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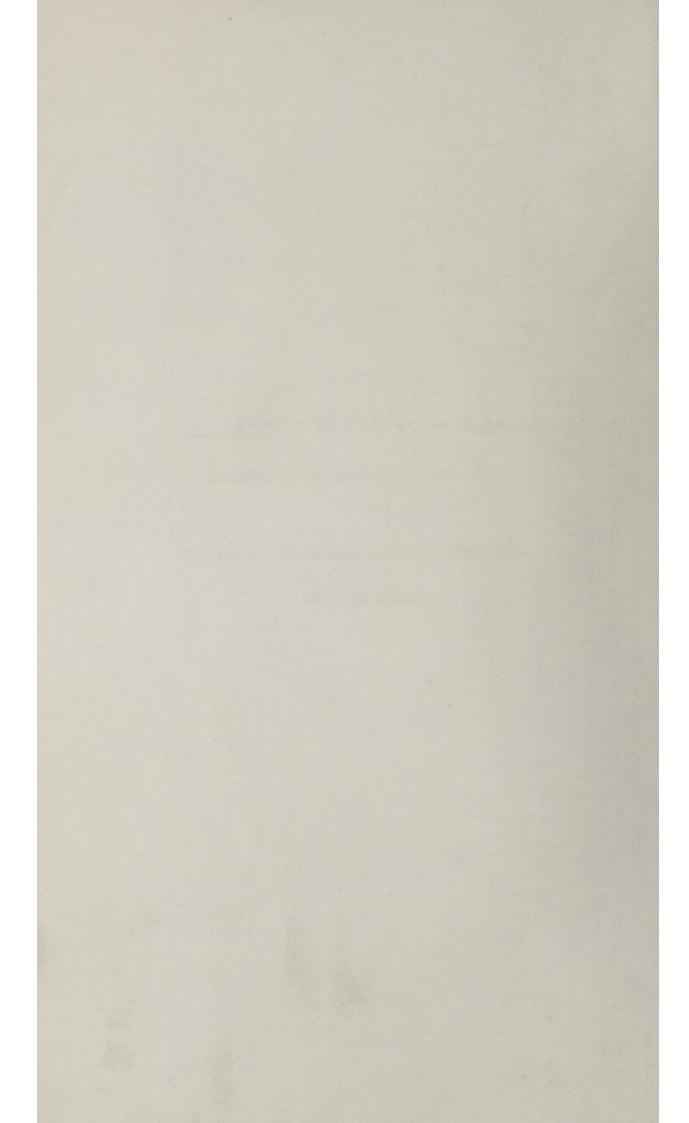




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MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR 1969



Hartford Hill, David Street, NORTHWICH, Cheshire.

Madem Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Divisional Health Department during 1969.

The year has been somewhat frustrating due to the shortage of medical, nursing and administrative staff and the delay in the completion of the County offices, clinic and handicapped persons unit in Northwich. Fortunately by the end of the year the end of many of the difficulties was in sight — the medical staff was up to strength, the Northwich development was confidently expected to be completed by April, 1970 and authority had been obtained for the appointment of a Senior Clerical Assistant. A full-time chiropodist had been appointed in addition to a very competent team to run the Office Service Unit in the new offices — a unit for which the Health Department is responsible. In addition, negotiations were well in hand for the attachment of nursing staff to general practitioners, whose response has been extremely encouraging.

As always great support and help has been given by local voluntary bodies, particularly the Northwich & District Branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Womens Royal Voluntary Service, Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped, Red Cross, Youth Centre Committee, Northwich Council of Social Service, and I would particularly wish to express my appreciation to all their members.

When the Handicapped Persons Unit is opened and fully operational the services for the physically handicapped will be greatly strenghthened as will those for the mentally ill, as it is hoped to share many of the facilities with patients convalescing from a mental illness.

There remains one major section of work in the Division which could and should be expanded considerably and that is the whole range of Health Education, a most important and relatively undeveloped aspect of preventive medicine.

