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URBAN DISTRICT OF NORTHWICH



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968

by the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Divisional Medical Officer,
David Street,
Castle,
NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.



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Hartford Hill,
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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Northwich Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

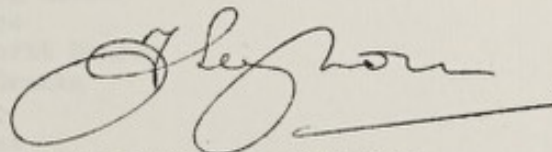
I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1968.

For the information of Members I have attached as an appendix my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I would once again like to express my appreciation to Mr. Baines, the staff of the Public Health Department and the Council's Chief Officers for their co-operation and help during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1969.

THE HEALTH OF CANADA

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Ottawa,
Ontario

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To: The Minister and Members of the
Privy Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to present the annual report on the
environmental health and safety activities of the Council's
departments for the year 1975.

The information of Health Canada I have attached as an
appendix of annual reports to the National Health Commission.

I would urge you to express your appreciation to
Mr. Wilson, the Minister of Health, and the
Council's Chief Officer for their co-operation and help during
the year.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

Minister of Health

March 1976

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICS

	Year	
	1967	1968
Population (estimated mid-year)	19,130	19,090
Area (acres of district)	2,636	2,636
Rateable Value of area as at 1.4.68.	£1,574,405	£1,587,765
Product of a Penny Rate (estimated)	£6,400	£6,435
Number of inhabited dwellings	6,552	6,570

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	121	122	243
Illegitimate	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>
	130	129	259

		<u>England & Wales</u>
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 population	13.6	-
*Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1000 population (Comparability Factor 1.06)	14.4	16.9
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births	6.2	-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still Births</u>	6	2	8
<u>Live and Still Births</u>	136	131	267
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> - per 1000 total live and still births	...	30.0	14.0

Deaths of Infants Under
1 year of age

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	4	1	5

* See Page 2

Infant Mortality RatesEngland
& Wales

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	19	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks) per 1000 total live births	4	12.3
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week) per 1000 total live births	4	10.5
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	34	25.0
Deaths due to Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	Nil	-

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
All Causes	161	132	293	
Death Rate per 1000 population			15.3	
*Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population (Comparability Factor 0.98)			15.0	11.9

*NOTE The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Bacillary Dysentery, Amoebiasis	1	-	1
2. Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	1	1
3. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-	2
4. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
5. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	5	3	8
6. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	18	2	20
7. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	1	1
8. Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	2	2
9. Leukaemia	2	1	3
10. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	16	7	23
11. Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
12. Anaemias	-	1	1
13. Mental Disorders	-	3	3
14. Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	2	1	3
15. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
16. Hypertensive Disease	5	3	8
17. Ischaemic Heart Disease	42	25	67
18. Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	23	30
19. Cerebrovascular Disease	17	24	41
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	8	12
21. Pneumonia	13	3	16
22. Bronchitis and Emphysema	11	3	14
23. Asthma	1	-	1
24. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	2	5

Causes of Death (continued)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
25. Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
26. Appendicitis	-	1	1
27. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
28. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
29. Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
30. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
31. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
32. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	3	4
33. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
34. Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	2	2
35. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2
36. All Other Accidents	2	2	4
37. All Other External Causes	1	-	1
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Totals	161	132	293
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SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area are given in the Appendix to this Report, and further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer at the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Northwich Urban District lies within the Manchester Regional Hospital Board's area, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester 8.

(3) GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

The District lies within the area of the Cheshire Executive Council, whose offices are at 28, Nicholas Street, Chester. Telephone No. Chester 23158.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone Number - Northwich 3355.

S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

Section 47

Under this Section when persons (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, and (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention, the local authority may apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an Order to remove the person to a suitable place.

With regard to the expeditious procedure as laid down in the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, the Medical Officer of Health or any duly qualified person acting for the Medical Officer of Health is authorised by the Council to make the requisite application to a Justice of the Peace.

Section 50

Under this Section the District Council has the duty to arrange for the burial of any person who has died in their area, if no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made.

It was not necessary to take any action under either Sections during the year.

S E C T I O N I V

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1967 and 1968 :-

DISEASE	Cases Notified	
	1967	1968
Dysentery	9	10
Measles	210	104
Scarlet Fever	12	5
Whooping Cough	19	1
Pneumonia	2	2
Food Poisoning	-	2
Pulmonary T.B.	1	-
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	2

INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS

Two cases occurred in the Leftwich area during October, 1968.

DYSENTERY

The cases occurred in two separate family outbreaks.

NON-PULMONARY T.B.

This was a case of Cervical Adenitis in a man aged 51 yrs.

FOOD POISONING - Salmonella Typhi-Murium

The first case was notified in January. In addition to the notified case several members of the family were found to be carrying the organism. It was possible that some bought cooked pork was the source of infection but due to the interval between the onset of symptoms and final diagnosis it was not possible to confirm this.

The second case was also notified some time after the date of onset, again due to the difficulties in arriving at a firm diagnosis. It would appear that the original episode was part of a food poisoning incident affecting the other members of the family.

S E C T I O N V

SANITARY INSPECTION AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Housing Inspection

Number of visits and revisits to houses under Public Health Acts	710
Number of visits and revisits to houses under Housing Acts	652
Visits to houses under Rent Acts	-
Visits to houses in connection with Improvement Grants	178
Drain Tests	18

Inspection of Food and Food Premises

Visits to Butchers' Shops	62
Visits to Fish Shops	18
Visits to Grocers' Shops	142
Visits to Ice-Cream Premises	33
Visits to Restaurants and Canteens	51
Visits to Bakehouses and Confectioners	16
Visits to Milk Distributors	15
Visits to Slaughterhouses	813
Visits to Market Stalls and Supermarkets	659
Visits to Greengrocers	9
Visits to Licensed Premises	9
Inspection of Food Vans	20

Infectious Disease, Rodent and Vermin

Number of houses inspected for vermin	9
Number of houses disinfested	9
Visits and revisits in connection with disinfection	38
Visits where infectious disease has occurred	132
Properties treated for Rodent Control	194

Other Visits

Visits and Inspections of Factories	31
Visits in connection with the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	249
Interviews	440
Miscellaneous Visits	152
Visits and Observations re Atmospheric Pollution	22
Hairdressers and Barbers	35
Visits and Inspections re Refuse Collection and Disposal	341
Visits to Moveable Dwellings (Caravans)	10
Civic Amenities Act	18

(1) WATER SUPPLY

Supplied by : Mid & South East Cheshire Water Board,
The Grange,
Hartford.
Tel. No. Northwich 74263

No. of Samples of Water By Water Board - 27 (Satisfactory)
Taken during the Year By Northwich U.D.C. - 1 (Satisfactory)

Quantity Satisfactory

Quality Satisfactory

Plumbo-Solvent Action None

*Lead Determinations after
16-hour contact period 0.054 parts per million

P H Value 7.9

Dwellings served by
stand-pipes Nil

*Samples of water were taken from areas where there are lead feed pipes. These samples were taken to ascertain the concentration of lead in the water supply after a period of contact with the lead pipe. The limit of lead concentration recommended after 16 hours contact by the World Health Organisation is 0.3 parts per million.

