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ANNUAL REPORT on the work of the HEALTH DEPARTMENT for the Year 1967

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ANNUAL REPORT 1967

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Loughborough.

Your Worship, Mrs.Bradley and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my 31st Annual Report on the Health of your Borough.

The number of deaths of infants under the age of one year was 14, giving an infant mortality rate of 19.5 compared with 22.7 in 1966. The average for the 5 years up to and including 1967 was 16.9 compared with 16.4 for the 5 years up to and including 1966. The provisional rate for England and Wales was 18.3. Of the 14 deaths mentioned above, six were due to causes operating before birth. Of the others five were due to infective conditions, two to cerebral injury and one to peritonitis.

240 cases of measles were notified during the year. As in 1966 these were scattered fairly evenly over the first half of the year, after which they abruptly stopped. While only ten cases of whooping cough were notified, this disease was the cause of one death, emphasising the importance of immunisation against the disease. Other notifiable infectious disease was negligible.

The general pattern of diseases causing the deaths during the year was the same as in recent previous years, with heart and circulatory disease in first place, followed by malignant disease and cerebro vascular disease. There was a reduction in the number of cases of lung cancer, fifteen as compared with 22 in the previous year.

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As will be seen from the Report, work continues with the improvement of houses capable of being brought up to modern standards, and in dealing with houses beyond repair. 62 of the latter were the subject of clearance, demolition or closing orders during the year. Although a number of irremediably unfit houses still remain to be dealt with, the emphasis in the future will be more on the maintenance of the existing stocks of houses to ensure, by timely "day to day" repairs, that their condition does not reach the point where repair is no longer a practical proposition.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Health Committee for their support during the year. I am indebted to Mr.Healey, Chief Public Health Inspector, for much of the work of compiling this report, and to all the members of the staff of the Health Department for their willing co-operation during the year.

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' I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. CAUTLEY HOLDERNESS

GENERAL STATISTICS - 1967

Area	9211 acres
Resident Population (estimated)	39,580
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books	13,829
Population according to Census of 1961	38,621
Rateable Value (December 1967.)	£2,001,942
Gross product of 1d. rate	£8283

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births - Number Rate per 1000 population	717 18.10
Provisional rate for England and Wales	17.20
Illegitimate live births (% of total live births)	5.86
Stillbirths - Number Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	6 8.29
Total live and stillbirths	723
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	14
Infant Mortality Rates Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live birth	19.52 s 20.74
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	0
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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

The Registrar General's Returns give the number of births registered, modified by Inward and Outward Residence Transfers. These are classified as Live Births or Stillbirths, Legitimate or Illegitimate. The following table gives a comparison of the figures.

	Legit:	imate	Illegit	imate
Live Births	Male	359	Male	22
	Female	316	Female	20
Stillbirths	Male	1	Male	0
	Female	4	Female	1
% Stillbirths of Total		0.74		2.33

INFANT MORTALITY

The number of deaths of infants under the age of 1 year was 14 - 8 males and 6 females. This is less than last year but 2 more than the average for the past 5 years, giving an infant mortality rate of 19.52. The provisional rate for England and Wales was 18.3.

Infant Mortality	for pas	t 5 years
1963		15.8
1964		14.2
1965		12.5
1966		22.7

1967

Infant Deaths - 1967

Congenital Defects	3
Prematurity,	3
Respiratory Infections	3
Other	5

14

19.5

Neo-natal Mortality

The neo-natal mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under the age of 1 month per 1000 live births. Of the 14 infant deaths 6 were under the age of 1 month, giving a rate of 8.37.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Ante-natal Clinic

The clinic provides regular ante-natal supervision of expectant mothers complementary to that given by the general practitioners, with whom close liaison is maintained. It enables the midwives, who in most cases will actually conduct the delivery, to examine their patients under more convenient conditions than are usually afforded in a private house, and the mothers also receive talks on all matters relating to pregnancy and the lying-in period. These, together with the relaxation classes started in 1957, have proved a great success and are very well attended. They give the mothers, especially those to whom childbirth is a new experience, a greater confidence and help to allay many of the fears which formerly surrounded the birth of a baby.

