared with a national rate of 12.0 per thousand.

In the late summer and autumn of the year, outbreaks of policyelitis occurred in several parts of the country, including the south-east Lancashire area. Although, fortunately, no cases occurred in Lees, adjacent areas were involved, and several deaths were recorded from acute forms of the disease. The circumstances of the outbreak emphasised once again the importance of obtaining protection from those diseases against which immunization is available, and in particular, the need for the parents of young children to realise, and accept their responsibilities in this matter.

In conclusion I must thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their encouragement and support throughout the year, and I wish to acknowledge the valuable and willing assistance given by the Clerk of the Council and the Staff of the Health Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. R. Brackenridge.

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

(1)									
	Area in acres .						288		
	Population.								
	Census Estimated								
	Number of Inhab	Number of Inhabited Houses.							
	Estimated Rateable Value Sum represented General rate per	by a Pe	nny rat				7,231 £141	6d	
(0)									

General Characteristics and Social Condition of the District.

The district lies immediately to the east of Oldham, being between the boundary of this County Borough and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Originally, the village was developed around the cotton mills, which were formally and principally the main source of local employment. However there are only two mills in active production in the district, whilst the remainder are converted to other industries, or used as storage premises. One mill is in the process of demolition.

The provision of a local Child Welfare Centre and Civil Defence premises is in progress. By the end of the year building was virtually complete and it was expected that the Child Welfare Centre would open early in the new year.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births (Total)				42
		Males.	Females.	
	egitimate	24	14	
Live Birth Rate per				
		(Comparabil	ity Factor 1.10).	
Stillbirths Stillbirth Rate per	1000 live a	nd still bir	live births	Nil Nil
Infant Deaths (death	ns under 1 y	rear)		Nil
		Males.	Females.	
	egitimate egitimate	-	-	
Legi	l infant de itimate infa	nt deaths pe	00 total live births. r 1000 legitimate live births per 1000 illegitimat	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality	Rate (death	s under 4 we		
Early Neo-Natal Mort	cality Rate		live births). r l week per 1000 total live births)	
Perinatal Mortality		births and d		
Maternal Mortality F Maternal Mortality F Total deaths (all ag Death rate per 1000	Rate (includ	ling abortion O live and s	still births) till births	Nil Nil
2000 POT 1000	Crude Rate	te	ility Factor 1.02)	
Principal Causes of	Death:-			
	Cancer (all	sites)	culation	7

Comparability Factor.

This factor takes into account the age structure of the local population as compared with that of England and Wales as a whole, and makes it possible to compare local rates with national rates.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS.

		1961.	1960.	1956	1951	1938.
Population.		3,730	3,890	4,040	4,160	4,271
Live Births.	No. Adj. Rate	42 12.4	12.4	48 13.2	53 12.6	46 10.7
Still Births.	No. Rate.	O Nil	1 22.2	2 40	4 70.2	2 41.7
Total (Live & Still Births).	No.	42	45	50	57	48
Total Infant Deaths.	No. Rate.	ONil	2 45.5	1 21	2 37.7	3 65
Maternal Deaths.	No. Rate.	O Nil	O Nil	O Nil	O Nil	O Nil
Total Deaths.	No. Adj. ato	67 18.3	59 15.8	49 12.6	74 16.0	65 15.2

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CAUSES OF DEATH.

961. 1960.	1959.	1958.	1957
tal Total	Total	Total	Total
- 1	-	-	-
3 1	1	2	1
1 -	1	-	-
- 2	-	1	2
- 1	1	-	2
3 4	7	4	3
- 1	-	-	-
7 11	14	6	5
15 9	9	6	8
1 -	-	1	1 9 5 3
12 9	9	12	9
7 7	6	7	5
2 -	-	1	
2 3 8 5 1 1	2	1	4
8 5	8	3	7
The second second	-	1	-
1 -	1	2	-
- 1	-	-	1
- 1	1	-	-
	-	-	1
- 1	2	-	-
2 1	1	2,	3
	-	1	1
1 -	2	1	2
1 -	-	-	2
67 59	65	53	60
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DEATHS - BY AGE GROUPS .

YEARS.				1960.			
	M.	F.	Total	Total	Total	Total	Tota
Under 1	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-		-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
25 - 45	2	-	2	-	2	1	1
45 - 65 65 - 75	12	6	18	19	19 23	17	18
Over - 75	12	17	29	25	19	20	17
Totals	35	32	67	59	65	53	60

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INFANT MORTALITY - 1961.

Cause of Death	Under 1 day	1 to 6 days	1 to 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	Total.
	-	-	4	-	-	Nil
Total	-	-	-	-		Nil

INFANT MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTHS - COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1961	1960	1956	1951	1938
STILLBERTH RATE. (per 1000 total births).	Nil	22,2	40	70.2	l ₂ 1
NEO NATAL RATE. (por 1000 live births).	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,8	65
INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 live births).	Nil	45.5	21	37.7	65

It is very pleasing to be able to report that there were neither stillbirths nor infant deaths during 1961, and that once again, there were no deaths associated with pregnancy or childbirth. These facts reflect the improving standard of medical and social care of mothers and young children in recent years.