Finally ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for your friendship, advice and support during my period in Mid-Cheshire and also to the staff for their loyal support.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant

Divisional Medical Officer.

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Divisional Medical Officer - Dr. F. Seymour, M.B., ChB., D.P.H. Assistant County Medical Officer - Dr. M. Winton, M.B., ChB. Divisional Administrative Assistant - Mr. S. R. Large

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Area Nursing Officer

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- Mrs. K. M. Pointon

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Winsford 2047

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Winsford 2548

Miss P. M. Jones, 8 Wellfield, Wharton Road, Winsford Winsford 2766

Mrs. W. A. Place, 22 Fairfield Road, Leftwich, N/Wich Northwich 3050

CLINIC PROGRAMMES

BARNTON CLINIC The Memorial Hall, Lydyett Lane, Barnton, Tel. Northwich 75639

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Dentist - Tel: Northwich 75527

Dental Clinic - Monday a.m. & p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DARLAND HOUSE CLINIC, Winnington Hill, Northwich Tel: Northwich 74643

Health Visitors - Mrs. Robertshaw, Mrs. James

Dentist - Mr. Hurst & Miss Robinson

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m.

Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Monday and Wednesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Tuesday a.m. and p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

Daveniam CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham

Health Visitor - Miss Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursday p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford

Health Visitor - Mrs. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m. Occasional Toddlers' Clinic (by arrangement)

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich

Health Visitor - Mrs. James

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Boys' Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

MIDDL WICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. A. Lape, Miss M. Gourlay

Dentist - Mr. K. V. Shute. Tel: Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m. and 5th Thursday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alt. Wednesdays a.m. and p.m.

Midwives Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

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MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m. Screening Clinic (by arrangement) Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford

Health Visitor - Miss M. K. Murray

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Immunisation Sessions - 2nd Wednesday a.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 3rd Thursday a.m.

RUDHEATH CLINIC, Shurlach Road, Rudheath, Northwich.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Dentist - Mr. R. H. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.

*(Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

(Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Alternate Wednesday a.m.

(Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Monday p.m.

(Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m. Occasional Tues a.m.

(E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

(Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday a.m.

(" (Mrs. Martin) Alternate Mondays a.m.

(Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Tuesday p.m. Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangement)

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. R. Davies

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m. Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (alternate months) Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m. Relaxation Class - Thursday p.m.

WEAVERHAM CLINIC, Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel. Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. E. E. Conlin

Dentist - Mrs. Scanlon

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd and 4th Friday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebal Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. and p.m. and Monday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday p.m. Mon, Tues. Wedn. Thurs. Fri. a.m.
Child Guidance Clinic - Monday, Tuesday a.m. and p.m.

WEAVER STREET CLINIC, 98 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel: Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J. M. Gassick and Miss M. K. Murray

Dentist - Mr. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. and p.m.

Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m. (Mrs. Martin)Alt Monday a.m.

Immunisation Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Midwives Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

Mothers' Club - 2nd Monday p.m.

WHARTON CLINIC, Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford. Tel: Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. J. Moger

Dentist - Miss Robinson

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Eye Clinic - 2nd and 4th Thursday p.m. 2nd Tuesday a.m.1st and 3rd Thursday a.m
Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation Clinic - every Wednesday p.m.
Cervical Smear Clinic - every Tuesday a.m. Occasional Friday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday and Thursday a.m. and p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination Clinic - 1st Wednesday a.m.

* Clinics in brackets temporarily held at Darland Money powling opening of new Clinic Centre.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

As described in detail in last year's report increasing emphasis is being laid on the less frequent but more detailed and regular examination of babies and young children at Child Health Clinics. The implementation of this policy has led as expected to a decrease in the number of attendances of babies attending Child Welfare Clinics. On the other hand an increase was expected in the numbers seen in the 1-5 year age groups. This was not achieved because of a shortage of medical staff and the limited amount of clinic space available in Northwich following the demolition of Parkfield Clinic and the delay in the opening of the new Northwich Clinic.