	1960	1967
Number of women attending for the first time	224	174
Total attendances	773	736

CHILD WELFARE

The following shows the Welfare Centre facilities available:

Area Served	Situation	Afternoons
Central Area Shelthorpe and	Lemyngton Street	Tuesday and Thursday
Forest Road	Emmanuel Hall	Monday and Wednesday
Knightthorpe Estate	Hermitage Road Baptist Chapel	Friday
Hathern	Rectory Annexe	First and third Wednesdays

While the Centres are situated to be convenient to the different areas of the town, there is no restriction on attendance and a mother is free to choose which Centre she prefers.

National Dried Milk and vitamin preparations are available at all the Centres, as well as proprietary brands of dried milk and welfare foods.

Attendances at Welfare Centres

	1966	1967
Children attending		
a) under 1 year b) 1 year c) 2 - 4 years	583 476 565	544 504 553
	1624	1601

First attendances under 1 year represent 75.9% of the corrected number of live births.

Dental Treatment of Mothers and Children

A monthly dental inspection clinic was held at the Lemyngton Street Welfare Centre. At this all children whose mothers desired it were inspected by the Dental Surgeon who is also responsible for the Education Authority's dental service. Advice was given on the care of the teeth and minor conservative work carried out on the spot. Cases requiring more extensive treatment were dealt with at the School Clinic under the arrangement with the Education Committee.

The following table shows the work carried out:

	Expectant & Nursing Mothers	Children under 5
Number provided with dental care: Examined Needing treatment Treated	1 1 1	116 38 38
 Forms of dental treatment provided: Extractions Anaesthetics - general Fillings Scalings or gum treatment Silver Nitrate Dentures provided - complete Radiographs Prophylaxis Teeth conserved	1	57 - 9 - 6 - 2 4

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Attendances at Minor Ailment Clinics etc.

	1966	1967
Number of children referred to clinic	3	3
Total attendances	3	3
Children referred to eye clinic	89	78
Children for whom spectacles were prescribed	43	45

Day Nursery

Day nursery facilities are provided by the County Council primarily for cases where circumstances are such that nursery accommodation is necessary on welfare grounds, e.g. for children having only one parent, for cases of temporary illness in the home, or where the child's home environment is unsatisfactory.

The Southfield Park Day Nursery accommodates 50 children, approximately 15 under $l_{\overline{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ years and 35 between $l_{\overline{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and 5 years. Any surplus accommodation after satisfying the requirements of 'welfare' cases is allocated to the children of households where both parents are at work.

Illegitimate Children

Information on illegitimate births is exchanged with other Welfare Authorities, and cases requiring assistance, e.g. in connection with adoptions, are referred to the Leicester Diocesan Moral Welfare Association.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention

Under this Section the Council is empowered to apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an order for the removal to a suitable place of a person who is suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, is living in insanitary conditions and is not receiving proper care and attention. A certificate that such action is necessary must be issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

Investigations were made into a few cases during the year, but in no case was formal action considered to be necessary.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

All but a few outlying properties are connected to the main drainage system, new extensions having been laid in Forest Road.

CONSERVANCY SYSTEM

Closet Accommodation at 31st. December 1967

(1) Privy Middens - 8 (2) Pail closets - 47 (3) Water closets -17,959

WATER SUPPLY

Water is now supplied to the area by the North West Leicestershire Water Board. The sources of supply of the treated water are subject to regular sampling and all results have been satisfactory. The supply is adequate in quantity and has no plumbo-solvent action.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Spraying with insecticides incorporating Pyrethrum and D.D.T. and Gammexane is the method employed against infestation with bedbugs.

Constant attention is given to the detection of vermin during routine inspections and, during the year, 4 private houses and 2 Council houses were disinfested.

SPRAYING

Number of :-	(a) Houses	(b) Visits	(c) Treatments
Council houses	2	6	6
Private houses	4	12	12

4 rooms were disinfected after the occurrence of infectious disease and the Police Station cells were disinfested from time to time during the year.

MILK

Registration and Licensing

There were 43 Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors on the register at 31.12.67.

ICE CREAM

Registration

There are no premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream but 223 premises are registered for its storage and sale.

