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Chief Clerk	W. WOOD

†As from 5th July, 1948, Assistant Medical Officers to the North Eastern Area of the Warwickshire County Council.

*As from the 5th July, staff transferred to staff of the Warwickshire County Council.

BOROUGH OF NUNEATON

Health Department,
Council House,
Nuneaton.

19th May, 1949.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,
Nuneaton**

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting my Annual Statistical Report on the health conditions of the Borough for the year, 1948.

The outstanding event of the year, which affected the organisation of the Health Department, was the coming into force of the National Health Service Act, 1946, on 5th July, 1948. This meant that many changes had to take place, amongst them being the transference to the Warwickshire County Council of the Maternity and Child Welfare Services, which have been under your direct administration for many years.

The County Council has divided the County into seven Health Areas, Nuneaton being the headquarters of the North Eastern Division, and comprises the Borough of Nuneaton, the Urban District of Bedworth and Atherstone. The total population of this area is approximately 100,250.

The bringing in of such a gigantic scheme as envisaged by the National Health Service Act is bound to take a considerable time before one can say that it is working quite smoothly in all aspects. It is my opinion that eventually the scheme will be of benefit to the population.

Part 3 of the Act, which deals with the Local Health Authority, is the only section of the Act with which the Area Office has to directly concern itself, although it will have to be linked up with other sections relating to hospitals, practitioner services, etc., before the Health Service Scheme is being administered to the best advantage.

The bringing into force of this area administration half way through the year caused no alteration in the running of our existing clinics, or the benefits afforded to the people of the Borough.

The Act gave a certain advantage to the Borough in that we obtained the services of additional health visiting staff. As you are aware, the position as regards health visiting staff has been very bad for some years, and, although we are definitely still understaffed, one can say that in this respect we are slightly better off under the new regime than we were prior to the 5th July, 1948.

The new area organisation has given considerable powers of delegation to the Local Area Sub-Committee to which representatives are appointed by the Borough Council.

When the general scheme of area administration had been decided upon by the County Council, in conjunction with the Local Councils one had a certain amount of misgiving as to the taking over of the enlarged area.

I would like to record that the smooth working of the scheme was due largely to the great co-operation and assistance I received from your Town Clerk, Mr. T. Oldroyd, and the Clerk to the County Council, including his staff, for which help and guidance I am very grateful.

The day-to-day administration, for which this Area Office is now responsible, will be quite satisfactory, I think, in future years. This has been made possible by the good will and understanding I have received from the County Medical Officer of Health and his staff, who have at all times been most helpful on all matters appertaining to the health organisation for this area.

On 5th July, 1948, Bramcote Isolation Hospital was transferred to the Regional Hospital Board. During the year under review this hospital continued to be used for the treatment of infectious diseases but it has been decided by the Regional Hospital Board to equip the hospital, in the near future, for the treatment of children. When the change over takes place all cases of infectious disease occurring in the Borough and requiring hospital treatment, will be admitted to the Coventry Isolation Hospital. The exact date of change of user has not yet been definitely settled.

The vital statistics for the Borough showed no outstanding increase or decrease compared with the previous year.

The infantile mortality rate for 1948 is 48.8 as against 48.0 for the year 1947. Of the 53 deaths recorded, 29 died under the age of one week, and, with the exception of one, the deaths were due to congenital defects, prematurity, and birth injuries.

No deaths were recorded from scarlet fever.

Unfortunately, there were three deaths from diphtheria out of a total of 28 notified cases. In each case the child was not immunised. We are still getting the parent who is adverse to immunisation, and some taking the attitude that "some time will do."

Of the three deaths recorded, in two cases immunisation had been refused and in one it had been put off until it was too late.

The Corporation is contemplating obtaining water by bulk supply from the City of Birmingham. The proposed scheme is as follows—the water to be supplied is to be obtained from the Whitacre Waterworks of the Birmingham Corporation and will be derived mainly from the River Blythe. It will be treated by filtration, etc., before being pumped to a new reservoir to be constructed on the site of Oldbury Hall. A branch pipe from the principal pumping main will be laid for Church End and thence through Ansley village to supply the Stockingford, Galley

Common areas of Nuneaton and the districts of Bedworth, Arley, and Astley. From Oldbury a main will be laid to Tuttle Hill Reservoir, and from this, connections will be made to supply the Camp Hill area. The additional water coming to Tuttle Hill Reservoir will enable supplies to be afforded to villages in the Market Bosworth Rural District and new supplies to Burton Hastings, Wolvey, and Copston Magna in the Rugby Rural District. It is expected that the undertaking's existing well supplies, including Whittleford, will be needed as reserves only.

The housing position in the Borough still remains far from satisfactory. During the year under review, however, progress was made, 296 new houses being erected, but at the present rate of building it will take a considerable time before the needs of the people are satisfied. The applications for housing accommodation were reviewed by the Housing Department and the total number of genuine applications now stands at approx. 2,077. As in the past, the Health Department maintained the closest co-operation with the Housing Department who have always given sympathetic consideration to cases affecting the health of the applicants.

The year, 1948, necessitated a great deal of extra work by the clerical staff of the Health Department caused by the transfer of a certain amount of work to the County Council and the taking over of additional work in connection with the new Health Area. I would like to pay a very sincere tribute to all members of my staff who have worked with great loyalty under very trying conditions. The task which has been undertaken could not have been carried out without their good will, and for this I thank them.

To Mr. F. W. Mortimer and the Assistant Sanitary Inspectors I would like to express my thanks for their help and co-operation in the work of the Health Department.

The functions of the Health Committee at the beginning of 1948, were obviously very different from those at the close of the year. I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their help and consideration in all matters dealing with the Public Health of the town and for the way in which they dealt with the transfer of their powers to the County Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. G. HORSBURGH.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Registrar-General's estimate of population 52,930

Live Births:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Totals	
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
555	490	25	14	580	504
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1084					
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Birth-rate 20.4 per 1,000 population.

Stillbirths:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Totals	
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
7	10	1	2	8	12
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20					
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Stillbirth-rate 18.1 per 1,000 (live and stillbirths).

Deaths 294 Males, 229 Females; Total 523

Death-rate 9.8 per 1,000 population.