(2) SWIMMING BATHS

The attendances at the public swimming baths numbered 123,997, and the revenue was £4,386. 9s. 7d. In addition to the general public the baths are used by the schools, training centres for the Mentally Handicapped and the Club for the Physically Handicapped.

In the hot baths section there are four baths; 1,219 people used them during the year.

The sample of swimming bath water taken for bacteriological examination was satisfactory. Daily estimations of chlorine levels are made by the Baths Manager.

Paddling Pool - Church Walk

This amenity was in full use during the summer months. It is filled and emptied twice weekly and twice daily the water is treated with sodium hypochlorite solution.

(3) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The design for the collection of sewage from the Western side of the River Weaver has been completed and loan sanction is being requested. The sewage will be transferred under the River Weaver into the new sewerage system in High Street being received at Dock Road and pumped to Wällerscote Sewage Disposal Works. Design of the relief sewers to be constructed in the Appleton Street area, Darwin Street, Chester Road area, London Road area and Middlewich Road is proceeding and it is anticipated that construction work upon these sewers will commence in 1969/70.

(4) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There is still a chemical closet in the district but this is in an area where there is no access to the public sewers.

(5) REFUSE COLLECTION

A regular weekly service was maintained throughout the district. Difficulties still exist in the type of labour available for this work and in the absence of a national policy for higher wages various types of incentive bonuses have to be considered.

It has been the policy of the Council for many years to remove free of charge all types of refuse from houses, with the exception of builders' rubble. Perhaps as a result of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, householders are using this service to an increasing extent. This is, of course, to be applauded and was the intention of the Act, but its very success is creating a problem for the refuse collection service.

The collection and sale of waste paper remains fairly constant but there are indications that the development of the new shopping precinct will increase the amount to be collected.

The amount of salvage sold during the year was :-

	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Total Paper Salvage :	568.	11.	3.	5472.	0.	9.

It should be emphasised that selling waste paper is a far better proposition than trying to dispose of nearly 600 tons of this type of material on to a refuse tip.

Dustbins are provided to dwelling houses as a charge to the rate fund, and one dustbin is supplied to each dwelling house. During 1968 almost 500 dustbins were provided as renewals.

(6) DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The refuse tip is situated off the new Warrington Road and an annual rent is paid for its use. Although there is reasonable tipping space available the amount will be decreased as part of the area will be required for a new road. Another area of land for tipping is in the ownership of the Council so that there are no immediate problems in this respect.

Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping and whilst on occasions difficulties arose through a breakdown of plant, in the main conditions were satisfactory.

One of the problems of the disposal of refuse is the changing contents of matter collected; nowadays this consists of a large proportion of plastic and polythene, these being materials which do not decompose or deteriorate.

(7) CANAL BOATS

There are 40 canal boats registered with the Authority.

(8) LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

There are no licensed sites and there has been little unauthorised parking. There is an area in Northwich which is used by the show people whilst passing through Northwich or when resting between seasons. No trouble arose on this site as it is well conducted, the people concerned being members of the Showmans' Guild who have strict rules on this matter. There is a possibility that this site will be used for other purposes and it would then be necessary for the members of the Showmans' Guild to find an alternative site.

(9) CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

In addition to people becoming more refuse disposal conscious as a result of the above Act, the question of the disposal of derelict cars has come very much to the fore. It has been possible to arrange with a local car breaker to collect any vehicles and dispose of them without cost. Up to the present time this has proved a satisfactory arrangement.

(10) PEST CONTROL

With the change of the title of the Mid-Cheshire Workable Area Committee on Rodent Control to the Pest Liaison Committee the subject of rats and insects is dealt with under this heading.

During the year it was possible to obtain a person very suited to this type of work. With the introduction of new poisons and insecticides greater care is necessary, and, as was referred to in last year's Report, the operator carrying out this work requires sufficient intelligence to be aware of the dangers of the poisons and insecticides which he is handling.

There has been nothing of note in this aspect of work; regular treatment being given in all cases of rats or mice infestation, and in the case of insects advice and free treatment was given where necessary.

The refuse tip was sprayed regularly throughout the summer months to combat any fly infestations.

Treatment was given at premises in respect of the following infestations :-

Flies	...	...	1
Beetles	...	...	1
Bed Bugs	...	...	3
Wasps Nests	...	...	2
Bees (Swarm)	...	...	1

Details of inspections in respect of rodent control during 1968 are given below :-

RODENT CONTROL DURING 1968

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
<u>Properties other than sewers</u>		
1. Number of properties in district	8072	10
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	182	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	106	-
(ii) Mice	54	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	12	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	6	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

(11) RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLINGS MATERIALS ACT, 1951

One factory is registered under the above Act and the standard continues to be satisfactory.

(12) PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are four premises licensed under this Act; all are regularly inspected and conditions are satisfactory.

(13) HAIRDRESSERS' PREMISES

The number of hairdressers and barbers within the Urban District is 41. The Cheshire County Council Act, 1968 makes no provision for the registration of hairdressers and barbers. It is possible that in 1969 new Bye-Laws will be made which will replace the ones made under the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953.

(14) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There has been no appreciable change in the circumstances in connection with clean air, although there is a gradual increase in the number of properties being converted to smokeless means of heating.

As anticipated in last year's report steam engines were replaced by diesel and, in consequence, the smoke problem which has existed for many years around Northwich railway station has been solved.

An attempt was also made during the year to consider the setting up of smoke control areas but in view of the present economic position the Ministry of Housing and Local Government asked the Council not to proceed with the proposals.