26 visits to registered premises and inspections of mobile ice cream vans were made to ensure that precautions against contamination were observed.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Food inspection was again prominent in the Inspectors' duties and the following amount of foodstuffs was surrendered and disposed of by burial on the Council's controlled refuse tip.

	lbs.	ozs.
Meat at retail shops	1292	14
Cooked meat and meat products	133	2
Canned meats	1365	11
Fish	120	9
Fruit and vegetables	3475	0
Other foods	502	3

Food Hygiene Regulations 1960

Routine attention has been given to the premises of all food traders and the nature and type of improvements effected are indicated below :-

New sinks provided	15
Kitchens redecorated	39
Covered waste containers provided	4
Additional ventilation provided in kitchen	1
Counters and tables re-covered	9

Food Hygiene Regulations 1960 (continued)

The Health Committee were encouraged by a Ministerial recommendation for the provision of hand washing facilities in toilets to extend this request to brewery companies to make such facilities available in the toilets of public houses. The Committee considered this as complementary to the increasing demand from patrons for light refreshments. By the end of the year it was possible to report that ten public houses had been provided with hand washing facilities in the toilets and brewery companies had decided to make provision for these facilities in future improvement programmes.

Bacteriological Examination of Meat Products

Further random and check samples (11) of made up meat products have been taken from butchers (4) and submitted for bacteriological examination.

These types of food, usually eaten as purchased without further application of heat, have the disadvantage, should they become contaminated, that they form an excellent medium for the growth of organisms associated with food poisoning; otherwise they are a wholesome and nutritious type of food. The results indicate a continuing very high standard of product.

Samples of hot drinks, soup and iced milk have been taken from vending machines and have been found to comply with prescribed tests.

Knacker's Yard

The licensed Knacker's Yard has continued during the year and conditions were found to be satisfactory. 12 visits were made.

Slaughterhouses

1450 day and evening visits have been made to the two licensed slaughterhouses by your Inspectors for the purpose of examining the dressed carcases and offals in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and so ensuring a disease free meat supply in the shops.

The maximum charge for meat inspection continued to be imposed under the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963, and the annual income was $\pounds 176. 10. 6.$

Slaughterhouses (continued)

CARCASES EXAMINED AND CONDEMNATIONS

TABLE A	Cattle excldg Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered Number examined	732 732	10 10	110 110	2561 2561	420 420
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned			1	1	l
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	41			2	8
Percentage of number examined affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.60		.91	.12	2.14
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					l
Percentage of number examined affected with tuberculosis					.24
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration					
Generalised and totally condemned					

Slaughterhouses (continued)

TABLE A	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Hearts					
Cysts	1				
Livers					
Distomatosis	2			÷ .	
Cysts	1			-	
Multiple Abscesses	24				
Cirrhosis	7				
Necrosis					8
Fluke	6			2	
Heads					
Localised Tuberculosis					1
Whole Carcases					
Pyaemia					1
Pneumonia			1		
Emaciation				1	

CARCASES AND ORGANS CONDEMNED

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

There is nothing of significance to report this year. Complaints of barking dogs, noisy guillotines and compressors were received and satisfactorily dealt with. One complaint which may have more than a passing interest and which disturbed sleeping infants was occasioned by the expansion and contraction, under certain weather conditions, of empty metal drums awaiting collection. The "de-bunging" of the metal containers was found to be all that was necessary.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There are 20 licensed caravan sites in the Borough varying from sites for a single caravan of which there are 8, to a site for 33 and one for 65 caravans. The following table indicates the classes and validity of licences.

SITES	NUMBER OF CARAVANS	DURATION OF LICENCE	
8	l	l expires 1967 l expires 1971	l expires 1969 5 unlimited
l	2	Unlimited	
2	3	l expires 1969	1 unlimited
1	4	Expires 1972	
3	6	2 expire 1969	l unlimited (seasonal)
1	10	Unlimited (seasonal)	
2	12	1 expires 1972	1 unlimited
1	33	Expires 1971	
1	65	Unlimited	

REGULATED PREMISES

Offensive Trades

There are two premises on the register, both rag and bone dealers. 19 visits were made.

Canal Boats

Four canal boats are registered with the Council. These boats are named 'Cedar', 'Cyprus', 'Mallard' and 'Ash'.