Infant Deaths 34 Males, 19 Females; Total 53

Infantile Mortality Rate: 48.8 per 1,000 live births.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth:

From Sepsis	1	} Total 2=1.8 per 1,000 (live and stillbirths).
From other causes	1	

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—
" " Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—
" " Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	6

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1948

Causes of Death.	Males	Females	Total
All Causes	294	229	523
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ..	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Diphtheria	1	2	3
Tuberculosis—Respiratory system ..	11	8	19
Tuberculosis—Other Forms	2	1	3
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
Influenza	1	1	2
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and polio- encephalitis	—	—	—
Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—	—
Cancer	44	33	77
Diabetes	—	1	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	29	37	66
Heart Disease	71	64	135
Other diseases of circulatory system	14	7	21
Bronchitis	16	12	28
Pneumonia	24	9	33
Other Respiratory Diseases	5	—	5
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	7	—	7
Diarrhoea—under 2 years	3	3	6
Appendicitis	3	—	3
Other Digestive Diseases	4	4	8
Nephritis	3	6	9
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis	—	1	1
Other Maternal Causes	—	1	1
Premature birth	11	6	17
Congenital Malformations, birth injuries; infantile diseases	13	8	21
Suicide	4	3	7
Road Traffic accidents	8	1	9
Other Violent Causes	6	6	12
All Other Causes	13	15	28

BIRTHS

Birth-rate per 1,000 population: 20.4.

Ward	Legitimate		Illegitimate		Totals	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Attleborough	59	52	1	1	60	53
St. Nicolas	83	67	2	—	85	67
Manor	28	31	—	—	28	31
St. Mary	65	51	3	1	68	52
Arbury	86	77	3	2	89	79
Coton	57	44	2	1	59	45
Stockingford	110	114	5	2	115	116
Galley Common	61	42	2	1	63	43
Inward Transfers.. . . .	6	12	7	6	13	18
TOTALS	555	490	25	14	580	504

INFANTILE MORTALITY
ANALYSIS OF INFANT DEATHS, 1948

Causes of Death	Under	1-2	2-3	3-4	Total	1-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	Total
	1 week	wks	wks	wks	und'r 4 wks	mths	mths	mths	mths	under 1 year
Premature Births	17	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	17
Congenital Defects	8	—	1	—	9	4	1	1	—	15
Birth Injuries	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Asphyxia	2	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	5
Gastro Enteritis	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	2	—	7
Toxaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Meningitis	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	3
Totals ..	29	2	2	1	34	7	3	6	3	53

INFANT DEATHS—WARDS

Wards	Males	Females	Total
Attleborough	2	1	3
St. Nicolas	6	2	8
Manor	4	1	5
St. Mary	2	2	4
Arbury	5	4	9
Coton	3	2	5
Galley Common	3	—	3
Stockingford	9	7	16
Totals	34	19	53

VITAL STATISTICS, 1901—1948.

Year	Popula- tion	No. of Deaths	No. of Births	No. of Infant Deaths	Death Rate	Birth Rate	Infantile Mortality
1901	25,239	362	943	136	14.3	37.3	131
1902	26,084	364	903	117	13.9	34.6	144
1903	27,182	386	935	142	14.2	34.8	151
1904	28,159	423	1024	149	15.0	36.3	144
1905	29,709	384	977	113	12.7	32.8	115
1906	32,255	420	1043	167	13.0	32.3	160
1907	32,580	377	1026	138	11.5	30.1	134
1908	33,706	355	1163	110	10.5	34.5	94
1909	36,041	378	1135	104	10.4	31.2	91
1910	37,267	375	1200	117	10.0	32.2	97
Ten year Average	30,822	382	1034	129	12.5	33.6	126
1911	37,531	446	1173	133	11.8	31.2	113
1912	38,725	438	1155	120	11.3	29.6	103
1913	39,636	467	1166	122	11.7	29.4	104
1914	40,091	526	1200	143	13.1	29.9	119
1915	38,652	542	1053	123	14.0	27.2	116
1916	40,908	436	1008	79	11.5	24.6	78
1917	42,004	440	958	92	11.6	22.8	96
1918	40,817	602	891	90	16.5	22.0	100
1919	41,146	434	936	86	10.9	22.7	92
1920	41,128	397	1220	102	9.6	29.5	83
Ten year average	38,697	472	1076	109	12.2	26.8	100
1921	41,901	416	1135	76	9.9	27.0	66
1922	43,410	427	1062	83	9.8	24.4	78
1923	44,030	416	996	75	9.4	22.6	75
1924	44,620	438	971	57	9.7	21.6	58
1925	45,170	501	975	76	11.09	21.5	77.9
1926	45,200	369	861	43	8.1	19.0	49
1927	46,170	469	863	77	10.1	18.6	89.2
1928	45,440	393	863	55	8.6	18.0	63.7
1929	45,490	557	796	47	12.2	17.49	59.04
1930	45,490	457	876	47	10.0	19.2	53.5
Ten year average	44,152	444	939	63	9.9	20.9	66.9
1931	46,640	491	820	50	10.5	18.0	59.4
1932	46,830	485	844	50	10.3	18.02	59.2
1933	47,160	531	777	54	11.2	16.4	69.4
1934	47,480	457	724	43	9.6	15.2	59.3
1935	47,750	482	771	50	10.09	16.1	64.8
1936	47,940	485	739	41	10.1	15.2	55.4
1937	48,430	499	797	41	10.3	16.4	51.4
1938	48,864	498	879	47	10.1	17.9	53.4
1939	49,670	515	836	55	10.3	16.8	65.7
1940	48,950	531	885	52	10.8	18.0	58.1
Ten year average	47,971	497	807	48	10.3	16.8	59.4

Year	Popula- tion	No. of Deaths	No. of Births	No. of Infant Deaths	Death Rate	Birth Rate	Infantile Mortality
1941	51,490	638	934	59	12.3	18.1	62.2
1942	49,940	511	997	41	10.2	19.9	41.1
1943	48,960	560	1065	57	11.4	21.7	53.5
1944	49,140	540	1234	62	10.9	25.1	50.2
1945	49,140	503	1052	55	10.2	21.4	55
1946	51,340	538	1127	55	10.5	21.9	48.8
1947	52,390	510	1249	60	9.7	23.8	48.0
1948	52,930	523	1084	53	9.8	20.4	48.8