		NEW CASES		TOTAL	L ATTENI	ANCES		
		e - 1 year	0 -	1 year	1 - 2	years	2-5	years
Barnton	1968	1969	1968	1969	968 176	1969	1968	1969
Comberbach	11	7	1,044	856 47	37	12	29	16
Davenhan	35	19	363	192	122	74	37	37
Hartford	78	59	571	408	90	117	62	55
Leftwich	53	28	420	217	86	17	33	11
Lostock	45	32	391	242	100	42	107	36
Middlewich	181	113	1,594	1,154	258	210	79	60
Moulton	30	39	276	318	105	26	19	18
Darland House	100	71	1,288	881	218	134	203	48
Rudheath	143	128	1,021	748	231	86	107	36
Sandiway	146	60	1,609	487	255	80	30	37
Tarporley	60	29	646	256	140	69	65	50
Weaverham	76	104	417	1,237	52	188	70	71
Winsford	151	122	1,633	341	300	75	127	80
Winsford - Over	115	175	648	558	127	81	63	72
Winsford - Wharton	226	165	1.924	1,105	245	_145	82	126
	1,533	1,221	13,938	9,047	2,542	1,453	1,140	764
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Whilst the sale of vitamin supplements remained about the same, there was a considerable drop in the sale of National Dried Milk during the year.

Proprietary foods were not sold during 1969 and many of the Welfare Food sale points were taken over by members of the W.R.V.S. We are very grateful to all the voluntary workers who assist in the running of the clinics.

Welfare Food Sales

Year	Value of Sales Proprietary Foods Sold only at Clinics.	National Dried Milk (tins)	Orange Juice (btls)	Cod Liver Dil(bt)	Tablets(pkts)
1969	Nil	3,802	14,623	942	1,110
1968	£5,263	6,250	13,980	961	1,092
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINIC

There was a 27% increase in the numbers attending clinics during 1969. This increase was no doubt largely due to several articles on this subject in local newspapers together with a campaign by the County Council to encourage their own employees to have cervical smear tests taken. In addition all nursing staff were supplied with application forms and information leaflets which they distributed amongst their clients in the community.

Work continues in the County Health Department on the detailed arrangements for a computer organised scheme which it is hoped will be implemented in 1970. Following this all women in the area will receive a personal invitation to attend their own doctor or local authority clinic for this service and by these means it is anticipated that a considerable increase in the numbers of patients attending will be achieved.

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	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
No. of Sessions held	10	4	59	68	24	41	93	113
No. of new patients who attended	133	30	462	432	222	388	817	850
Total Attendances	133	30	554	652	224	501	911	1,183
Results of Examina- tions:-								
(a) Nothing Abnormal	133	30	553	641	214	490	900	1,161
(b) For further investigation	- 7	-	1	6	10	9	11	15
(c) Number in (b) found positive	-	-	1	5	3	1	4	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infective Hepatitis was endemic during the year in Winsford, and there was a higher incidence than usual of Scarlet Fever in the Northwich Urban and Rural Districts, although there were not any localised epidemics.

Due to a variety of reasons it was not possible positively to confirm that the illness in the 13 cases of food poisoning were in fact food borne - however it was probable from the circumstances of each case. In all eighty seven cases of suspected food poisoning were notified by one practice but in only eleven cases was it considered that food poisoning was a possibility.

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1968 and 1969:-

			196	8				1969	100	
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div:	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	-	-	-	10	10	1	-	-	1	2
Measles	398	117	9	104	628	22	28	-	98	148
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	4	-	1	2	7	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	20	-	-	5	25	49	1	-	13	63
Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	3	-	-	7	_ 1	1	-	1	3
Non-Respiratory Tubercu- losis	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	2	3	-	13	-	-	13
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerpral Pyrexia	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious Hepatitis	3	7	-	2	12	2	23	-	5	30
Meningitis	_	_	-	-	-	1	1 -	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

YEAR 1969		thwich .D.		nsford U.D.		dlewich U.D.		thwich
	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.
New Cases Notified								
(including Transfers)	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other removals from Register (left District								
etc). No. on Register at the	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
end of 1968 No. on Register at the	19	4	28	4	10	2	35	1
end of 1969	19	4	29	4	10	2	34	3

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary Protection - Smallpox Vaccination

Following the increase in the number of smallpox vaccinations reported in 1968 it is disappointing to note the quite considerable drop in numbers in 1969, this in spite of the computer organised scheme.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polio

The decrease in the number of children protected was expected due to a change in the programme, completion of protection being delayed until fourteen months. We can confidently expect this number to return to normal next year.