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PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE - 1961.

(Other than Tuberculosis).

	Total Notified Cases in Age Groups. Total Cases at all ages. 0- 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 10- 15- 25- 45- 65-									01:0	Denths.			
Notifiable Disease.	Total Cases at all ages.	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Renoved	Der
Scarlet Fever. Measles. Whooping Cough. Polio-Paralytic. Polio-Non-Paralytic. Dysentery. Food Poisoning. Acute Pneumonia. Puerperal Pyrexia. Diphtheria. Smallpox.	10 22 6	1111111111	121111111	14	12	-4-1-1-1-1-	792	1 1	1	111111111		11111111111		111111211
Totals	38	-	2	5	3	5	18	2	1	1	1	-	-	2

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES. YEARLY TOTALS.

Notifiable Diseases.	1961	1960	1956	1951	1938
Scarlet Fever.	10	2	7	1	13
Measles.	22	43		117	-
Whooping Cough.	-	3	2	18	
Polio - Paralytic.	-	1	-	1	-
Polio - Non Paralytic.	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	6	6	1	6	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	7.	-	-
Acute Pneumania.	-	3	2	3	5
Puerperal Pyrexia. Diphtheria.	-	1	~		5
Smallpox.		-			-
Meningococcal Infection.	_	_	_	1	_
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	38	59	20	147	26

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Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The decrease in the number of cases of infectious disease was chiefly due to a fall in the number of cases of measles notified.

The total of 10 cases of scarlet fever was the highest for some years, but with modern antibiotic treatment, this disease presents a much less serious problem than formerly.

Cases Notified and Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1961.

	T							
		New C	cses.			Deaths.		
Ages.	Respir	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		iratory	Non Respiratory	
	м.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.
0- 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 10- 15- 25- 45- 65-		- - - - - - - -					111111111	
	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Totals		3		2				-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible authority for the provision and maintenance of personal health services. These services e.g.

Care of Wothers and Young Children.
Wental Health Services.
Home Help Services.
Ambulance Services.
Care of School Children.
Care of the Aged.
General Welfare Services.

are administered under the Divisional Health Service Scheme by Divisional Health Committee No. 14 through the Divisional Medical Officer, "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton, (Tel: MAIN 6251).

Ante-natal clinics are held fortnightly at the new High Street Centre and child welfare clinics weekly. No school clinic facilities are available so school children attend in other parts of the Division. Home helps are available to attend households where necessary in cases of confinement, illness, old age and infirmity. Over 70% of the demands on this service are for the care of the aged and infirm. A charge is made for home help services dependent on the means of the person helped.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committee without regard to local authority boundaries.

The examination of pathological specimens and samples of milk, ice-cream, water and other foods is undertaken, without charge to the authority, by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester, 10.

The Urban District Council is responsible for those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These include:

Inspection of houses re fitness for human habitation.
Control of infectious disease (Including food poisoning).
Control and inspection of meat.
Control of food and food preparing premises.
Provision of suitable water supplies.
Detection and prevention of nuisances.
Prevention of atmospheric pollution.
Control of rodent and insect infestations.
Collection and disposal of refuse.
Provision of samitary accommodation and public conveniences.

Council Offices, Cross Street, Lees. July, 1962.

Report of the Public Health Inspector.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report upon the sanitary administration of the district for the year 1961.

Same routine work was delayed due to the departure of Mr. V. K. Hallows in early May until my arrival in July, but the essential services were maintained. Details of the work accomplished are given in the following pages.

May I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support, and to the Clerk of the Council and Council Officials for their assistance and co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Rustidge.

Public Health Inspector.



Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The whole district is drained and sewered but the Authority possesses no sewage disposal works. Sewage is conveyed to sewers of the Oldham County Borough via three main junctions, the respective flows being measured by Lea recorders, and is treated by that authority at their disposal works in Slacks Valley, Chadderton.

Public Cleansing.

A weekly collection of household refuse is maintained throughout the year; collection being direct from household bins to a motor vehicle and disposal by tipping. Tins are recovered for salvage whilst the refuse is being hand levelled at the tip face and some paper is removed for incineration on the tip top.

Dustbins are replaced by the Council, the cost being borne by the general rate fund. 113 dustbins were supplied during the year as replacements. The number of moveable dustbins in the district is some 1522.

Rodent Control.

No full-time rodent operative is employed, all necessary works being carried out by members of the road maintenance staff who have attended Ministry courses of instruction in rodent destruction. The sewer system receives a twice yearly treatment when labour permits and complaints of rodent infestation are handled as circumstances dictate. 23 infestations were successfully treated throughout the year.