CLINICS

Service.	Situation of Premises.	Days Open.
Maternity and Child Welfare	Coton Road (entrance Riversley Park)	Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Welfare Centres ..	Cross Street	Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Ante-Natal Centre ..	Coton Road	2nd and 4th Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
	Cross Street	1st and 3rd Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
Dental Clinic ..	Coton Road	2nd and 4th Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
	Cross Street	1st and 3rd Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
1—5 Minor Ailment Clinic ..	Coton Road and Cross Street	9 to 10 a.m. each morning
School Medical Service Treatment and Inspection Clinics ..	Coton Road	Every week-day morning 9 a.m. to 12 noon
	Cross Street	ditto.
Eye Clinic ..	Coton Road	Tuesday morning 9 a.m.
Aural Clinic ..	Coton Road	Thursday morning 9 a.m.
Orthopædic Clinic ..	Coton Road	Intermediate treatment Monday morning 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Tuesday and Friday afternoons 2 to 5 p.m. Consultant in attendance
Sunray ..	Coton Road	Monday and Friday afternoons at 2 p.m.
	Cross Street	Monday and Thursday morning at 10.45 a.m.
Dental Clinic ..	Coton Road	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon
	Cross Street	Monday afternoons 2 to 4 p.m. Friday mornings 9 a.m. to 12 noon

CLINICS—Continued

Service.	Situation of Premises.	Days Open.
Speech Therapy Clinic	Coton Road	Every Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child Guidance Clinic	Coton Road	Every Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Tuberculosis Dispensary	35, Coton Road (converted dwelling)	Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veneral Diseases		
Male Clinics ..	Premises situated back of School Clinic, Riversley Park	Friday 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Female Clinics ..		Tuesdays 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. (Intermediate daily treatment also provided) Males: 6.30 p.m., Tuesday excepted. Females: By appointment

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—WARDS

Disease	Wards								Total
	Attleborough	St. Nicholas	Manor	St. Mary	Arbury	Coton	Galley Common	Stockingford	
Scarlet Fever	21	16	19	21	24	7	10	21	139
Diphtheria	5	4	1	2	2	3	1	10	28
Measles	46	70	40	31	49	38	13	74	361
Whooping Cough	6	11	12	13	9	7	34	26	118
Pneumonia	5	6	6	9	11	5	1	6	49
Erysipelas	1	—	2	2	3	2	1	9	20
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	2	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	5
Relapsing Fever	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
		At Home	Hospital			
2	2	—	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table is a record of visits paid by the Staff of Bramcote Hospital to cases of infectious diseases treated at home:

CASES AND VISITS FOR 1948

Disease.	St. Mary's		Manor		St. Nicholas		Attleboro'		Coton		Arbury		S'ford		GalleyCom		Total	
	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V
Scarlet Fever ..	9	20	9	46	9	27	12	44	5	17	12	37	10	32	8	23	74	246
Measles ..	23	46	35	81	78	188	41	98	39	97	59	120	76	179	21	52	372	861
Chicken Pox ..	—	—	2	6	10	23	—	—	2	4	—	—	9	22	2	5	25	60
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	4	5	11
Mumps ..	—	—	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	2	1	3	7	13
Erysipelas ..	1	2	1	3	—	—	1	3	7	20	2	7	7	21	—	1	19	57
Whooping Cough ..	9	35	10	33	12	25	7	7	10	23	11	32	26	58	36	85	121	298
Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Chicken Pox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchial Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	12	—	—	1	12
Total	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559	625	1559

C = Number of cases.

V = Number of visits paid.

ADMISSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES TO HOSPITAL, 1948

Disease.	Borough Cases		Admitted from Outside Areas		Total	Deaths	
	Male	F'male	Male	F'male		Male	F'male
Scarlet Fever	37	41	22	28	128	—	—
Diphtheria	15	9	1	—	25	1	2
Measles	3	3	—	1	7	—	—
Mumps	—	2	—	—	2	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Streptococcal Throat	—	6	—	2	8	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Toxic Rash	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia and Measles	2	1	—	1	4	—	—
Bronchial Pneumonia and Measles	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Measles and Chicken Pox	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Burns and Chicken Pox	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever and Measles	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Whooping Cough and Measles	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Observation	—	3	2	1	5	—	—

179 cases, plus 9 (2 diseases in 1 patient).

Total: 188 cases and 197 diseases.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Period.	New Notified Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 1 years								
1- 5 „		8	3	1				1
5-15 „	15	10	3	2			1	
15-25 „	19	25		2	5	2		
25-35 „	6	4		2	2	3		
35-45 „	5	6			2	1		
45-55 „	3	4	2		1	1		
55-65 „	2							
65 - over	1				2	1		
Totals	51	57	8	7	12	8	1	1

Number of cases not notified previous to death: 1.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

	Children under 5 years of age	Children 5—15 years of age
Approximate estimate of children in the Borough, 31st December, 1948 ...	5,288	7,523
Percentage of child population shown above immunised	36.6%	70.8%

FOOD POISONING

One case of bacterial food poisoning, caused by an organism of the Salmonella group, was reported during the year. Upon inquiries it was ascertained the patient had been away on holiday and no satisfactory origin of the cause was forthcoming.

The Borough came within the sphere of enquiries into two paratyphoid outbreaks occurring within the neighbouring county of Leicestershire. In the first instance an employee of a Leicester firm of ice cream manufacturers was taken ill whilst retailing ice cream in this Borough. This man was subsequently found positive for paratyphoid. The local medical practitioners were at once warned of the occurrence. Fortunately no case developed within the Borough.

In the second instance synthetic cream sent into Leicestershire from the Borough, was alleged to have been implicated in a case of paratyphoid. Samples of this cream and other commodities used were obtained from the firm concerned and examined pathologically without revealing the presence of the causative agent. In a further effort to trace the origin of the contamination all the personnel engaged in the business were subjected to blood, fæces and urine tests over an extended period, with negative results.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

The table given below shows the number of cases seen by F. Selby Tait, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., at the Ante-Natal Clinics:

	Riversley Park Clinic		Stockingford Clinic	
	New Cases	Subsequent Attendances	New Cases	Subsequent Attendances
First Quarter ...	46	27	23	65
Second Quarter ...	26	38	36	36
Third Quarter ...	15	22	21	31
Fourth Quarter ...	28	28	19	48
Totals	115	115	99	180

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Particulars of attendances at Infant Welfare Centres:

	Nuneaton	Stockingford
Number of welfare sessions	148	100
Number of babies on register, 1st January, 1948	1150	478
Number of babies added to register ...	575	298
Number of babies ceased to attend ...	570	209
Number of babies on register, 1st January, 1949	1155	567
Total number of attendances	10155	4588

CHILD-LIFE PROTECTION

The following is a summary of cases dealt with by the Health Visitors under the Child-Life Protection Act:

1. Number of foster parents on register	2
2. (a) Number of children on register	3
(b) Number who died during the year	—
3. Number of cases in which proceedings were taken during the year	—

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Particulars of visits carried out by Health Visitors:

Home visiting of babies under 1 year of age ...	3,112	visits
Home visiting of babies between 1-5 years of age	3,540	..
Home visiting of expectant mothers	43	..