Measles

There was a drop in the number of children vaccinated against this disease due to a shortage of vaccine following withdrawal of vaccine produced by one manufacturer. I hope that this will not have a serious effect on the acceptance of measles vaccination by parents as soon as production of the other type of vaccine is increased. This is a perfectly satisfactory vaccine and will give good protection against a disease which whilst quite common can leave very serious after effects in a small proportion of children who have suffered from it.

Booster Protection

It is pleasing to note that the high level of booster immunisations achieved during the year. The increase is mainly due to additional clerical time being available to perform the preliminary administrative work. I would however like to express my appreciation to the General Practitioners, Sessional Doctors and Head Teachers who have so readily co-operated in the organisation of this scheme

Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Smallpox Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOS	TER
28	1968	1969	1968	1969
Diphtheria	14	5	97	140
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	00-	-98	- 100	- 8891
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	1,253	486	782	421
& Tetanus	01	3.8	000	1 6961
Diphtheria/Tetanus	137	145	483	706
Tetanus	648	375	190	403
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,359	747	1,346	1,868
Salk Vaccine	-	-	-	1
Smallpox:-				
Under 1 year	8	18	-	1
1-5 years	876	622	51	8
School Children	57	21	23	14
Measles	1.117	401		
	5,469	2,900	2,972	3,562

Total Number of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, Polio and Measles

Year	Total by G.P.'s	Total by Local Authority	Combined Total
1968	4,598	3,845	8,443
1969	3,168	3,294	6,462

1967 1968 1969	2,950 2,866 1,903	children	received	primary	or	booster	against	Diphtheria Diphtheria Diphtheria
1967 1968 1969	3,994 3,493 2,536	children	received received	primary	or	booster	against	Tetanus
1967 1968 1969	3,444 2,705 2,616	children	received	primary	or	booster	against	Poliomyelitis Poliomyelitis Poliomyelitis

B.C.G. VACCINATION

Details of children receiving B.C.G.:-

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents Consenting	Percentage Abs.for tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84
1967	1,516	87	7	20	80
1968	1,598	89	10	16	84
1969	1,769	84	10	15	85

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

It is a great pleasure once again to express my sincere appreciation to the voluntary helpers, particularly the members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped and British Red Cross Society, who enable these important social services to function. A special mention should also be made of the club members themselves who are to an increasing extent taking a keen and creative part in running the social club.

Great disappointment was felt over the delay in completing the new Handicapped Persons Unit but present hopes are that it will be ready in April, 1970. It will then be possible to start work therapy sessions and widen, even more the scope of our services.

During the year 133 persons were added to the Physically Handicapped Persons Register.

CAR BADGES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive, upon application, two stick-on badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badge does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

Thirteen adaptations to homeo were completed during the year and twenty three other adaptations were in progress at the end of the year.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

The following chart shows the total number of items issued during the year

	EQUIPMENT ISSUED			
	1968	1969		
Number of items of equipment loaned.	636	753		
Number of underpads and interliners issued	27,600	43,272		

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This year there was a decrease in the number of hours worked although the number of cases increased.

In the past Mid-Cheshire has had a smaller number of cases per 1,000 population receiving a larger number of hours per case than the County as a whole. This change in the pattern of service will therefore tend to bring certain statistical features of the service more in line with the County average. The reasons for the changes are complex.

