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STATISTICS
MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Public Health Department,

1, Church Street,

Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968.

During the year, the health of the area remained satisfactory. The vital statistics for the area were satisfactory and with the exception of an outbreak of measles and an outbreak of dysentery affecting mainly school children, the prevalence of infectious diseases remained low.

My thanks again are due to my colleagues in the Health Department for their loyalty and assistance.

To you, the Chairman, and members of the Health Committee, my appreciation of the encouragement and support afforded to me.

Yours faithfully,

J.E.Morris,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the north by Thornton Cleveleys Urban District, on the east and south by the parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton, and on the west by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the district is formed by three representatives from each of the five wards which are:- Poulton North, Poulton West, Poulton East. Carleton and Hardhorn.

The district is principally residential in character. Employment is provided by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the building trades, agriculture and the several light industries on the industrial estates.

Estimated population for mid 1968	16,050
Population (1961 Census)	12,760
Number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Book at the end of 1968	6,046
Area of district in acres	2,272
Rateable value... ..	£651,504
Sum represented by a penny rate	£22,591

BIRTHS

236 births were registered during the year, 133 males and 103 females. The birth rate was 14.7 per 1,000 population, There were 7 illegitimate births, and 4 stillbirths.

Births and Birth Rates of Recent Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>
1964	18.7	257
1965	16.2	241
1966	16.5	248
1967	16.2	245
1968	14.7	236

Infantile Mortality Rate

	<u>Poulton-le- Fylde</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate...	8.0	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	8.1	12.3
Stillbirth rate.....	17.0	14.0
Maternal Mortality Rate.	Nil	0.25

DEATHS

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
89	89	178

The crude death rate was 11.1 per 1,000 population

The adjusted death rate was 10.8 per 1,000 population

Deaths and Death Rates of recent years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of deaths</u>
1964	11.9	173
1965	12.2	185
1966	12.7	193
1967	13.9	212
1968	11.1	178

Age Groups

The table shows the arrangement of deaths in the age groups

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year	1	1	2
1 - 5	-	1	1
6 - 15	-	1	1
16 - 25	-	-	-
26 - 35	1	-	1
36 - 45	4	3	7
46 - 55	6	3	9
56 - 65	16	9	25
66 - 75	35	15	50
76 & over	26	56	82
	89	89	178

CAUSES OF DEATHS

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus ...	12	3	15
Malignant neoplasm - Breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	-	1	1
Leukemia	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	7	6	13
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Anaemias	-	2	2
Other diseases of nervous system etc., ...	1	1	2
Hypertensive disease	2	3	5
Ischaemic Heart disease	20	18	38
Other forms of Heart disease	4	6	10
Cerebrovascular disease	12	21	33
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	8	4	12
Pneumonia... ..	3	1	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema... ..	6	2	8
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	2
Other diseases of digestive system ...	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary system ...	-	1	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue ...	1	-	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc. ...	1	1	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ...	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
All other accidents	-	2	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	1	-	1
All other external causes	1	2	3
Total all causes	89	89	178

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 170 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year as follows: during the year of 1967, 216 cases were notified.

Total Cases Notified

Measles.....	80
Acute Meningitis.....	1
Infective Hepatitis.....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4
Food Poisoning.....	1
Scarlet Fever.....	4
Scarletina	3
Dysentery	76

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1968

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases at all ages	Age Periods - Years								Over 25	Age unknown
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25		
Measles	80	3	13	13	18	12	16	1	-	-	4
Acute Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1
Scarletina	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	76	-	3	7	3	3	32	11	3	14	-
Total	168	3	16	20	21	16	52	13	4	18	5

Monthly Table of Infectious Diseases

Month	Total		Measles		Meningitis		Infective Hepatitis		Food Poisoning		Scarlet Fever		Scarletina		Dysentery		Tuberculosis	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
March	28	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	21	-	-
April	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
May	3	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
June	13	14	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-
July	5	9	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
August	21	15	19	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
September	5	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
November	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
December	5	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1

Food Poisoning

Cases	No. of deaths	Whether investigated	Causal Organism	Vehicle of Infection	Origin	Observations
1	-	Yes	Salmonella Typhimurium	Not Known	Not Known	

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	130	99	229
Illegitimate	3	4	7
	<u>133</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>236</u>
Crude rate per 1,000 population...			14.7
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ...			14.6
Illegitimate live births, % of total live births			2.96%
<u>Deaths (all causes)</u>			
Number registered	89	89	178
Crude rate per 1,000 population...			11.1
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ...			10.8
<u>Stillbirths</u>			
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Rate per 1,000 total births			17
<u>Maternal Mortality</u>			
Number of deaths registered			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total births			Nil
<u>Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year)</u>			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births			8.0
<u>Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks)</u>			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births			8.0
<u>Early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week)</u>			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births			8.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births			25

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton, and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained from this station, or Fleetwood.