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE DENTAL CLINIC

	Nuneaton	Stockingford
Attendances (First)	109	32
Expectant Mothers	12	11
Nursing Mothers	29	12
Pre-School Children	68	9
Re. Attendances	100	14
Extractions	465	10
Fillings	35	8
Local Anæsthetics	28	8
General Anæsthetics	55	—
Sessions	22	16
Sundries	110	21

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

One hundred and fifteen samples were obtained under the above Act. These were as follows:

Milk	...	...	...	...	...	33
Ice Cream Powder	...	...	...	...	...	23
Sausage	...	...	...	...	...	22
Baking Powder	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cake Mixtures	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pudding Mixtures	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coffee	...	...	...	...	...	3
Lemonade Crystals	...	...	...	...	...	2
White Pepper	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dried Thyme	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sweetening Tablets	...	...	...	...	...	2
Barley Flour	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dehydrated Sliced Onion	...	...	...	...	...	2
Essence of Rennet	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ground Ginger	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ground Cinnamon	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milk Powder	...	...	...	...	...	1
Salmon Paste	...	...	...	...	...	1
Crab Paste	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meat Paste	...	...	...	...	...	2
Norwegian Spread	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tomato Paste	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sauce	...	...	...	...	...	1
Flavouring Essences	...	...	...	...	...	3
Orange Crush	...	...	...	...	...	1

115

Of these samples one hundred and ten were informal and five formal.

Analyses yielded the following results:

Unsatisfactory ... 23 Satisfactory ... 92

The unsatisfactory samples were:

Sample No. 564, (Informal).	Pork Sausage.	Deficient of 34% of meat.
Sample No. 566, (Informal).	Beef sausage.	Deficient of 72% of meat.
Sample No. 567, (Formal).	Beef sausage.	Deficient of 67.8% of meat.
Sample No. 568, (Formal).	Beef sausage.	Deficient of 35.6% of meat.

Sample Nos. 571, 580-588, 590-596, (Informal). Ice Cream Powder. Contained Mites.

Sample No. 609, (Informal). Pork sausage. Deficient of 28% of meat.

Sample No. 669, (Informal). Tomato paste. Contained 55 parts per million of Copper.

The vendor of Samples Nos. 571, 580-588, 590-596, was advised of their condition, and the product was withheld and subsequently destroyed.

Magisterial proceedings were instituted against the vendors of Samples Nos. 567, 568, and resulted in a fine of £10 and costs in the first instance and £5 and costs in the second.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The approximate weight of refuse collected during the year was 12,210 tons, 19 cwts.

The weight dealt with by the destructor plant was 10,399 tons, 17 cwt., which was an increase of 1,259 tons, 12 cwts. on the previous year.

The plant for the disposal of offals, condemned meat, fish, etc., for the production of fertilizers and feeding stuffs, etc., has been working satisfactorily and has produced the following during the year.

					Tons	cwts.	qrs.
No. 1 Fertilizer	...	...	...	...	22	10	0
Bone Meal	...	...	...	...	1	14	2
Meat Meal	...	...	...	...	9	2	2
Dried Blood	...	...	...	...	2	6	1
Grease and Fats	...	...	...	...	12	2	0
Concentrated Pig Food	...	...	...	...	345	13	0
Compage	...	...	...	...	211	13	0

SALVAGE

					Tons	cwts.	qtrs.
Waste Paper	...	...	...	...	357	4	1
Rags	...	...	...	...	11	1	1
Bones	...	...	...	...	11	14	0
Ferrous Metals	...	...	...	...	342	10	0
Non-Ferrous Metals	...	...	...	...	3	5	2
Cinders	...	...	...	...	2684	16	0
Kitchen Waste	...	...	...	...	355	13	0
Bottles and Jars	...	...	...	...	9	2	0
Cullet (Broken Glass)	...	...	...	...	14	4	0

WATER

The average daily consumption of water in the Borough during 1948 was 1,515,060 gallons. The maximum consumption in any one day was 1,809,000 gallons. The number of houses being supplied direct to the houses from public water mains at the end of the year was approximately 14,012.

The extensions to mains totalled 1,703 yards of 9in. main, 113 yards of 6in. pipes, 1,791 yards of 4in. pipes and 139 yards of 3in. pipes, details of such extensions being as follows:

Caldwell Estate	...	...	...	...	207 yards of 9in.
					69 yards of 6in.
					1141 yards of 4in.
					35 yards of 3in.
Greenmoor Road	...	...	...	...	336 yards of 9in.
					44 yards of 6in.
Ansley Road	...	...	...	...	1160 yards of 9in.
Bucks Hill Housing Estate	...	...	...	...	206 yards of 6in.
					9 yards of 3in.
Green Lane Housing Estate	...	...	...	...	444 yards of 4in.
					95 yards of 3in.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE, 1948

Sewer extensions during the year have been as follows:

Caldwell Estate

Surface-water Sewers	...	...	12in. diameter—165 yards
			9in. " —691 "
			6in. " —688 "
Foul sewers	...	...	12in. " —220 "
			9in. " —630 "
			6in. " —215 "

Bucks Hill Estate

Surface-water sewers	...	6in. " —125 "
Foul sewers	...	6in. " — 53 "

Green Lane Estate

Surface-water sewers	...	9in. " —198 "
		6in. " —475 "
Foul sewers	...	6in. " —275 "

Greenmoor Road

Surface-water sewers	...	36in. " — 67 "
		21in. " — 43 "
		6in. " — 70 "
		4in. " —120 "

Bulkington Lane

Surface-water sewers	...	9in. " — 57 "
		4in. " — 9 "

Oaston Road

Surface-water sewers	...	6in. " — 14 "
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Weddington Road

Foul sewers	...	12in. " — 39 "
		9in. " —100 "

FACTORIES

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	26	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies	—	—	—
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938	139	7	—
Total	165	7	—

2.—Cases in which Defects were found:

Particulars.	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	3	3	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	28	21	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	2	1	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	—	—	—	—
Total	34	26	—	—