- 1. A need to restrict expenditure to the minimum compatible with giving a reasonably adequate service.
- 2. A positive attempt from the management point of view to reduce expenditure during the period April to December to ensure that sufficient financial resources are available during the months of greatest need i.e. January to March. The benefits of this policy will be felt in 1970.
- 3. Patients liable to pay the standard charge for the service have been encouraged to make private arrangements wherever possible.
- 4. An increased provision of special housing and residential accommodation.
- 5. The death on transfer to hospital etc. of several patients who required a large number of hours help per week.

In an effort to reduce insurance costs home helps were encouraged to work 20 hours or more per week or alternatively 14 hours or less per week. The chart below gives statistical details of the service.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at the end of the year:-

		1968	1969
a.	Whole time	Nil	Nil
b.	Part-time	102	87
c.	Equivalent whole time	32	28

		1968	1969		
	Cases	Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked	
Aged & Infirm	396	62934	423	58071	
Others	19	1129	10	441	
Confinements	7	142	8	161	
	422	64205	441	58673	

Income: £2,846 £2,634

Night-Sitting - Four patients were provided with this service during 1969.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

There was an increase in the number of patients classed as being unfit to attend the chiropodists surgery. This has led to an increase in expenditure and is a matter which will have to be kept under review. The appointment of the County Councils own chiropodist for the area in 1970 may help to reverse this trend as he will be seeing patients at a number of County Council Clinics which may well be near enough to patients homes to enable them to attend his surgery, thus obviating the need for a domiciliary visit.

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Surgery	374	253	1,830	1,726	9	9	44	32
Home Visit	462	525	1,831	2,112	27	29	118	104

Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees 759 698

Number of cases in which County Council paid half fees 113 118

MID-CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

There were eighty children on role, the greater number being at the lower end of the School and it appears that this will be the pattern for the next few years. The appointment of a Nursery Attendant has been of great benefit to the infants as she has been able to relieve the teachers of considerable non-teaching duties.

The demountable classroom has been moved nearer to the main building to make room for an extension for two - five year old children. This new extension will be a most valuable addition to the Centre's facilities enabling children to benefit from early entry. Visits have been made by the School Medical Officer, Dental Officer and the Health Visitor as required and the Dental Surgeon at Cranage Hospital has offered his services when necessary. Parents have been delighted with the latter arrangement because of the difficulties which had been experienced previously in obtaining dental care for certain children.

Visits into the community are arranged as often as possible as part of the social training programme. Several functions were held during the year including a successful Sports Day with Altrincham Junior Training Centre. The majority of the children enjoyed a day at Belle Vue in the summer and as usual the Hall was filled to capacity for the Christmas Concert.

Children went to the baths between March and October and at the end of this period four could swim a width unaided. Provided that parental consent is obtained all the members of the top class and certain other children are given the opportunity of visiting the baths.

Successful parents evenings have been held each term and parents are very appreciative of these. In addition parents receive personal invitations to discuss their child with the teacher and supervisor, this being extremely beneficial to all concerned.

Adult Training Centre

Social education is now carried out on a one to one basis and it is hoped by this staffing ratio to accelerate the progress trainees make. Elementary cooking, budgeting and kitchen hygiene play an important part in the Centre programme and both sexes participate.

During May a party from the Centre enjoyed a week's holiday at Blackpool. This proved to be a huge success and a booking has already been made for June, 1970. Christmas festivities included a party provided by the Mid-Cheshire branch of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children and a very competent performance of the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' given by the trainees.

Swimming continued to be a popular activity during the summer months and it is pleasing to note that a large number of trainees have now developed a high standard of competence.

A new development during the year was the Adventure Outings which were initiated by the Area Mental Welfare Officer. These took place at a cottage in North Wales kindly loaned by the Cheshire Association of Boys Clubs. Two outings took place each with six mentally handicapped adolescents, the boys being assisted by two police cadets and the girls by three girls from Hartford County Secondary School. Each party was accompanied by a Mental Welfare Officer. The purpose was to encourage a degree of independence under somewhat difficult conditions by getting the participants to plan and cook their own meals, shopping etc. taking part in walks and entertaining themselves in the evenings. The outings were greatly enjoyed and it is hoped to organise something similar again next year. The arrangements were made in co-operation with the Mid-Cheshire Branch of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children, the Cheshire Association of Boys Clubs and the Northwich & District Youth Club.