It was necessary during the year to meet, in company with H.M. Alkali Inspector, the management of a local chemical industry in connection with grit emission, and investigations showed that some repairs and overhaul of plant was necessary. This was immediately put in hand and it was agreed that all plant should be checked from time to time to ensure that maximum efficiency was maintained.

(15) MORTUARY

The mortuary is available for the Northwich Urban District and for certain adjoining parishes in the Rural District.

Admission for deaths occurring in other than normal circumstances is under the authority of the police and during the year 54 such admissions were made.

The chapel in the mortuary is used as a Chapel of Rest, flowers being provided from the Council's Parks Department. This is a facility which is greatly appreciated by those who have insufficient facilities at home to keep a body pending internment. There were 89 such admissions during the year.

(16) FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The main source of employment in Northwich is at the various chemical works which are owned by I.C.I. Ltd. The other industries include a steel works, leather works and clothing factories.

FACTORIES INSPECTION

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with no mechanical power)	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (Factories with mechanical power)	84	27	1	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (Excluding outworkers' premises)	23	4	-	-
TOTALS	107	31	1	

2. Cases in which Defects were found

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature(S.3)	-	1	-	1	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	3	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	5	-	4	-

Outworkers

During 1968 no one was employed as an outworker in the Northwich Urban District.

(17) SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Act is administered by the Northwich Urban District Council as agents for the Cheshire County Council as regards closing hours, etc.

(18) OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There has been little change during the year in connection with this legislation.

One complaint was received regarding the temperature at one shop. This was quickly remedied, being mainly due to extreme weather conditions at the time.

There were five accidents reported, all of which were of a minor nature. In most cases they were not caused by working conditions.

Table AREGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of Registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during year
Offices	3	76	27
Retail Shops	9	209	158
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	11	11
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	6	25	16
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	-
Totals	19	324	212

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds (including General Inspections) to Registered Premises ... 249

Table C

Analysis by Workplace of persons employed in Registered Premises at End of Year

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices	1598
Retail Shops	938
Wholesale depots, Warehouses	86
Catering establishments open to the public	148
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots	26
Total	2820
Total Males	1227
Total Females	1593

Table D

EXEMPTIONS

Part I	<u>SPACE:</u>	There were no applications for exemption in this category made or refused during the year in any class of premises
Part II	<u>TEMPERATURE:</u>	- do -
Part III	<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES:</u>	- do -
Part IV	<u>WASHING FACILITIES:</u>	- do -

Table E

PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

Table F

INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	... ..	3
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	... ..	Nil

(19) COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses within the Urban District.

(20) SLUM CLEARANCE

The Church Road, Paradise Street, Witton Street and Forest Street area referred to in the 1967 Annual Report and referred to as "The Triangle", was represented by eight clearance areas and ultimately became part of a proposed Compulsory Purchase Order.

The rehousing of people in the Urban District of Northwich Castle No.1 Compulsory Purchase Order, which was confirmed in August, 1966, has been disappointing due to the lack of houses available to rehouse the residents. It should be emphasised that the slum clearance problem in Northwich will not be satisfactorily dealt with until there is a site available upon which sufficient houses can be provided. Until the Council can undertake to rehouse the residents in the existing areas of unfit houses it is not possible for the department to deal adequately with this pressing problem. The unfit property referred to is not considered suitable to be dealt with by improvement areas as the amount of repairs necessary before improvements can take place would make the cost prohibitive for the results which could be achieved.

(21) INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

Four houses were represented as individual unfit houses; all were subject to Closing Orders.

One house was demolished and one Closing Order was revoked after the house had been repaired and made fit in accordance with the standards laid down in the Housing Act, 1957.

(22) GRANTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLD HOUSES

Although Improvement Grants are encouraged by the local authority the number of applicants for the improvement of houses, usually owner-occupied, is disappointing. Consequently substantial numbers of houses which lend themselves to improvement are not being dealt with. It is hoped that the proposed legislation for the making of Improvement Areas will solve this problem as there are many areas in Northwich which lend themselves to improvement. Although in some cases large amounts of money may have to be expended it will be considerably cheaper than allowing the houses to deteriorate to such an extent that they have to be replaced with new property. It is hoped that such legislation will speedily be enacted. It will give the authority an opportunity to prevent the deterioration of a substantial number of houses which will otherwise become slums.

Details are given below of the number of standard and discretionary grants given in 1968.

Standard Grants

Number of applications approved during 1968	...	...	19
Number of Improvements completed during 1968	...	...	12
Amount paid in Grants	...	...	£1670

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications approved during 1968	...	...	11
Number of Improvements completed during 1968	...	...	5
Total amount of Grants approved	...	...	£2983

(23) RENT ACT

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair during 1968.

(24) COUNCIL HOUSES IN NORTHWICH

The position with regard to dwelling accommodation provided by the Northwich Urban District Council is based on information from the Housing Department. The position on 5th April, 1968, was as follows:-

<u>Types of Accommodation</u>	<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post War</u>	<u>Purchased Properties</u>	<u>Total</u>
Houses - 1 Bedroom	14	-	-	14
- 2 Bedroom	24	322	35 (a)	381
- 3 Bedroom	208	863	12 (b)	1083
- 4 Bedroom	25	24	3 (c)	52
- 5 Bedroom	-	5	-	5
- 6 Bedroom	14	-	-	14
Flats - 1 Bedroom	-	10	4	14
- 2 Bedroom	-	34 (d)	2	36
- 3 Bedroom	-	11 (e)	-	11
- 4 Bedroom	-	4 (f)	-	4
Bungalows - 1 Bedroom	-	67	-	67
- 2 Bedroom	-	175	-	175
- 3 Bedroom	-	3	-	3
Temporary Bungalows - 2 Bedroom	-	50	-	50
	285	1568	56	1909

- Notes : (a) Includes 20 houses for demolition
(b) Includes 4 houses for demolition
(c) Includes 2 houses for demolition
(d) Includes 4 2-Bed Flats over shops
(e) Includes 12 3-Bed Flats over shops
(f) Includes 3 4-Bed Flats over shops

The waiting list of applicants for Council accommodation numbered 559 in December, 1968, and the accommodation required by these applicants is as follows :-

80 persons requiring flats or bungalows
123 persons requiring two bedroomed houses
228 persons requiring three bedroomed houses
128 single persons requiring flats or bungalows

During the year the following types of houses were erected in the Urban District :-

19 dwellings built by private enterprise
10 dwellings built by Local Authority

SECTION VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) MILK

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

The number of distributors of milk in the Urban District is 51 and no milk is produced within the boundaries.