LIST OF FACTORIES ON REGISTER

Acetylene welding	1	Jam making	1
Agricultural machine re-		Laundries	3
pairing	1	Lighting fittings	1
Art silk winding	1	Metal foundry	1
Aerated waters	2	Marble masons	2
Bakers	23	Metal toy making	2
Beer bottlers	2	Millinery	2
Boot repairers	10	Motor repairing	23
Blacksmith	1	Needle making	1
Box making	2	Oat crushing	1
Brick making	8	Printing	5
Cabinet making	1	Photography	4
Confectionery	1	Plumbing	3
Cardboard games	1	Quarrying	2
Coach painting	1	Radio repairs	1
Cycle repairs	2	Ribbon weaving & regalia	1
Chamois leathers	1	Sausage making	6
Dairy	1	Sheep skin dressing	1
Dressmaking	2	Shopping bag making	1
Destructor	1	Scale repairing	1
Dry cleaning	1	Spring seat centres	1
Electrical engineers	2	Silk weaving	1
Electrical repairs	2	Sawyers	4
Electric undertaking	1	Soft furnishings	1
Elastic web making	1	Sheet metals	3
Engineering	10	Slicing machines	1
Felt hat making	1	Smallwares	1
Felt hat trimming	1	Spice mixing	1
Fellmongery	1	Tailors	9
Florist	1	Tar macadam	1
Flour milling	1	Tennis ball making	1
Grist	1	Toolmaking	2
Gas undertaking	1	Undertaking	1
Gut scraper	1	Upholsterers	1
Hosiery making	6	Vehicle & wagon repairs ...	6
Ice making	1	Watch repairs	3
Ironfounder	1	Woolcombing	1
Ironmongery	1	Worsted spinning	1
Joinery	7		

INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS

To Dwelling Houses:

Inspections under Housing Act	23
General Inspections	1,442
Re-inspections	3,624
Re infectious disease	206
Disinfections after infectious disease	203
Disinfections for vermin	47
For drain-testing	180

To Other Premises:

Factories	165
Lodging House	11
Smoke observations	14
Offensive trades	4

To Food-preparing Places:

Food-preparing places	201
Fried fish shops	39
Dairies, milkshops and cowsheds	64
Abattoir	706
Bakehouses	63
Butchers' shops, stalls and vans	52

Miscellaneous Visits:

Visits re rat repression	1,340
Miscellaneous visits	3,910
Shops—Shops Acts	265

NUISANCES ABATED

Dwelling Houses:

Defective walls and ceilings repaired	949
Roofs repaired	297
Chimneys repaired	64
Spouting repaired or new provided	206
Filthy houses cleansed	14
Defective floors repaired or renewed	277
Dangerous stairs repaired	12
Windows renewed or repaired	334
Fireplaces repaired or rebuilt	176
Coppers repaired or rebuilt	67
Sinks and wastepipes provided	111
New water services provided	72
Yard paving repaired	13

HOUSING

New houses built during year:

Traditional houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Traditional houses, flats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
B.I.S.F. houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
Aluminium bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56

All the above were municipal undertakings.

Private house building provided the following:

New houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Rebuilt war-damaged houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Flat conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Houses demolished during the year were as follows:

Individual unfit houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Houses included in clearance areas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1948

DETAIL	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,503	1,137	2,618	10,775	200
Number inspected	2,503	1,137	2,618	10,775	200
All diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole carcasses condemned	14	15	30	51	14
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	561	136	15	198	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	% 22.97	% 13.28	% 1.72	% 2.31	% 10.0
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses condemned	44	37	20	1	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	762	446	—	—	65
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	% 32.2	% 42.48	% 0.76	% 0.0095	% 39.0

MEAT CONDEMNED, 1948

DETAILS	Weight			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs
Tuberculosis:				
37 carcasses and all organs of cows	12	11	0	8
Portions of carcasses of cows	1	12	2	4
Organs of cows	10	5	3	17
44 carcasses and all organs of cattle other than cows	10	10	0	20
Portions of carcasses of cattle other than cows	1	0	1	18
Organs of cattle other than cows	15	4	0	20
4 carcasses and all organs of pigs		7	0	26
Portions of carcasses of pigs		2	2	4
Organs of pigs				21
20 carcasses and all organs of calves		9	3	25
1 carcass and all organs of sheep			2	1
Diseases other than tuberculosis:				
15 carcasses and all organs of cows	5	2	3	2
Organs of cows	1	11	3	20
14 carcasses and all organs of cattle other than cows	4	10	0	0
Organs of cattle other than cows	4	1	3	3
14 carcasses and all organs of pigs	1	2	0	19
Organs of pigs				21
51 carcasses and all organs of sheep	1	0	2	19
Organs of sheep		5	0	16
Portions of carcasses of sheep		1	1	3
30 carcasses and all organs of calves		11	0	24
Organs of calves			1	2
Total Weight	70	12	0	13

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

DETAILS	Weight			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
357 tins of corned beef		12	3	12
7,636 tins and jars of fish, fruit, jam, milk and vegetables	5	2	3	18
24 rabbits			1	20
2 chickens				10½
4,596 eggs		5	0	14½
197 jars pickles		2	3	6
3,204 pikelets		4	3	9
Butters and margarine				4
Cheese			1	18
Bacon and ham		2	2	26¾
Fish cakes				6
Tea			2	4
Fish and shellfish		14	1	24
Kippers			2	0
Sugar		3	0	0
Sausages, etc		6	0	18
Imported beef		14	0	7½
English beef			2	12
Whalemeat		1	3	0
Flour			2	3
Oats, rice and cereals			2	4
Cake				10
Spices				27
Sweets and chocolates				18
Dried fruit			2	13
Oranges		2	0	2
Pears		2	2	20
Tomatoes		5	1	2
Potatoes				21
Onions			1	7
Ice cream powder		16	0	0
Total Weight	10	1	3	1½

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(As on December 31st, 1948)

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STAFF OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

(As on December 31st, 1948)

School Medical Officer	} P. G. HORSBURGH, G.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Assistant School Medical Officers	{ H. BURNS, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.) G. K. G. COOTE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. T. E. HAYDEN, M.D. (Belfast), D.P.H. M. A. THOMSON, M.B., Ch.B. (Glasgow)
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Surgeon—Orthopædic Clinic	N. W. N. NISBETT, F.R.C.S.
School Oculist	} C. E. CLARK, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S.
School Dentist	{ T. H. THOMPSON, L.D.S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.) (Resigned, November, 1948) —Post Vacant.
Dental Attendant:	MISS L. JACKSON
School Nurses	{ MRS. L. G. BOFF MISS D. MASON
Child Guidance Clinic	} S. M. REID, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M.
Speech Therapy Clinic— Speech Therapist	} D. GLOVER, L.C.S.T.
Clerical Staff	{ W. WOOD (Chief Clerk) C. ADCOCK E. J. BOWER W. FORD M. ROWLEY K. SPENCER

School Medical Department,
Council House,
Nuneaton.
5th May, 1949.