During 1969 trading activities increased and continued to provide a basis for instruction in the acquisition of good social and work habits. Types of work undertaken include plastic toy assembly and packing, assembly of quality wooden toys, electrical components, manufacture of wood forts and the jointing of foam carpet underlay.

Community & Domiciliary Services

The membership of the Social Club for the Mentally Handicapped which is held at the Northwich & District Youth Centre has now reached 46. Many voluntary bodies continue to provide transport and young people in the area give of their time to help at the club. It is interesting to note in this connection that five Ranger guides are fulfilling their services in the community as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award by helping. Towards the end of the year the club lost the services of the Full-time Youth Leader, Mr. P. Belk, who left to take up an appointment in Derbyshire. Mr. Belk who has shared the leadership of the club with Mr. Davies one of the Mental Welfare Officers gave valuable service in the running of the club and organising the programme.

The Mental Welfare Officers work closely with the Psychiatrists of the Hospital service and also with General Practitioners. During the year they dealt with 95 new referrals from Psychiatrists and 121 new referrals from General Practitioners. In conjunction with the General Practioner and other social workers their work is primarily concerned with alleviating problems of a social nature which might be contributing to the poor functioning or illness of an individual or family. Practical and material help is often given and many voluntary societies have been of assistance when people who are socially isolated have been helped.

Within the Health Department the Mental Welfare Officer needs to be frequently in touch with the Health Visitors, District Nurses and Public Health Inspectors; he works too as part of a team with the Children's and Welfare Departments, Department of Labour and Productivity and Department of Health & Social Security. Within this frame-work regular case discussions and conferences are held so that the right kind of help can be determined and given immediately to each case referred.

The Russett Friendship Club held at Weaverhom continues to meet the social needs of those who have had a mervous disorder and a measure of the success of this club lies in the fact that the club now meets weekly at the Clinic premises on a Monday and has a membership of thirty one.

APPENDIX

HEALTH SERVICES

Details of Clubs etc. for the Physically Handicapped - further information being available on request from the Divisional Medical Officer:-

Handicrafts Social Club Music & Art Swimming Work Centre

Information concerning Cervical Smear Clinics, Domestic Help Service, Chiropody Treatment, Convalescence, Vaccination and Immunisation and services for the Physically Handicapped is also obtainable from the Divisional Medical Office, Tel. No. Northwich 74251/2.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER

Mr. G. H. Howard, C.S.W. Brunner Guildhall, High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 3346 and Winsford 3787

Details of Clubs etc. for the Mentally Handicapped - further information being available from Mr. Howard:-

Thursday Club - Northwich & District Youth Centre, Winnington Hill, Northwich (Weekly).

Play Group - Junior Training Centre, David Street, Northwich. (Monthly).

Russett Social Club - Weaverham Clinic, Church Lane, Weaverham. (Weekly).

Area Welfare Officer

Miss J. Scott, Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich Tel. No. Northwich 3951

Area Children's Officer Children's Department. Mr. R. T. Needham, Winnington House, Northwich Tel. No. Northwich 75243

Chief Public Health Inspectors:-

Mr. J. S. Carrie,
Northwich Rural District Council,
Council Offices, Whitehall,
Hartford, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 74274

Mr. T. H. Rogerson, Winsford Urban District Council, Over Hall, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2021

Mr. T. Baines, Northwich Urban District Council, The Council House, Church Road, Northwich.

Tel. No. Northwich 2334

Mr. F. C. Costello, Middlewich Urban District Council, Lewin Street, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 2571

Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson, 'Little Moss', Cinder Hill, Whitegate, Northwich.

Tel. No. Sandiway 2215

N.S.P.C.C.