Pet Animals Act 1951

Three applications have been received during the year for a licence to keep a pet shop at specified premises under the above Act which regulates the sale of pet animals and the conditions under which they are kept for sale. Annual licences were granted in each case.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

The Council licensed one person to keep a boarding establishment for animals under this Act, which is concerned with the safety and well-being of dogs and cats boarded out. 5 visits were made.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951

There are five premises registered under the Act, being premises where filling materials to which the Act applies are used in any form of upholstering, including the stuffing or lining of bedding, toys etc., premises where remaking or reconditioning of any article is carried on exclusively are not included.

Clean Air Act 1956

During the year three applications were submitted and approved by the Council for 'prior approval' in respect of proposed boiler plant furnace installations at factory premises, and three approvals given to chimney height proposals.

A warning was conveyed to an industrial firm for emissions of smoke in excess of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations 1958. During the year a nuisance of 'smuts' emission from an oil fired boiler plant has been the subject of protracted deliberation between the plant designers, oil fuel suppliers and your Officers directed towards a solution of the problem. At the time of writing investigations are being made into the possibility of reducing the emission completely or to a tolerable minimum by mechanical means. There are three works in the Council's area which are controlled under the Alkali etc. Works Regulations Act 1906 (as extended) and which are registered with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. All these processes of making bricks and tiles and the production of certain chemicals are under the control of the District Alkali Inspector, as is also a third process which, on a small scale, is concerned with the burning of scrap cable to remove the insulation.

Regulated Premises (continued)

Riding Establishments Act 1964

There are two licences to keep riding establishments where the activities carried on are subject to veterinary inspection and local regulations.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The general requirements of the Act are directed to making provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in these premises, with the exception that premises where only self-employed persons work and certain close relatives of the employer are not covered by it.

No. on		Inspec-	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
Register		tions		Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.67
Offices	173	26			7	30
Retail shops	231	47	3	16	21	32
Wholesale shops and warehouses	22	20	3	4	4	
Catering establishments and canteens	35	18		3		7
Fuel storage depots	3	3	l			

Notices	outstanding 1.1.67	17
Notices	served during year 1967	8
Notices	complied with during year	12
Notices	outstanding 31.12.67	13

The Act requires any accident which disables an employee for more than three days to be notified to the local authority. Seven such accidents were reported, all were of a minor nature and none was fatal.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Informal and Intimation notices were served during the year in respect of items of disrepair to property and these are itemised in that part of the report headed "Nuisance abated and defects remedied". As a result of 'follow-up' procedure, involving interviews with owners, agents or builders, the requirements of these notices were complied with within the time limits given.

Statistics

The following list indicates the areas and properties dealt with during the year under review.

during the year under review.	
CLEARANCE AREAS, DEMOLITION AND CLOSI	NG ORDERS
Orders made in 1967	
Clearance Orders	
Wards End C.O.	16 houses
Derby Road (Union Lane) C.O.	9 houses
Russell Street C.O.	4 houses
Green Hill (Hathern) C.O.	4 houses
Union Street C.O.	13 houses
Closing Orders	
23 Falcon Street	1 house
16 Canal Bank (undertaking accepted)	1 house
Demolition Orders	
4,6,8 The Leys, Hathern	3 houses
87 Moor Lane	1 house
59,61,63,65,67 Meadow Lane	5 houses
20,21,22,23,24 Rectory Place	5 houses
Total	62 houses

HOUSING ACT 1957/64

Improvement Area No.2

Fifty-three owners of tenanted properties and the tenants in the Paget Street and Oxford Street area have been advised of the Improvement and Standard Grant schemes.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (continued)	
1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year	
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 2.(a) Number of houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing 	651 858
 Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for burger behittetice 	62 98
 human habitation Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 	62 281
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	281
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year	
 (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10,16 of the Housing Act 1957: 1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after 	0
service of formal notices: a. by owners b. by local authority in default of owners b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts: Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -	0
 a. by owners b. by local authority in default of owners (c) Proceedings under Section 17(1) of the Housing Act 1957: 	0
 Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance 	14
of Demolition Orders (d) Proceedings under Sections 16(4),17(1),35(1) Housing Act 1957:	8
 Number of unfit dwellinghouses closed Number of unfit dwellinghouses closed (voluntary) 	20
2) Number of unfit dwellinghouses subsequently made fit and the Closing Order determined	0
(e) Proceedings under Section 43(1) of the Housing Act 1957: Houses demolished under Clearance Orders	0

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HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (continued)