The duties of milk sampling are carried out by the Cheshire County Council since they are responsible for the licensing of distributors in respect of Special Designated Milk.

The following table shows the results of tests on samples of milk taken by the County Council sampling officers.

Type of Test	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Methylene Blue	251	8
2. Phosphatase	55	-
3. Turbidity	-	-

1. Measures the keeping quality of milk
2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process
3. Measures the efficiency of the Sterilising process

(2) ICE-CREAM

Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1959

10 samples were taken during the year and of these 5 were placed in Grade 1 and 5 samples in Grade 2.

(3) COOKED MEAT PRODUCTS

Of the 17 samples of the various meat products which were taken during the year only two were considered as not being entirely satisfactory.

(4) DEEP FREEZE FOOD FACILITIES

An increasing number of deep freeze cabinets are being provided in food shops. Properly used they are a valuable source of safe, high-quality food. Unfortunately it is too often the case that the cabinets are overloaded and consequently the food above the load-line thaws out. Such carelessness is to be deplored - at the very least the quality of the food deteriorates and it will not keep as long as the housewife can reasonably expect. More seriously, food poisoning organisms, if present, can increase in number. Although on occasions customers disturb the distribution of food in these cabinets, it is the responsibility of the management to maintain adequate supervision.

(5) REGISTRATION OF PREMISES USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE OR SALE OF FOOD UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Purpose for which Registered	Premises on Register 1967	Added to Register 1968	Removed from Register 1968	Total on Register 1968
Sale and storage of Ice-Cream	80	3	12	71
Manufacture of Ice-Cream	1	-	-	1
Manufacture of Preserved foods, etc. (Mainly sausages, brawn and potted meat)	12	2	1	13
Fish Frying	10	-	-	10
Totals	103	5	13	95

(6) SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

The three private slaughterhouses in Northwich continue in regular use and the conditions are satisfactory. Two possess chilling rooms adjacent to the slaughter hall and the third has good facilities for the cooling of carcasses. These slaughterhouses are regularly inspected by a Veterinary Officer from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(7) MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

100% meat inspection continues to be maintained and all carcasses and offal are inspected during and immediately after slaughter.

The normal hours of slaughtering are :-

Monday to Friday - 8.30.a.m. to 5.30.p.m.
Saturday - 7.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m.
Sunday - No slaughtering

Occasions do arise through the breakdown of transport vehicles or plant at the slaughterhouses which necessitates a temporary extension of the slaughtering hours.

The standard and quality of meat is most impressive from animals slaughtered and sold in Northwich, and the amount of meat condemned is extremely small. Again the only evidence of tuberculosis was in pigs and the percentage of that was extremely low in 1967, and is further reduced in 1968.

The new Regulation (40 (a)) of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1966, prohibiting the use of wiping cloths came into force on the 1st November, 1968. This has been implemented without difficulty by the butchers and in addition to the sprays for the spraying of meat they have provided disposable paper cloths which are used for one carcass only. These have proved satisfactory and although legislation does not provide for this method there is no legislation to prevent it. From a practical point of view it is necessary in certain cases to have a disposable wiping cloth in addition to the sole use of a spray.

813 visits were made for meat inspection purposes and the following table gives the number of animals slaughtered, together with details of the post-mortem inspection.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	777	152	47	3042	2796
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	2	7	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	121	59	-	229	63
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis or cysticerci	15.57%	38.81%	4.25%	7.75%	2.28%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.17%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
	-	-	-	-	-

(8) CONDEMNATION OF MEAT

The total weight of meat condemned was 2 tons 3 cwts 1 qr. 20 lbs., and this was disposed of to reputable firms for processing.

(9) SLAUGHTERMEN'S LICENCES

The number of licensed slaughtermen in the district at the end of the year is 9.

(10) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Although the standard of food hygiene can be said to be reasonably satisfactory it is essential that the frequency of inspections of food premises be increased and the Food Hygiene Regulations fully implemented.

Section 25 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, requires that certain foods that have been cooked are kept at a temperature either above 145° or below 50° F. This however does not apply to food which is exposed for sale. This means that Rotisserie cooked chickens can be exposed for sale in a shop window. If the chicken has not been thoroughly cooked this is a potentially dangerous practice, and undoubtedly the Regulations require amendment.

More food premises are being opened in the new shopping precinct and difficulties do arise because the premises are built to a standard type and modifications to comply with the Food Regulations are not always easy.

Category	No. of Premises	No. of prem. complying with Reg.16	No. of Prem to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of Prem Complying with Reg. 19
Cafes	11	11	11	11
Clubs	9	9	9	9
Butchers Shops	22	22	22	22
Sweets & Tobacco, Newsagents	23	23	-	-
Grocers	52	52	49	49
Grocers with Outdoor Licences	8	8	-	-
Greengrocers	15	14	15	14
Fish & Chip Shops	10	10	10	10
Wet Fish Shops	4	4	4	4
Bakehouses and Confectioners Shops	19	18	19	19
Licensed Premises	22	22	22	22
Canteens	22	22	22	22

(11) CONDEMNATION OF FOOD

A list of food condemned in 1968 is given below. This food was voluntarily surrendered by the food trades involved, and, after inspection and certification by the Inspectors, was collected and after treatment with disinfectant, buried on the refuse tip.

The amount of food involved in 1968 was 3 tons 8 cwts 2 qrs. 27 lbs. and was made up as follows :-

Tins of Ham and Tongue	...	...	383 lbs.
Other Tinned Meats	...	...	382 lbs.
Assorted Tinned Foods	...	...	1007 lbs.
Miscellaneous Foods	...	...	601 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	331 lbs.
Butter	...	...	102 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	358 lbs.
Frozen Foods	...	...	2187 lbs.
Chocolates, Sweets	...	...	290 lbs.
Biscuits	...	...	333 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	1010 lbs.
Sausages	...	...	149 lbs.
Dairy Cream	...	...	91 lbs.
Meat Pies	...	...	132 lbs.
Yoghurt	...	...	71 lbs.
Chickens	...	...	272 lbs.
		Total	7699 lbs.

(12) BAKEHOUSES

There are 12 bakehouses in the district and they are satisfactory.