To The Chairman and Members of the Committee for Education,
Nuneaton

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work of the School Medical Service for the year 1948.

The year under review showed certain alterations in the general administration of this service, which has, for many years, dealt with the health of the school children in the Borough.

The National Health Service Act, 1946, came into operation on the 5th July, 1948, and under the Act we took over the School Health Services of the Atherstone and Bedworth districts. This involved the school medical records of 7,605 children being transferred by the Warwickshire County Council to the Local Area Office and the re-organisation of the existing School Medical Department here. It also meant that additional clerical staff had to be appointed in order to cope with the increased number of children who had to be dealt with at school medical inspections, minor ailment clinics, eye clinics, etc. This area office is now dealing with approximately 15,678 children for school medical purposes. To simplify the keeping of records we changed over some of our previous methods and brought them into line with those kept by the County Council. I mention this re-organisation in order that you will appreciate the fact that the staff of the School Medical Department not only deal with the services in the Borough, of which you are actually responsible, but also carry out the work in connection with the two additional districts.

The arrangements for the running of the School Clinics and those for medical inspections have remained unaltered.

I am happy to report that the general health of the school children in Nuneaton was again found to be satisfactory.

During the year 1,537 children were medically inspected at the schools in the Borough, and these were classified into three groups, namely, A., B. and C. according to the state of the child's health at the time of the examination. (A=above average; B=normal; C=below normal.) The normal group gave a percentage of 95.9 and the sub-normal 3.25. The parents of the children in the sub-normal group are advised regarding appropriate treatment, whether it be medical or surgical and the children are kept under observation until we are satisfied that the treatment is being carried out.

The children attending schools in the Borough were regularly inspected for uncleanliness and verminous conditions, and during the year each school was visited on an average of four

times. The total number of children inspected was 23,795 and of this number 575 were found to show signs of vermin. Many of these children were, however, very slightly affected and were readily cleansed. In the past it was quite a common occurrence to find all children in the same family in a verminous condition, now, I am glad to say, this is quite a rarity. Over a number of years the School Nurses have done a very great service in reducing uncleanness among the school population. It is interesting to note that in 1919, after the first World War, the number of children inspected was 1,247 and the number recorded as unclean was 77, which gives a percentage of 6.1 as against 2.4 per cent. for 1948.

As you are aware, we have a special clinic for the purpose of dealing with ear, nose and throat infections, the Specialist being Mr. Ogilvy Reid, F.R.C.S., who attends on one morning a week. This Consultative Clinic deals with children living in the Atherstone and Bedworth districts, in addition to the Borough children, and although the clinic is run very efficiently, we cannot cope with the amount of work which is required to be carried out. During the year Mr. Reid examined 600 cases but we still had the names of 268 children on our waiting list at the end of the year. In view of the fact that the maximum number of patients per session is fifteen, it means that the waiting time is four months from the date on which the case was first referred. In a case of emergency we do, of course, call up the patient at the earliest opportunity. Cases requiring operative treatment are referred to the Manor Hospital, which is now under the control of the Regional Hospital Board. At the end of the year under review the number of children who received operative treatment was 160, still leaving 326 cases on the list waiting operation. This unsatisfactory state of affairs has been reported to the County Authority and efforts have been made to rectify the position, but no solution under the present circumstances can be foreseen.

The Orthopædic Clinic continues to do very fine work in the prevention of crippling defects in the pre-school and school child. This clinic is linked up with St. Gerard's Hospital, Coleshill, and three members of the Nursing Staff attend the Nuneaton Clinic on three half days a week to carry out remedial exercises, electrical treatment, etc. Before the war a Surgeon visited the clinic once a month to see new and re-examine old cases. During the war years he was unable to continue this, owing to pressure of work, and attended once every three months. Unfortunately, the attendance of a Surgeon once a month has not been re-established, but it is to be hoped that the Regional Hospital Board, who is the responsible authority for Specialist Services in the area will be able to arrange for the Surgeon to again visit this important clinic each month.

The Eye Clinic in the Borough, prior to the new Act coming into force, was held twice, and when necessary three times, a week in order to keep up-to-date with the cases referred for

examination. Owing to the increased amount of work Ophthalmic Surgeons are required to carry out under the National Health Service it has become impossible for our Ophthalmic Specialist to attend our clinic so frequently. In view of this we concentrated on the calling up of new cases, and I am pleased to say we had very few outstanding new cases on our list at the end of the year. This meant, however, that we had neglected the cases for re-examination, and in this respect we were very much behind-hand. It is hoped that we shall be able to re-establish the additional session per week in the near future.

My thanks are due to you, Mr. Chairman, and to the members of your Committee, for the sympathetic and helpful way in which you have dealt with all matters appertaining to the health of the school child during the year under review. This interest shown by the Committee makes for a contented and hard working staff, as they know they have the backing of a responsible committee in the work which they are doing, being in this case an endeavour to maintain and improve the health of the school children in our town.

My personal thanks are due to all members of the staff for the loyal and willing way they have carried out their duties during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

P. G. HORSBURGH,
Area Medical Officer.

**ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED IN PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

1.—Council Schools:

	Accommodation	Average attendance last school year
Arbury	400	303
Attleborough	720	559
Chilvers Coton	682	463
Galley Common	250	167
Higham Lane	688	664
Manor Park	480	364
Queen's Road	864	806
Stockingford	1,264	1,013
Swinnerton	320	288
Shepperton	291	264
Heath End	281	133

2.—Non-Provided Schools:

Abbey Street C. of E.	582	462
Attleborough	132	53
Chilvers Coton C. of E.	178	160
St. Joseph's R.C.	252	211
Stockingford C. of E.	326	219
Vicarage Street C. of E.	360	241

Total accommodation provided in Public Elementary Schools:

Council Schools	6,240
Non-provided Schools	1,833
	8,073

DAILY TREATMENT CLINICS

Particulars of the work carried out at the various clinics are shown in the following tables:

Half days held	404
Individual children treated	2,864
Total attendances	8,805
Average attendances per clinic	21.7
Number of children cured	2,820
Referred elsewhere for treatment	35
Number of children on books December 31, 1948	9
Total exclusion days	204