Inspector A. R. Moores, 12 Moss Road, Winnington, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 74134

Moral Welfare

Miss E. M. Mann, 98 St. Georges Road, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2684

Darland House, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Monday a.m. and Thursday a.m. Tel. No. Northwich 74643

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association Clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Information regarding this service should be requested from:

Northwich Urban District

The Centre Organiser (Mrs. J. Stott), Home Address - The Laurels, Norley Road, Cuddington. Tel. No. Sandiway 3361

Northwich Rural District

The Centre Organiser (Mrs. M. Crill), Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge, Northwich. Tel. No. Weaverham 3147

Winsford Urban District

The Centre Organiser, (Mrs. F. C. Heaton) W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2427

Middlewich Urban District Mrs. R. W. Drake, (Meals-on-Wheels Office), Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 3232.

Northwich Branch, Children

Mrs. G. Preece, Society for Mentally Handicapped 61 Bradbury Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held as follows:-

- (a) Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Davenham, Sandiway and Hartford.
- (b) Middlewich.
- (c) Winsford.

Applications to:-

- (a) Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393
- (b) Miss Barry, 77 King Street, Middlewich, Tel. No. Middlewich 2657
- (c) Mrs. F. C. Heaton, W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2427.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Council of Social Service and Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Citizens Advice Bureau, Witton Street, Northwich. Northwich.

Tel. No. Northwich 2393

Citizens Advice Bureau, Winsford.

Mrs. Gott, Town Bridge, 2 High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2706

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS

Barnton Old Friends' Club, Mrs. Seabury, Lydyett Lane, Barnton

Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Mrs. Shaw, Northwich.

Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Mrs. Kellett, Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, 'Freeleen', M Northwich.

Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.

Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich. Street, Northwich.

Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham, Northwich.

Hartford, Northwich.

Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Mrs. Simpson, Farm of the Good Shepherd, 3 Lower Darwin Street, Castle, Leftwich, Northwich.

Northwich.

Moulton Old Friends' Club, Mrs. Corwood, Northwich.

Northwich Pensioners' Association, Mr. Hornbuckle, Gladstone Club, Northwich.

Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Mrs. Stubbs, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.

Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham, Northwich.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Mrs. Leadbeater, Whitegate Recreation Club, Whitegate, Northwich.

Wincham Old Friends' Club, Wincham Church School, Wincham, Northwich.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club, Mrs. Skellon, Bourne Methodist School Room, 46 Victoria Road, Northwich. Witton Street, Northwich.

Winnington House Veterans' Club, Mr. Hatton, Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich

Golden Years, Air Cadets Headquarters, Mrs. Croft, Off Queen Street, Northwich. (19)

- 16 Broadway, Barnton, Northwich.

Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, 7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich.

'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach, Northwich.

Mrs. Tomkinson, 'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich.

Mrs. Edwards, Abbey Way, Hartford, Northwich.

Mrs. Rowe, Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields, 29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.

Hartford Over 60's Club, Mrs. Sinclair, Hartford Church Hall, Malvern, Heyshams Avenue, Hartford, Northwich.

Northwich.

Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Mrs. Morris,
Lostock Social Club, Lostock, 3 Prospect Drive, Davenham, Northwich.

Moulton Church Hall, Moulton, Mere Bank House, Davenham, Northwich.

3 St. John's Close, Rudheath, Northwich

'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.

Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley.

Mrs. Marshall, 56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham, Northwich.

'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate, Northwich.

Miss Atherton, Green Lane, Wincham, Northwich.

'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane, Barnton, Northwich.

403 London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

Over 60's Club, The Institute, Mrs. M. Hall, Queen Street. Middlewich 75 Nantwich R Queen Street, Middlewich

75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

Darby & Joan Club,

Darby & Joan Club, Mrs. J. Hulse, Willow Wood Community Centre, 221 Crook Lane, Winsford. Winsford.

Evergreen Club, The Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.

Darby & Joan Club, Mrs. J. Hulse, Grange Court, Winsford. 221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

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Mrs. M. Coyne, 38 Moss Bank, Winsford.

Monday Club,
Willow Wood Community Centre,
Wharton, Winsford.

Mrs. Marshall,
'Wersencroft House', Crook Lane,
Winsford.