(13) OTHER FOODS

The Cheshire County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors obtained 98 samples of food in the Northwich Urban District during 1968. Of these five samples were submitted by private purchasers, and I give below details of samples which were not up to standard.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Results of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Raspberry Trifle	Contaminated with dirt resembling a lubricant	Confectioners fined £15. Costs £14.16.0d.
Cheese & Onion Pie	Contained area of mould $\frac{1}{2}$ " in dia. on surface of potato consisting mainly of penicillin	Seller cautioned
N.Z. Cheddar Cheese	Contained dark matter consisting of cheese in a dried condition that was infested with wild yeasts	Retailers cautioned.
Plums	Maggots in plums	Suppliers cautioned
Loaf of Bread	Sliced loaf of bread containing part of a knife blade	Bakers fined £20.

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April, 1969

Dear Sirs,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report to the Members of the
Divisional Health Committee for 1968.

The year has seen the appointment of an Area Medical Officer
responsible for the day to day administration of the Health Services in
the District, the re-organisation of the Health Services and the delegation of the
control of the services of the various divisions of the County Health Authority
to the

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

It is my duty to report on the progress of the Health Services in improving all the
services and the most needs to be done during the coming year.
During the year attention has been given to the Divisional
Health Services in cooperation with the other divisions of the County Health Authority
in carrying out the following:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR 1968

Your obedient servant,



April, 1969.

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Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

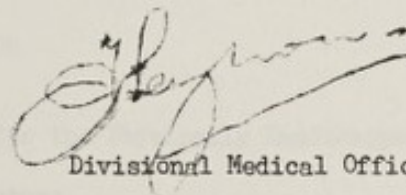
I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Divisional Health Department during 1968.

The year has seen the appointment of an Area Nursing Officer responsible for the day to day administration of the Nursing Services in the Runcorn, Mid-Cheshire and Nantwich Divisions and the delegation to the Divisional Medical Officer of the responsibility for the co-ordination of the work of the members of the various sections of the County Health Department in the Division.

Liaison with other Health and Social services is improving all the time and the bond should be even closer when, during the coming year, Nursing Staff are attached to General Practitioners and the Divisional Medical Office moves to the Joint Accommodation block in Northwich in company with the Childrens, Education and Welfare Departments.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,



Divisional Medical Officer

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April, 1955

Robert G. Johnson, M.D., Director

I have pleasure in presenting to you the report on the work of the
Division of Public Health during 1954.

The year has seen the appointment of an Area Health Officer
responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Division in
the various, Mid-Central and Eastern Divisions and the delegation of
the Divisional Health Officer of the responsibility for the co-ordination
of the work of the members of the various sections of the State Health
Department in the Division.

Working with their Health and Social Services in reviewing all the
work and the need to be even closer than in the past year,
Health Staff are attached to General Practitioners and the Divisional
Health Officer moves to the total organization level in working in
cooperation with the Children, Education and Welfare Department.

I am,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,


Divisional Health Officer

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Domestic Help Supervisors	-	Mrs.K.M.Pointon.
	-	Mrs.A.Wood
Part-time Occupational Therapists	-	Mrs.F.Ledson, M.S.A.O.T.
	-	Miss S.V.Rigg. S.R.M., A.O.T.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Superintendent	-	Mr.H. Boocock, N.A.M.H. Dip., T.M.H.
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JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Supervisor	-	Mrs.F.O.Moore, T.M.H.
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Divisional Medical Office	-	Tel.Northwich 74251/2
Adult Training Centre	-	Tel.Northwich 75100
Junior Training Centre	-	Tel.Northwich 74398

DISTRICT NURSES / MIDWIVES

Barnton	Mrs. S.M.Dorling, 30 Hayes Drive, Barnton.	Northwich 74080
Castle	*Mrs. P.M.Waterman, Lingmel, Chester Road, G/bank.	Northwich 74544
Delamere		
Davenham	Miss M.Buckley, 437 London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027
Gt.Budworth	Mrs.E.Burgess, Dunkerry, Gibb Hill, Antrobus	Comberbach 400
Hartford	*Mrs.S.Lancaster, 12 Riddings Lane, Hartford.	Northwich 75685
Little Leigh	Miss E.M.Fishwick, 14 Brakeley Lane, Little Leigh	Comberbach 275
Lostock		
Gralam	*Mrs. L.M. Newsome, 20 Mere Road, Marston.	Comberbach 425
Marston	Mrs.W.Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638
Middlewich	Mrs.M.Taylor, 32 Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350
	Mrs.V.M.Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston.	Middlewich 2174
Moulton	Miss V.R.Watts, 21 Eaton View, Moulton.	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss J.Rigby, The Cottage, Glebe Rd., Cuddington.	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs.M.Stewart, 10 Eaton Road, Tarporley	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	*Mrs.M.J.Jackson, 9 West Road, Weaverham.	Weaverham 2278
	Mrs.A.Webster, "sarnia", Cartledge Close, Cuddington.	Sandiway 2513
Winsford.	Mrs. N.M.Haynes, 32 Beechfield, Moulton.	Northwich Winsford.2857
	Mrs.Thompson, 15 Townfield Crescent, Winsford.	Winsford 2519
	*Mrs.F.Andrews, 37 John Street, Winsford.	Winsford 2837
	*Mrs.J.Meadows, 8 Dee Way, Winsford.	
Witton	*Mrs.P.E.Edwards, 11 Woodlands Road, Hartford.	Northwich 74588
Male Nurse	*Mr. W.Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton & Little Leigh	*Mrs.M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton.	
Middlewich	Miss G.M. Magee, 62 Sutton Oaks, Homes Chapel.	
Weaverham	*Mrs.D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford.	Northwich 75097
Witton	*Mrs. G.Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich	Northwich 75049

* Indicates District Nurse only.

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Mrs.D.J.Bailey, 11 Croxton Way, Hartford.	Northwich 75787
Weaverham	Mrs. R. Twiss, Epworth Cottage, Beech Rd. Hartford.	Northwich 74010
Winnington & Northwich	Miss D.I. Price, 38 Water Street, Northwich	Northwich 2314
Winsford	Mrs. J. Cross, 17 Conway Avenue, Winsford.	
	Miss I.A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford.	Winsford 2548
	Miss P.M. Jones, 8 Wellfield,Wharton Rd., 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 - Mr. G.R.Collins. 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.E.E.Conlin and Mrs. Robertshaw.

Dentist Mr. G.R.Cellins.

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 and Friday a.m. and p.m.

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

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman

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

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beach Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M.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 - Miss M.K. Murray.

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

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I.Harris.