Sanitary Accommodation.

All houses in the district are on the water carriage system although not all possess a separate fresh water closet. 47 waste water closets still remain and progress in their elimination is very slow. Two were converted during the year under review.

Number	of	waste water	closets end 1961.	47
Number	of	conversions	during year.	2
Number	of	fresh water	closets.	1430
Number	of	houses on wa	ter carriage system.	1406

Smoke Abatement.

The authority co-operates in the joint scheme for the investigation of atmospheric pollution formed by 27 local authorities and has one lead peroxide guage for the determination of sulphur pollution sited in the Cemetery grounds.

Smoke emissions from factory chimneys during the year did not

call for any action other than verbal cautions.

Water Supply.

The district is served by upland surface water from the Oldhom County Borough supply. Filtration and sterilization by the chloratine process takes place at the source of the supply. 4 bacteriological samples taken in the district were reported as satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspections.

During the year	581 visits	were made to 328 premises, namely
	143	dwellinghouses.
	162	shops and business premises.
	18	factories.
	5	schools.

In the dwellinghouses 156 defects or nuisances were found and during the year 143 of these matters were remedied. It was not found necessary to serve formal notices to ensure that the repairs were carried out, 26 informal notices and personal visits obtaining the desired results.

5 houses were found to be verminous but each infestation responded to a lindame/DDT treatment and was satisfactorily cleared.

No legal action was called for during visits to the shops and in general conditions are satisfactory.

There are 5 schools in the district, one being a private school. Although each is drained and has a water supply, one school still possesses and has to make use of obsolete trough-type closets, three schools have unsatisfactory washing facilities and unsatisfactory drinking water facilities.

There are 27 factories among which 18 visits were made. No notices or prosecutions under the act were found necessary.

Rodent Control Work.

	Local Authority		Other Premises	
Number of properties in the district.	וו	1395	268	6
Number of properties inspected.	6	30	12	1
Number of properties found infested by:- Rats - Major		-	-	-
- Minor Mice - Major	3 -	14	-	-
- Minor	-	6	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by local authority.	3	20	-	-

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The majority of the shops in the district sell foodstuffs of one type or another. Out of 90 shops there are 64 selling food for human consumption. The various trades are represented as under:-

General grocers.	29
Greengrocers.	2
Fishmongers.	1
Butchers.	6
Fish Fryers.	5
Bakers/Confectioners.	5
Sugar Confectioners.	5
Inns, Clubs etc.	11
	64

During the year it was not found necessary to issue condemnation certificates in respect of any food from the above shops.

There are 25 distributors of milk in the district, of whom 24 sell only "Sterilized Milk". Only designated milk is retailed.

There are no elaughter-houses registered in the district.

Sampling of foods is carried out by the Lancashire County Council. There were samples of foodstuffs obtained in the district, as listed below:-

Ice Cream	1
Pork Sausages	1
Cornflour	1
Golden raising powder	1
Fruit drink (saschet - to be diluted)	1
Castor Oil	1
Aspirin tablets B.P.	1

Twenty four samples of milk were obtained, (two of which were Channel Islands Milk).

All the above samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine.

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HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year	:	
(i) By the local authority. 6		
(ii) By other bodies or persons. 22		
Inspection of dwelling-houses.		
Number inspected formally or informally for housing defects.		69
Total inspections made.		1.21
Number found not to be in all respects fit human habitation.	for	30
Number made fit following informal action.		26
Number so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation at year end.		121
Proceedings under Public Health Acts.		
Number in which defects were remedied afte service of formal notices.	r	
By owners. By local authority in default.		Nil Nil
Proceedings under Housing Acts.		
Number which after service of formal notices were rendered fit.		
By owners. By local authority in default.		Nil Nil
Number demolished.		34
Number closed in pursuance of an undertaking	ng	
given by the owner. Parts of buildings closed.		ll Nil
Number of clearance areas represented.		Nil
Proceedings under Housing Acts 1949/54.		
AND	Standard.	Improvement
Number of applications for grants made by private individuals.	13	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses affected.	13	Nil
Number of applications approved.	13	Nil
Ans other action under the Acte	Mil	7/17

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Factories.

	Number		Number of		
Premises. (1)	Register	Inspections (3)		Occupiers prosecuted (5)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	12	-	_	
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13	6	-	-	
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-	

Defects.

Remedied	To H.M.	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Inspector.	Inspector.	were instituted.
(3)	(4) - -	(5)	
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
	-		-
			_
	-		

Outworkers.

	Section 110		Section 111				
Natur	e of Work.	No of out- workers in August list required by Section 110	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	
(1)	(1) ₍₂₎ (c).	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel) Making	-	-	-	-	-	-
") Cleaning)& Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

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