Diseases:

Impetigo scalp	...	...	...	...	...	7
Impetigo body	...	...	...	...	...	12
Ringworm scalp	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ringworm body	...	...	...	...	...	28
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	...	310
Minor surgical dressings and other diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1,652
Diseases of the ear	...	...	...	...	...	184
Minor eye diseases	...	...	...	...	...	221

Home Visits Paid by Nurses:

Diseases of the throat	...	...	...	...	...	12
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	18
Various	...	...	...	...	...	199
Eye defects	...	...	...	...	...	14

IONIZATION CLINIC

Ionization clinics held	...	...	...	...	...	15
Children treated	...	...	...	...	...	9
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	15

EYE CLINIC

1.—Errors of Refraction:

Hypermetropia	...	...	...	...	...	89
Hypermetropic Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	37
Myopia	...	...	...	...	...	71
Myopic Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	22
Mixed Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	22
Amblyopia	...	...	...	...	...	8
Mystagmus	...	...	...	...	...	4

2.—Squint:

Convergent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	61
Divergent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	1
Alternating Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	20
Intermittent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...
Nystagmus Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	1

3.—External Diseases of the Eye:

Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	...	8
Hordeolum	...	...	...	...	...	5
Keratitis	...	...	...	...	...	4
Injury	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cyst	...	...	...	...	...	2
Corneal Nebulæ	...	...	...	...	...	1

4.—Diseases of Deeper Structures:

Congenital Cataract	...	...	...	...	...	3
No glasses or treatment necessary	...	...	...	...	...	110
Blocked tear duct	...	...	...	...	...	5
Optic Nerve Atrophy	...	...	...	...	...	1
Buphalmes with oval excentoric pupil	...	...	...	...	...	1

SUN-RAY CLINIC—NUNEATON

Disease	Total Cases Treated	Average length of Treatment	Average Dose in Minutes		CONDITION OF DISEASE ON DISCHARGE					Under Observation at end of year	
			Minimum	Maximum	Cured	Much Improved	Improved	No Change	Course not Complete		
T.B. Spine	1	3 m'ths	2	10	—	24	—	—	—	—	1
Debility	97	6 w'ks	2	10	31	24	—	—	—	—	15
Psoriasis	4	3 m'ths	2	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
Asthma	4	3 w'ks	2	10	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	31	6 w'ks	2	10	10	8	—	—	—	—	13
Glands of neck	5	6 w'ks	2	10	2	2	—	—	—	—	1
Rickets	12	3 m'ths	2	10	2	3	—	—	—	—	7
Chorea	18	3 w'ks	2	10	6	5	—	—	—	—	1
Chilblains	2	3 w'ks	2	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alopecia	2	3 m'ths	2	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Anæmia	4	6 w'ks	2	10	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Post Pneumonia	6	6 w'ks	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rheumatism	4	3 m'ths	2	10	5	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pinks Disease	1	6 w'ks	2	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	1
Post Diphtheria	2	6 w'ks	2	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	165				64	50	28	—	7	—	44

SUN-RAY CLINIC—STOCKINGFORD

Disease	Total Cases Treated.	Average length of Treatment	Average Dose in Minutes		CONDITION OF DISEASE ON DISCHARGE						Under Observation at end of year	
			Minimum	Maximum	Cured	Much Improved	Improved	No Change	Course not Complete			
T.B. Hip	1	3 m'ths	2	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	12
Debility	59	6 w'ks	2	10	—	40	16	—	—	—	6	1
Psoriasis	4	3 m'ths	2	10	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1
Bronchitis	16	3 " "	2	10	—	9	4	—	—	—	—	1
Glands of neck	3	6 w'ks	2	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets	10	3 m'ths	2	10	—	4	1	—	—	—	2	3
Chorea	11	3 " "	2	10	—	5	3	—	—	—	1	1
Chilblains	10	3 w'ks	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
'Alopecia	1	6 " "	2	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	115				10	63	28	1	11			18

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

I give below particulars of attendances during the year 1948:

	School	Infants	Total
Tuberculosis	10	—	10
Spastic paralysis	10	—	10
Infantile paralysis	14	—	14
Rickets	1	5	6
Bone injuries	9	—	9
Spinal deformities	13	.2	15
Flat foot	94	15	109
Claw foot	17	5	22
Club foot	7	2	9
Osteomyelitis	3	—	3
Knock knees	17	1	18
Other conditions	85	48	133
Number of new cases	122	54	176
Number of cases carried on from previous year	155	22	177
Number treated in hospital	34	7	41
Instruments supplied	113	24	137
Clinics by M.O.	—	—	5
Attendances at same	404	89	493
Attendances at treatment clinics	4,421	234	4,655
Total attendances	4,852	323	5,148
Number discharged	36	10	46
Sisters' attendances			132

REPORT BY DR. SYLVIA REID ON THE WORK AT THE CHILD GUIDANCE, RIVERSLEY PARK, CLINIC

During the year 1948 our total attendances at this clinic numbered 315. These children present a good variety of emotional disorder, e.g., enuretics, behaviour difficulties (including delinquency), various nervous and mental disturbances, and M.D. or very dull and backward children.

The chief method of treatment is individual playtherapy by the Clinic Psychologist, Miss E. A. Eattell and by the Psychiatrist. The general playroom is used for free play methods and it is found that a number of the enuretics respond very well to free play with sand and water, and here it might be said that it would be of great assistance if further facilities were available for this type of play.

It is found that the elder group of children is not so suitable for this method of treatment and our greatest difficulty is to give them the adequate individual time which they require.

One of the most important points of the Child Guidance Clinic is the interviewing of parents. This is done by the Clinic Social Worker who makes home visits (53 visits were made during the

year 1948), and in addition the mothers are frequently seen at Riversley Park, when the child's difficulties are discussed and advice given.

Occasionally it is found that the mother herself is nervous and strained and in such instances the mother is referred to the Psychiatric Clinic at the Manor Hospital for further guidance.

The impression is gained that the clinic is being used more freely by local doctors as well as schools.

I would again like to pay tribute to the kindly co-operation which we receive from the staff of Riversley Park Clinic.