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

MIDDLEWICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich. Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourley.

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, p.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.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs.M. Brown

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

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman and Miss M.K.Murray

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Immunisation Sessions - 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Midwives Clinic - Monday a.m.

PARKFIELD CLINIC, Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel : Northwich 2186

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 Fridays a.m.
Midwives Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.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.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd Tuesday 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.
Child Guidance Clinic - Mondays ' Tuesdays a.m. and p.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway

Health Visitor - Mrs. Robertshaw

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

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. A. Corless

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. B. Vintner.

Dentist - Mr. G.H. Craine

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.
Cerebral 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 a.m. and p.m. and by arrangement

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

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

Dentist - Mr. G.M. Craine and Mrs. S.E. Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.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, Mrs. J. Moger and Mrs. J.S. Freeman

Dentist - Mrs. S.E. Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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 - 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesdays and Fridays a.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.p.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The Sheldon report on 'Child Welfare Centres' published in 1967 made the following principal recommendations:-

- (1) Infants should have a routine medical examination on first attending the clinic, again at six months and at about the time of each birthday until the fourth. These routine examinations should coincide with tests for specific handicaps.
- (2) The Doctor and Health Visitor must continue to advise on infant nutrition and hygiene.
- (3) Every effort should be made to develop Health Education activities within the centre.
- (4) Doctors working in the centres require an understanding of the psychology of the family and should be able to give the time to listen to the anxieties of parents.
- (5) The Doctor and Health Visitor have a unique part to play in the detection and management of emotional illness and in the counselling of parents of handicapped children.

As can be seen from the above there will be a change in the function of the Child Welfare Clinic with a decrease in the routine weighing of healthy babies, and an increasing move to the prevention and early detection of emotional and physical abnormalities of the child and the family.

This change is already being seen in the drop in the number of visits of children under the age of twelve months to the Child Welfare Clinics. Unfortunately there has been a decrease in the number of young children seen, but this is largely due to the shortage of suitably trained medical staff. In this connection it is pleasing to note that the County Health Department has held its first course on Developmental Paediatrics for Clinic Doctors.

As can be seen the fall in the sales of Welfare Foods continued and it is pleasing to note that the County Health Committee decided that the sale of Proprietary Foods should cease. It is hoped that the sale of 'National' Welfare foods will be taken over by voluntary agencies during the coming year.

The tables below give details of attendances and welfare food sales:-

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>			
	<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>0 + 1 Year</u>		<u>1 - 2 Years</u>		<u>2 - 5 Years</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Barnton	62	83	991	1,044	166	176	15	27
Comberbach ..	17	11	130	93	32	37	29	29
Davenham	27	35	372	363	104	122	63	37
Hartford	54	78	392	571	79	90	87	62
Leftwich	38	53	373	420	56	86	19	33
Lostock	47	45	470	391	72	100	45	107
Middlewich ..	137	181	1,468	1,594	379	258	266	79
Moulton	30	30	404	276	94	105	34	19
Darland House ..	108	100	1,625	1,288	373	218	239	203
Parkfield	164	143	2,110	1,021	209	231	58	107
Sandiway	89	146	843	1,609	141	255	83	30
Tarporley	46	60	402	646	114	140	156	65
Weaverham	136	76	2,071	417	385	52	266	70
Winsford	115	151	1,252	1,633	255	300	128	127
Winsford - Over	129	115	1,417	648	315	127	153	63
Winsford - Wharton	214	226	1,973	1,924	368	245	107	82
	<u>1,413</u>	<u>1,533</u>	<u>16,293</u>	<u>13,938</u>	<u>3,142</u>	<u>2,542</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,140</u>

Welfare Food Sales

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value of Sales</u> <u>Proprietary Foods</u> <u>Sold only at Clinics</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Dried Milk</u> <u>(tins)</u>	<u>Orange</u> <u>Juice</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>Cod</u> <u>Liver Oil</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>A. & D.</u> <u>Tablets</u> <u>(packets)</u>
1968	£5,263	6,250	13,900	961	1,092
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261
1966	£6,251	17,207	15,296	855	1,490
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712

OLD PEOPLES HEALTH ADVISORY CLINICS

Pending a policy decision by the County Medical Officer these were suspended early in 1968.

The following table gives details of attendances:-

<u>Address where clinic held</u>	<u>No. of Clinics held</u>	<u>Total Attends.</u>
Comberbach Memorial Hall, Comberbach.	1	8
Parkfield Clinic Northwich.	2	6
Darland House Clinic Northwich.	1	6
Weaverham Clinic, Weaverham.	4	19
Wharton Clinic, Winsford	1	5
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>44</u>

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS

The number attending the clinics was disappointing but on the brighter side excellent co-operation was received from the Management of Cerebos Ltd. where 133 tests were carried out. Many women who would not have attended a clinic undertook the test and further approaches to factories are being made during 1969.

However, the possibility of introducing a comprehensive service for the whole of the female population of the County over 21 years of age, employing the Council's computer in much the same way as in the very successful immunisation scheme, is being actively pursued by the County Health Department. This may well prove to be a turning point in this service.

	<u>Factory</u> <u>Sessions</u>		<u>Parkfield Clinic</u> <u>Northwich</u>		<u>Wharton Clinic</u> <u>Winsford</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
No. of Sessions held	-	10	64	59	25	24
No. of new patients who attended	-	133	673	462	243	222
Total attendances	-	133	673	554	243	224
Results of examination :-						
a. Nothing abnormal	-	133	672	553	238	214
b. For further investigation	-	-	1	1	5	10
c. Number in b. found positive	-	-	1	1	1	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1967 and 1968:-

	1967					1968				
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	10	10
Measles	311	130	21	210	672	398	117	9	104	628
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	2	-	-	2	4	4	-	1	2	7
Scarlet Fever	26	5	2	12	45	20	-	-	5	25
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	-	-	7
Non-Respirary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	9	-	4	19	32	4	-	-	1	5
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	3
Encephalitis	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	11
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	2	12

Dysentery

Northwich Urban District Council

Two separate outbreaks occurred, both involved fairly large families with young children. Fortunately there was no evidence of spread outside the family circle.

In addition to these a small outbreak of dysentery occurred in the Infants Class at the Junior Training Centre. The source of infection was almost certainly two children from a residential nursery who attend the Centre. As soon as the initial cases came to light investigations were carried out and a further three children were found to be infected. These were excluded and a strict schedule of hygiene instituted. No further cases occurred during the year,

Food Poisoning

Northwich Rural District Council

A single case of food poisoning was notified. The organism was Salmonella Virchow and the food involved was almost certainly chicken, although unfortunately none remained by the time the case was notified.

