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OKEHAMPTON RURAL DISTRICT.

Okehampton.

8th July, 1944.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1943.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit an annual report for the year 1943. As you are aware I was away in the Army during the whole of this time and am therefore only able to supply a statistical summary of the sanitary circumstances of your district.

Apart from scarlet fever and measles, the district was very free from infectious diseases. Fourteen new cases of tuberculosis is somewhat above the average.

Cancer and heart disease still remain the chief causes of death. It is good to note that once again no mother died from puerperal causes.

Vital Statistics.

Population - 13,290.

<u>Live Births.</u>	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	98	77	} 187.
Illegitimate	6	6	

Birth rate 14.7 per 1000 resident population
England & Wales 16.5.

Still Births - 16

Still birth rate 78 per 1000 live and still births.

Deaths.

Males - 86
Females 89

Total 175.

Death rate 13.2 per 1000 population
England & Wales 12.1.

Death of infants under one year - 6.
Death rate of infants under one year - 32
England & Wales 49.

Table of Causes of Death.

Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	2
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	2
Syphilitic diseases	-	1

Contd. over.

Table of causes of Death. (Contd.).

Influenza	-	10
Cancer	-	31
Cerebral Haemorrhage	-	21
Heart disease	-	47
Other circulatory diseases	-	4
Bronchitis	-	9
Pneumonia	-	1
Diseases of digestive system	-	11
Puerperal disease	-	0
Premature births etc.	-	4
Road accidents	-	0
Other violent causes	-	2
Other defined diseases	-	27
Kidney diseases	-	<u>3</u>
Total	-	<u>175.</u>

Infectious diseases.

Scarlet fever	-	6
Diphtheria	-	0
Puerperal pyrenia	-	1
Measles	-	38
Pneumonia	-	2
Tuberculosis	-	
New Cases	-	14
Deaths	-	4
Number now on register	-	46

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) E.D. Allen-Price.

Medical Officer of Health.