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Urban District Council of Pickering.



ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,930.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,199.

The Rateable Value is £15,293, which produces a Penny Rate, £70 : 13 : 5 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		77	36	41	19'6
Live Births	Legitimate	68	33	35	37'5 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	9	3	6	
Still Births	Legitimate	2	1	3	12'0 per 1,000 of population.
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		47	22	25	

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 3	Rate 39'0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	25'9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	1	111'1

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	9
„ Measles (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	none

Causes of Death were :—

Suicide	1	Cerebral Haemorrhage	4
Other Violent Causes	1	Heart Disease	15
Congenital Malformation	1	Premature Birth	1
Bronchitis	1	Ulcer of Stomach	1
Other Respiratory Disease	2	Appendicitis	1
Cancer	9	Influenza	2
Pneumonia	2	Other Digestive Disease	1
Tuberculosis	2	Nephritis	1
		All Other Causes	5

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer. The M.O.H. is in charge of the Child Welfare Clinic and is assisted by the District Nurse.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply from Keld Head Spring has been chlorinated regularly. According to chemical analysis this water is plentiful in supply and has been pure in quality, but, where contamination has been found the degree of chlorine has been increased. Bacteriological examination has frequently been made. Practically all the houses have a piped supply and the examination is made from samples of these and from the raw water at the spring.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	...	...	152
" " " Housing Acts	...	...	58
" " to Dairies Cowsheds, etc.	...	...	92
" " to works in progress	...	...	121
" " to Shops	...	...	22
Drainage systems renewed or improved	...	...	17
Drains inspected and tested	...	...	25
" " " found satisfactory	...	...	20
" " " found defective	...	...	5

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary as regards temperature and ventilation. In two cases repairs to defective sanitary accommodation were carried out as the result of informal action.

Camping Sites.

No Licences have been issued for Camping sites and no action has been found necessary.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in the area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Council's Swimming Bath has remained closed since the premises were adapted as part of the British Restaurant.

Meat and Other Foods.

With the exception of emergency slaughters all slaughtering is carried out at a central Abbatoir outside the District.

There have been a few instances of carcasses which appeared to have escaped the notice of the Central Slaughtering Authorities and these have been returned for salvage purposes.

I have co-operated with the Salvage Dept. of the Ministry of Food in all cases where other foods have been condemned, particularly as regards tinned foods and cheeses.

I have also advised the Ministry of Food as to the condition of certain Cattle Feeding Stuffs, which were examined at the L.N.E.R. Goods Dept.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of Bug infestation have been found and inspection of some of the oldest and most neglected properties in the area, although they revealed odd cases of flea infestation revealed no sign of the bed bug. Unfortunately, with the great demand for second-hand furniture, which is obtained from all parts of the Country, we may not continue for long in this fortunate position.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1944.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ...	none	none	none
Smallpox ...	none	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	none	none	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	none	none
Pneumonia ...	none	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	none	none	none

Cancer.

9 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 2 being males and 7 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Mortality during 1944 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ...								
25 ...	1	1				1		
35 ...								
45 ...								
55 ...								
65&upwards	1				1			
Totals...	2	1			1	1		

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

THOS. J. MUIR,

Medical Officer of Health,

Pickering Urban District.