Northwich Urban District Council

The first case of food poisoning notified in January was almost certainly part of a family outbreak due to Salmonella Typhi-Murium. The diagnosis was not made until after admission to hospital and because of the time lag, it was not possible to trace the source of infection. No other cases or carriers were found outside the immediate family circle.

The circumstances and results of investigations in the second case, which was notified in September, were almost identical with the first.

Para-Typhoid Fever

A single case was notified in October, the onset having been in early September. Despite investigations no further cases were found. One possible source of infection could have been some temporary residents in the area, from the continent, who had by then left the area.

Infectious Hepatitis

Winsford Urban District Council

Two small outbreaks occurred during the year. One was concentrated on a street, the other in a class. The Ministry of Health agreed to release sufficient immuno-globulin to protect the child's contacts in both outbreaks.

Northwich Urban and Northwich Rural District Councils

The cases notified in these two districts were all isolated ones, evidence of the endemic nature of the disease.

TUBERCULOSIS

Two of the cases notified were individuals on the staff of schools in the Division. In each instance Tuberculin Testing and Chest X-rays, where necessary, were arranged for the children attending the school together with X-rays of chest for the members of the staff. No further cases were discovered amongst the contacts.

<u>YEAR 1968</u>	<u>Northwich U.D.</u>		<u>Winsford U.D.</u>		<u>Middlewich U.D.</u>		<u>Northwich R.D.</u>	
	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.
New Cases Notified (including Transfers)	1	2	3	-	-	-	4	1
Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other removals from Register (left District etc.)	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
No. on Register at the end of 1967	20	2	26	4	10	2	35	1
No. on Register at the end of 1968	19	4	28	4	10	2	35	1

R. - Respiratory

N.R. - Non Respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

During the year Measles vaccination became available and was offered to children aged one to seven years. In an effort to have as many children vaccinated as possible the parents of all children in this age group were asked if they wanted their children to be immunised. This was a considerable clerical task and despite additional help it did result in the slowing down of the normal school immunisation programme. Although a substantial number of children in this age group must already have had Measles the final number vaccinated was rather disappointing.

The Computer immunisation scheme described in last year's Annual Report was introduced to the Division on the 1st January, 1968 and most of the General Practitioners agreed to participate in the scheme.

The increase in primary vaccination against Smallpox is almost certainly the result of the implementation of this scheme.

The programme of immunisation procedure has recently been amended and now includes Measles vaccination and it is, therefore, hoped that as parents receive notifications for their children to attend for Measles vaccination the percentage protected against this disease, which does have serious complications, will rise during 1969.

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

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
Diphtheria	2	14	200	97
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1,245	1,253	412	782
Diphtheria/Tetanus	174	137	917	483
Tetanus	1,091	648	155	190
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,515	1,359	1,921	1,346
Salk Vaccine	7	-	1	-
Smallpox:				
Under 1 year	58	8	-	-
1 - 5 years	424	876	15	51
School children	44	57	36	23
Measles	-	1,117	-	-
	4,560	5,469	3,657	2,972

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

	Total by G.P.'s	Total by Local Authority	Combined Total
1967	3,725	4,492	8,217
1968	4,598	3,845	8,443

1966 2,286 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
 1967 2,950 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
 1968 2,866 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria

1966 3,151 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
 1967 3,994 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
 1968 3,493 children received primary or booster against Tetanus

1966 2,890 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
 1967 3,444 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
 1968 2,705 children received primary or booster against 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

The following chart gives details of the attendance during 1968:-

Year	No. of children		% of children		Total
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
Work-Centres	18	18	18	18	36
Health & Art	25	25	25	25	50
Primary	25	25	25	25	50
Secondary	25	25	25	25	50
Technical	25	25	25	25	50
Medical	25	25	25	25	50
Other	25	25	25	25	50
Total	150	150	150	150	300

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The services for the physically handicapped cannot be mentioned without realising the amount of voluntary help given and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of all voluntary helpers, particularly members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped and British Red Cross Society.

The Social Club, Handicraft Group, Cultural Evening Group and Swimming Club continued to develop during the year. The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped organised a further holiday at Blackpool but undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the day trip to the Isle of Man organised by the Chairman of the Northwich Urban District Council. Members and helpers spent an energetic day visiting places of interest on the island and a 16mm cine film of the trip was made and shown to Club members the following month.

Plans for the future are very much dependant upon the opening date of the new Handicapped Persons Unit. It is hoped that Archery will be one of the new interests available to suitable members.

Work Centre

The Work Centre mentioned in last year's report was commenced as a joint project with the Salvation Army on one morning per week. Continuation was dependant upon an overflow of work from the Adult Training Centre contracts but the scheme was reasonably successful. Although payment to members was minimal the sessions provided another enjoyable and therapeutic outlet for the members time and energy. It is hoped that during the coming year the Work Centre will expand to one full day per week and that a greater variety of work will be available. We are, of course, indebted to the local Salvation Army for providing the facilities at a nominal rental and also for providing the volunteers to supervise the Group.

The following chart gives details of Club attendances during 1968:-

CLUB ATTENDANCES

	No. of members		No. of sessions		No. of attends.	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Social	58	61	25	26	1,007	1,092
Handicraft:-						
Thursday	40	39	29	23	791	769
Monday	28	29	8	25	184	699
Music & Art	25	22	24	24	532	456
Work Centre	-	18	-	40	-	462

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 badges does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

Three applications were received during 1968.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The following table gives details of the number and cost of alterations during 1967 and 1968:-

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number of alterations	24	39
Total cost of County Council	£719 10s. 11d.	£661 13s. 3d.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Demand for aids was again heavy particularly for commodes, backrests, interliners and underpads. The following chart shows the total number of items issued during the year:-

	<u>EQUIPMENT ISSUED</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number of items of equipment loaned ..	497	636
Number of underpads and interliners issued	18,950	27,600

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Four patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1968.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

During 1968 there was an increase of 13% in the number of hours worked and 8% in the number of persons helped. As expected the bulk of additional hours was allocated to the over 65 age group but, unexpectedly, the number of confinement cases was down.

The standard charge was increased from 5/6d. to 6/-d. per hour on 30th September, 1968 and the total income for the year was £159 more than in 1967.