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

During the year under review some considerable difficulty was encountered in trying to locate new houses in multiple occupation, since a comprehensive survey was impracticable as the the number of immigrant people to the town had increased, and staff available was reduced. It is estimated that there are now some 2500-3000 asian immigrants in the town and the number is steadily increasing due to the arrival of families of those already here and the arrival of new immigrants as well. There is little doubt that some houses, not necessarily in multiple occupation, are in a state of overcrowding, but they are difficult to locate and if found there are no housing units available for these people to enable the overcrowding to be reduced. There is an even greater tendency at the moment than there has been in the past for these people to occupy special streets or areas of the town, most of which are 'twilight areas', the houses lacking amenities and not in a particularly high standard of repair. Rapid deterioration of some of the houses is already occurring although, in the main, attempts are made to keep the houses in a fairly reasonable state. A considerable amount of time has been taken up in trying to get some immigrants to maintain a reasonable standard of cleanliness in yards and gardens, and the Department is indebted to the Public Cleansing section for its co-operation over the year. The great barrier of language precludes adequate education of these people, especially in the case of the asian population and, therefore, their education in matters of public health is somewhat slow, and this is again retarded by the limited amount of time the staff can spend on this subject.

Total number of houses investigated	228
Total number of houses in multiple occupation	32
Total number of visits during the year	420
Number of notices served - preliminary	4
statutory	3

HOUSING ACT 1949

	50%
received during the year	
	9
property	1
	8
	1
	towards reconditioning under the Act received during the year property

HOUSE PURCHASING AND HOUSING ACT 1959

from	applications received for Standard Grants owner/occupiers owners of rented property	83 15
Number of	applications approved	94
Number of	applications refused	l
Number of	properties improved during the year	85

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

(a) Administration

The district continues to be systematically surveyed and disinfestation is carried out by the techniques advocated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Public Health Inspectors have given assistance in a supervisory capacity, more particularly where structural and drainage defects were associated with rodent infestation.

(b) Surface Infestations

325 Block Surveys were carried out involving 574 individual properties and necessitating 534 visits by the Assistant Rodent Officer and 172 by your Inspectorate. The following table shows the action taken to deal with surface infestations and also the types of premises treated.

Number of premises treated	332
Number of poison baits laid	2050
Number of poison baits taken	1475
Estimated number killed - RATS	3640
MICE	796

(c) Premises Treated

240
bakeries 3
premises 42
22
dining rooms 1
23
0
1

RODENT CONTROL (continued)

(d) Sewer Treatments

In October the 39th. maintenance treatment of the public sewers was carried out. The treatment involved the poison baiting of 30 manholes. The Health Committee have approved an agreement with a specialist contractor for future treatments against rats infestation.

(e) General Treatments

During the year the Rodent Officer, on request, satisfactorily carried out treatments against the following infestations:

Wasps nests	36	Fleas	3	Flies	3
Bees nests	3	Bugs	3	Beetles	2
Maggots	1				

FACTORIES

There are 191 premises on the Register and during the year 53 inspections were made in accordance with the provisions of the Factories Act 1937 and, as indicated in the table on the following page, 2 contraventions were remedied.

Outworkers rooms were inspected but in no instance was Outwork found to be carried out in unwholesome premises.

Particulars required by the Ministry of Labour are set out in the following tables:

PREMISES	Number of Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	35	0	0
Factories without mechanical power	18	0	0
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers premises)	0	0	C

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to Health including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors

FACTORIES (continued)

Particulars required by the Ministry of Labour

Defects Found

PARTICULARS	FOUND	REMEDIED	NUMBER OF I	DEFECTS FOUND
			Referred to H.M. Inspector	Prosecution
Sanitary Conveniences:			market for the second	
Lack of cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	1	l	0	0
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Outwork

Nature of work	Outworkers in August list	Defaults in send- ing list	Instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Making wearing apparel	8	0	0	0	0