At Thornton, three ambulances and two dual-purpose vehicles are on call; an ambulance and two dual-purpose vehicles are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis at Thornton, and from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at Fleetwood.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 — SECTION 47

There were no persons removed to hospital or other institutions as allowed for by the compulsory powers of the above Act.

HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the district.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals under the control of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of diptheria, dysentery, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, food poisoning etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners, at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, and Victoria Hospital, and a full use is made of these facilities by this Department.

MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC

Dr. J. L. T. Graham	Assistant Divisional Medical Officer Lancashire County Council
Mrs. R. Bevan	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Miss L. Gilbert	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs. H. Cook	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs. J. Goodwin	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs. J. H. Mallandaine 30, Moorway, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 3528	Midwife
Miss J. Greaves 22, Carr Close, Poulton-le-Fylde Tel: Poulton 4911	Midwife
Mrs. R. A. Ronson 18, Fylde Road, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 2529	District Nurse
Miss M. Beswick & Mrs. Pacey 27, Wembley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 2986	District Nurse & Assistant (S.E.N.)
Miss M. W. Lawson	Tuberculosis Health Visitor
Miss E. Caldwell	Dentist
Mr. Wyatt	Chiropodist

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POULTON-LE-FYLDE

The School and Child Welfare Clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde provided the following services at the times shown.

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Times</u>
Ante-Natal	Tuesday from 1.30 p.m.
Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes	Friday, 10.45 a.m.
Child Welfare	Wednesday, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Chiropody (Old Age Pensioners, Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Physically Handicapped persons)	Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Dental	Monday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
School Clinic by appointment	Thursday 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.
Speech Therapy	Tuesday, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

In addition, on alternate Monday afternoons, a Child Welfare Clinic is held between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. at the Carleton Memorial Centre, Staining and Singleton.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Population

16,050

An increase of 730 on the population figure of 1967.

Acreage

2,270 statutory acres

Housing

Number of new houses, flats and bungalows erected ...	136
Number of inhabited houses	6,046
Rateable value	£ 651,504
Sum represented by penny rate	£2,591

Births and Mortality Rates

Number of Births	236
Birth rate per 1,000 population	14.7
Birth rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population...	16.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 population	8.0
Maternal mortality rate	Nil

Deaths

Number of deaths	178
Death rate per 1,000 population	11.1
Death rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population...	11.9

Infectious Diseases

163 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified

Sewerage

Continuous readings of the flow of sewerage discharged into the River Wyre are taken.

Public Health Department,

Queensway,

Poulton-le-Fylde,

Lancashire.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector
for the year of 1968

During the year, the Department made a total of 2,135 visits to premises in the district covering the whole range of Public Health and Housing work.

The work included House Improvement Grants, Meat and Poultry control, Office, Shops and Food Hygiene Inspections, and varied Public Health and Housing complaints.

During the year, 53 informal notices were served after the discovery of nuisances and defects in the district, and 3 Statutory notices were served where no progress was made after the serving of informal notices.

The Department dealt with the spreading of poultry manure by a local farmer on adjacent land, and at the time of my visit, the smell was so vile that it was impossible for any normal resident to remain in their homes. On inspection I was able to discover that the poultry manure had been allowed to accumulate for a period of 30 days before spreading on the land and in this time had putrefied to such an extent that spreading on the land would give rise to an immediate and vile smell.

The farmer was advised accordingly regarding the regular removal of such manure, and the use of an industrial deodoriser for the reduction of the smell at source.

During the summer months complaints were received regarding the noise from a local club, caused by singing and the playing of musical instruments which were a nuisance to occupiers of nearby premises.

The complaints were duly investigated, and in July, an Abatement Notice was served on the Club to carry out the necessary works of soundproofing and sound reduction. Advice had been given to the Club Committee in regard to this matter earlier in the year, but no noise reduction was forthcoming, and it was found that ventilation in these premises was on a 'hit and miss basis' by use of open windows, and, therefore, in the summer months the noise was quite unbearable, both in the main street and in the homes of the complainants. The solution to this problem was accepted by the Club and the windows concerned were glazed completely and satisfactory mechanical ventilators provided.