A heavier demand of the service is anticipated during 1969 but in view of financial restrictions we shall need to be more selective in the allocation of help than ever before.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
a. Whole time	Nil	Nil
b. Part-time	94	102
c. Equivalent whole time	27	32

	<u>1967</u>		<u>1968</u>	
	Cases	Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked
Aged & Infirm	358	55,115	396	62,934
Others	24	1,283	19	1,129
Confinements	9	156	7	142
	391	56,554	422	64,205

Income: £2,687

£2846

CHIROPODY SERVICE

The only significant change was a reduced number of physically handicapped patients and an increase in the number of elderly patients. The total number treated in 1968 was just over 3% more than in 1967.

	<u>Over 65</u>				<u>Physically Handicapped</u>			
	<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>		<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>	
	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Surgery	352	374	1,855	1,830	12	9	50	44
Home Visit	372	462	1,654	1,831	37	27	148	118
							<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees							676	759
Number of cases in which County Council paid half fees							97	113

MID-CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

As a result of the County Council's staff training programme Mid-Cheshire has two Mental Welfare Officers and four members of the staff of Training Centres away on courses. When they return 50% of the Mental Health Staff in the area will be professionally qualified. During the year Mrs. F. Moore and Miss A. Davenport returned having successfully obtained their Diploma for teaching the mentally handicapped.

The number in attendance at the Junior Training Centre has continued to increase. For the first time there is a waiting list for admission to the Special Care Unit, which provides Day Care for the more severely mentally retarded who also have other handicaps. Parents' evenings at the Junior Centre have been very well attended, but in an effort to encourage parents to visit the Centre during the day, they are being offered individual appointments to meet the Supervisor and staff. This gives parents the opportunity to see their child at work; to discuss problems with the staff and ensures a continuity of approach to problems at home and at the Centre. This joint approach should materially assist both parents and staff in the social training and development of the child.

Further expansion at the Adult Training Centre will not be possible until the Divisional office is moved to the new offices in Northwich Town Centre. During the year industrial contract work increased so that it became possible to share some of this work with the Physically Handicapped. The Social Training programme has been much improved now that the two senior members of staff have successfully completed the Diploma course. Supervised visits for trainees to the Baths continued to be popular and an additional attraction during the year has been the use of the Gymnasium at the Northwich and District Youth Centre.

The Social Club for the older Mentally Handicapped under the direction of Mr. Belk, the Area Youth Leader, and a Mental Welfare Officer now meets weekly on a Thursday at the Northwich and District Youth Centre. Attendance averages 30 per week and members are able to participate in a varied recreational and social programme. One of the highlights of the year was the visit made to the Social Club for the Mentally Handicapped at Hazel Grove. The Club in Northwich is very well supported by volunteers from Secondary Schools and other Youth Organisations in the area.

With a view to relieving parents on a Saturday afternoon the Mid-Cheshire branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has organised a session at the Junior Training Centre on one Saturday per month. There the parents of young mentally handicapped children can leave then secure in the knowledge that they will be cared for while they are shopping. In addition to voluntary lay helpers one member of the Junior Training Centre staff volunteers to attend these sessions.

Case discussions are held between the Training Centre staff, Mental Welfare Officer and Assistant County Mental Officers. These discussions are primarily concerned with social, physical and emotional needs and problems of the trainees and their families.

Mental illness continues to form the larger part of the work of the Mental Welfare Officers. During the year 376 new cases were referred to the service and social visits totalled 2,329. Co-operation with the hospital, General Practitioner and Social Work Services is satisfactory with regular contact and case discussions.

During Mental Health Week the Area Mental Welfare Officer held informal discussions with groups of mothers attending Child Welfare Clinics on topics relating to mental health. In addition a portable careers exhibition was displayed at Secondary Schools in the Division.

A P P E N D I X

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. (Fortnightly).

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

Area Children's Officer. Mr. D. A. Toombs,
Children's Department 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

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 Officer),
Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 3232.

Northwich Branch,
Society for Mentally Handicapped
Children

Mrs. G. Preece,
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) Mrs. Bailey, The Bungalow, Newton Heath, Off St. Annes Road,
Middlewich.
- (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
Citizens Advice Bureau,
Northwich.

Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum,
Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393.

Citizens Advice Bureau,
Winsford.

Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office,
Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2706

SOLO CLUB FOR LONELY PEOPLE

Held on alternate Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. at the George and Dragon Hotel, Witton Street, Northwich. Details obtainable from:- Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS

Secretary

Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.	Mrs. Jackson, 57 Mond Street, Barnton, Northwich.
Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.	Mrs. Shaw, 7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich.
Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.	Mrs. Kellett, 'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach, Northwich.
Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.	Mrs. Tomkinson, 'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich.
Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Edwards, Abbey Way, Hartford, Northwich.
Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.	Mrs. Rowe, 29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.
Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall, Hartford, Northwich.	Mrs. Sinclair, Malvern, Heyshams Avenue, Hartford, Northwich.
Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich, Northwich.	Mrs. Lewis, 43 Meadow Grove, Leftwich Estate, Northwich.
Lostock Gramam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club, Lostock, Northwich.	Mrs. Morris, 3 Prospect Drive, Davenham, Northwich.
Moulton Old Friend's Club, Moulton Church Hall, Moulton, Northwich.	Mrs. Corwood, Mere Bank House, Davenham, Northwich.
Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.	Mrs. Hornbuckle, 3 St. John's Close, Rudheath, Northwich.
Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.	Mrs. Stubbs, 'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.
Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.	Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire.
Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham, Northwich.	Mrs. Marshall, 56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham, Northwich.
Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Whitegate Recreation Club, Whitegate, Northwich.	Mrs. Leadbeater, 'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate, Northwich.

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

Mrs. Smith,
106 Pickmere Lane, Wincham,
Northwich.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club,
Bourne Methodist School Room,
Witton Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Skellon,
46 Victoria Road, Northwich.

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

Mr. Hatton,
'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane,
Barnton, Northwich.

Golden Years,
Air Cadets Headquarters
Off Queen Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Croft,
403 London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

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Over 60's Club, The Institute,
Queen Street, Middlewich.

Mrs. M. Hall,
75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

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Darby & Joan Club,
Grange Court, Winsford.

Mrs. J. Hulse,
221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

Darby & Joan Club,
Willow Wood Community Centre,
Winsford.

Mrs. J. Hulse,
221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

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

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

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

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

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Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting
Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals
available, also the use of a table for games.

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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.

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