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

General		
Houses - Public Health and Housing Acts		858
Infectious diseases		1
Complaints investigated		568
Drainage inspections and tests		588
Rats and mice infestation		172
Factories with power		35
Factories without power		18
Bakehouses		31
Shops, Offices and Railway Premises		94
Knacker's Yard		12
Interviews with owners	~	1214
Smoke observations and boiler plant inspection Offensive trades	5	195 19
Revisits to property under notice and visits t	o work	17
nevisios co property ander notice and visios o	in progress	1430
Miscellaneous	TH DI OF ODD	841
TTE CONTRACTOR OF		
		6076
Meat and Foods		
Slaughterhouses		1450
Butchers shops		312
Fishmongers, poulterers and other food shops		232
Fried fish shops		99
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Fried fish shops		99
Dairies and milk shops		7
Ice cream premises		26
Restaurants and dining rooms	L	463
Other food premises		71
Public markets, food stalls and mobile vans	11	105
Food samples		11
Milk samples		25
Vending Machine samples		4
Food Hygiene Regulations	8	802
	46	507

Total visits and inspections	Total	visits	and	inspections
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10,683

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLETED

	Outstanding 1.1.67	Served 1967	Completed 1967	Outstanding 31.12.67
Public Health Acts Informal Formal	9 0	226 0	209 0	26 0
Housing Acts Informal Formal	4 0	96 0	72 0	28 0
Factories Acts Informal	0	0	0	0
Food and Drugs Act Informal	0	0	0	0
Food Hygiene Regulations Informal	0	0	0	0
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act Formal	0	0	0	0
NUISANCES	ABATED AND D	EFECTS R	EMEDIED	
Eavesgutters and rainwater Roofs repaired Waste pipes repaired or re Sash cords repaired or ren Windows and doors repaired Chimney stacks repaired or Walls repointed Floors repaired Ceiling plaster repaired Yard paving repaired New roofs provided Fireplaces repaired Sinks provided	newed lewed	ed or re	newed	53 62 30 79 38 21 68 26 30 25 1 2 1
General Caravans removed from unli	censed site			3
Nuisance from poultry abat				3 1
Drainage Drains cleared of obstruct Drains repaired or reconst Inspection chamber covers New inspection chambers pr Flushing cisterns provided	ructed provided ovided			179 39 2 9 5

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CAUSES OF DEATH - 1967

Clas	ssification		No. of Deaths
-	Respiratory Tuberculosis Other Tuberculosis Syphilitic Disease Diphtheria Whooping Cough Meningococcal Infections Acute Poliomyelitis Measles Other Infective and Parasitic Di Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach Lung & Bron Breast Uterus Other sites Leukaemia Diabetes Vascular Lesions of Nervous Syst Coronary Disease, Angina Hypertension with Heart Disease Other Heart Diseases Other Circulatory Diseases Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis Other Diseases of Respiratory Sy Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrho Nephritis and Nephrosis Hyperplasia of Prostate Pregnancy, Childbirth and Aborts Congenital Malformations Other Diseases Motor Vehicle Accidents All Other Accidents Suicide Homicide and Operations of War	nchus 15 14 2 s 44 3 tem	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ - \\ 1 \\ - \\ 1 \\ - \\ 1 \\ - \\ 1 \\ 94 \\ 476 \\ 94 \\ 636 \\ 24 \\ 18 \\ 18 \\ 24 \\ 22 \\ 2 \\ 22 \\ 21 \\ 3 \\ - \end{array}$
			427

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY - 1967

		New	Cases		Mortality						
	Pulmonary		Non-P	ulmonary	Pul	monary	Non-Pulmonary				
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Famale			
Under 1 yr		l									
l year		3									
2-4 years											
5-9 years											
10-14 years											
15-19 years											
20-24 years	3										
25-34 years	2		1								
35-44 years	1										
45-54 years	3					l					
55-64 years		2			1						
65-74 years	-				-	1					
Over 75											
Total	9	3	1		l	2					

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1967

		9	1-	2-	3-	+	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	over 65	Totals
Diphtheria	Cases Deaths										-		
Scarlet Fever	Cases Deaths												-
Pneumonia	Cases Deaths										2	1	2
Typhoid	Cases Deaths												-
Meningococcal Meningitis	Cases Deaths												-
Whooping Cough	Cases Deaths	1		l	1	2	6						10 1
Measles	Cases Deaths	6	29	39	52	21	87	3	3				240
Food Poisoning	Cases Deaths												-
Polio- Para- myelitis lytic													-
and Non Encephal Para- itis lytic	Cases Deaths												
Malaria	Cases Deaths								l				1 -

Analysis of Notified Cases and Deaths according to age groups

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