Record of cases treated at the Child Guidance Clinic:

Continued treatment from 1947	...	...	...	...	18
Bedwetting	...	...	...	...	7
Behaviour disorders	...	...	...	...	12
Nervous and mental disorders	...	...	...	...	9
Mental defectives	...	...	...	...	7
Number discharged as recovered	...	...	...	...	11
Number discharged as improved	...	...	...	...	7
Number of patients to whom advice was given (Diagnosis or simple advice)	...	...	...	...	17
Number placed in schools away from home	...	...	...	...	3
Number who failed to attend before completion of treatment	...	...	...	...	1

SPEECH THERAPY

Particulars of cases attending Speech Therapy Clinic:

No. in attendance at beginning of year	...	...	...	16
New cases	...	...	...	26
Discharged	...	...	...	3
Ceased attending before discharge	...	...	...	7
Advice given but not treated	...	...	...	2
Under supervision prior to discharge	...	...	...	2
Temporary discharge	...	...	...	3
Total No. of attendances	...	...	...	323
No. of children attending at end of year	...	...	...	25

Clinical Analysis of Speech Defects Under Treatment

Stammer	...	...	...	12
Cleft Palate	...	...	...	3
Dyslalia	...	...	...	6
Delayed speech	...	...	...	2
Deafness causing defective speech	...	...	...	1
Stigmatism	...	...	...	1
Also attending child guidance clinic	...	...	...	2
Psychological treatment (adult)	...	...	...	1

**MEDICAL INSPECTION FORMS FOR YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1948**

**TABLE I—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING
MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

A—Periodic Medical Inspections:

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups:	
Entrants	579
Second Age Group	621
Third Age Group	337
	Total 1,537

Number of other Periodic Inspections:

(Grammar School)	—
	1,537

B.—Other Inspections:

Number of Special Inspections	4,337
Number of Re-inspections	1,045
	5,382

C.—Pupils found to require treatment:

Number of individual pupils found at periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin):

GROUP (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table IIa (3)	Total Individual Pupils (4)
Entrants	3	112	115
Second Age Group ...	7	103	110
Third Age Group	4	32	36
Total: prescribed groups	14	247	261
Other periodic inspection	—	—	—

TABLE II—(a) RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948

Defect Code No.	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Periodic Inspections		Special Inspections	
		No. of Defects		No. of Defects	
		Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment.
4	Skin	13	4	371	—
5	Eyes:				
	(a) Vision	14	1	41	—
	(b) Squint	10	1	10	—
	(c) Other	5	—	221	—
6	Ears:				
	(a) Hearing	1	1	7	—
	(b) Otitis Media	4	2	5	—
	(c) Other	2	1	168	—
7	Nose or Throat	157	16	389	—
8	Speech	1	2	3	2
9	Cervical Glands	—	10	71	—
10	Heart and Circulation	3	2	7	2
11	Lungs	2	7	14	3
12	Developmental:				
	(a) Hernia	—	—	2	—
	(b) Other	—	—	5	—
13	Orthopædic:				
	(a) Posture	2	17	2	1
	(b) Flat Foot	10	1	50	1
	(c) Other	5	4	45	—
14	Nervous System:				
	(a) Epilepsy	1	2	—	—
	(b) Other	—	1	21	—
15	Psychological:				
	(a) Developmental	6	—	3	—
	(b) Stability	2	2	—	—
16	Other	22	7	1652	—

TABLE II—(b) CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	Number of Pupils Inspected	A (Good)		B (Fair)		C (Poor)	
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2	No	% of Col. 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Entrants	579	2	.345	562	97.06	15	2.6
Second Age Group ..	621	5	.805	602	96.92	14	2.54
Third Age Group	337	5	1.484	311	92.27	21	6.23
Other periodic inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1537	12	.780	1475	95.97	50	3.25

TABLE III—TREATMENT TABLE

Group 1.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness):

A.

Number of defects treated or under treatment during the year.

SKIN:

Ringworm-Scalp	14
(1) X-Ray treatment	14
(2) Other treatment	—
Ringworm—Body	28
Scabies	40
Impetigo	19
Other skin diseases	270

EYE DISEASE:

(Excluding error of refraction, squint, and cases admitted to hospital 221

EAR DEFECTS 184

MISCELLANEOUS:

(e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, etc.) 1,652

B. Total number of attendances at Authority's Minor	
Ailment Clinic	8,805

Group 2.—Defective vision and Squint (excluding Eye Diseases treated as Minor Ailments):

	No. of defects dealt with.
ERRORS OF REFRACTION (including squint)	336
Other defects or diseases of the eye (excluding those recorded in Group 1)	37
TOTAL	373

Number of pupils for whom spectacles were

(a) prescribed	246
(b) obtained	211

Group 3.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat:

Received Operative treatment:

	Total No. treated
(a) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	158
(b) for other nose and throat conditions	5
Received other forms of treatment	128
TOTAL	291

Group 4.—Orthorædic and Postural Defects:

(a) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools	34
(b) No. treated otherwise, e.g., in clinics or out-patient departments	277

Group 5.—Child Guidance Treatment and Speech Therapy:

	No. of Pupils treated.
(a) under Child Guidance arrangements	52
(b) under Speech Therapy	42

TABLE IV—DENTAL INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENT

1. No. of pupils inspected by Authority's Dental Officer:		
(a) Periodic age group	... ..	3,315
(b) Specials	... ..	961
	TOTAL	4,276
2. No. found to require treatment		1,745
3. No. actually treated		1,447
4. Attendances made by pupils for treatment		2,405
5. Half-days devoted to:		
(a) inspection	... ..	16
(b) treatment	... ..	292
	TOTAL	308
6. Fillings:		
Permanent teeth	... ..	542
Temporary teeth	... ..	71
	TOTAL	613
7. Extractions:		
Permanent teeth	... ..	392
Temporary teeth	... ..	2,657
8. Administration of general anæsthetics for extraction		474
9. Other operations:		
(a) Permanent teeth	... ..	544
(b) Temporary teeth	... ..	—

TABLE V—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

1.—Total number of examinations in the schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	... ..	23,795
2.—Total number of individual pupils found to be infested		575
3.—Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued	... ..	—

TABLE 6 - TOTAL INSECTIONS AND TREATMENT

1. No. of pupils inspected by Authority's Tester

Object	(a) Periodic eye group	(b) Special group	(c) Total
Inspected	100	100	200
Treated	100	100	200
Total	200	200	400

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TABLE 7 - INVESTIGATION WITH VITRIN

- 1 - Total number of inspections in the school by special
- 2 - Total number of inspections by general
- 3 - Total number of individual pupils found to be infested
- 4 - Number of individual pupils in respect of which
- 5 - Number of individual pupils in respect of which

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