In the latter half of the year, it was necessary to report to the Committee, contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations in connection with one of the bakehouses in the district. There were 14 contraventions including unsatisfactory lighting, inadequate washing facilities and sinks, unsatisfactory construction of floors, walls and ceilings.

These premises had obviously been in operation for many years, and there appeared to be complete lack of understanding or reluctance by the proprietors to fall in line with the simplest code of hygiene both in connection with bakehouse facilities or construction, and it was inevitable that these premises would close themselves down, (as they did early in the following year) because of the large amount of monies required to bring the bakehouse up to modern standards.

During the year, the Department took successful prosecutions under the Caravan Sites and Control of Developments Act against a local licence holder, for stationing excess vans on the licensed site contrary to the site licence, and for stationing a caravan on unlicensed land adjacent to the main site. The licence holder was fined £10 in each case with £10 costs.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the assistance and understanding they have given me throughout the year,

Yours faithfully,

Edward L. Cobb,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

Water

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water, being pleasantly soft and of a peaty nature, from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

The following are details of samples of mains water taken by the Fylde Water Board during the year.

No. of samples taken	26
No. free from Coliform organisms	26
% satisfactory	100

Aerobic micro-organisms growing in Yeastral Agar

No. of Colonies per ml. of sample:-

In 2 days at 37°C	1
In 3 days at 22°C	2

At 31st. December, 1968, a total of 6,046 dwellings in Poulton-le-Fylde were supplied with water by the Fylde Water Board.

Sanitary Accomodation

The following shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at 31st. December, 1968, and those for the previous year.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Water closets.....	6,190	6,210
Pail closets	1	1
Privies	0	0
Dry ashpits	0	0
Waste water closets	0	0

TYPICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE AREA

Appearance	Winter	Summer
	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright
Colour (Hazen p.p.m. Pt)	5	4
Turbidity (p.p.m.Silica)	Nil	Nil
Odour	Nil	Nil
Taste	Normal	Normal
Reaction pH value	8.0	7.6
	p.p.m.	
Residual Chlorine	0.15	0.15
Free and Saline Ammonia as N ₂	0.03	0.05
Albuminoid Ammonia as H ₂	0.06	0.06
Nitrous Nitrogen as N ₂	Negligible	Negligible
Nitric Nitrogen as N ₂	0.62	0.10
Oxygen absorbed 4 hrs. @ 27°C	0.38	0.39
Free Acidity as CO ₂	- less than 5	-
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	16	64
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	32	78
Non-carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	16	14
Excess Alkalinity as Na ₂ CO ₃	Nil	Nil
Calcium as CaCO ₃	24	60
Magnesium as CaCO ₃	8	18
Total Solids dried at 180°C	76	130
Chloride as Cl	13	16
Sulphate as SO ₄	19	16
Lead as Pb	- less than 0.05	-
Manganese as Mn	Nil	Nil
Copper as Cu	Nil	Nil
Iron as Fe	0.10	0.04
Aluminium as Al	0.08	0.02
Fluoride as F	Less than 0.1	Less than 0.1

WORK COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

Public Health Acts 1936/61 - Works completed (excluding Food Hygiene, Offices, Shops and Railway premises.)

Repairs to W.C. compartments.....	2
Cleansing/Grading of Watercourse of Filth etc.....	3
Drainage repairs and re-drainage of property.....	8
Renewal of sink waste pipes.....	3
Guttering and waste pipes replaced.....	2
Sink replaced.....	1
Unwholesome premises cleansed	2

Housing Repairs

Replastering of walls (Rising /Penetrating dampness)....	13
Flashings/Soakers renewed.....	7
Pointing to external brickwork.....	8
Remedy dry/wet rot infestations.....	4
Defective floor boards.....	4
Defective wall/ceiling plaster replaced.....	4
Roofs repaired.....	6
External brickwork replaced.....	3
Window cords fixed.....	8
Glass renewed in windows.....	1
Broken and uneven paths renewed.....	1
Woodworm infestation treated.....	4

Public Health/Housing Inspections etc.

Number of visits (allpurposes).....	2,135
Number of premises visited.....	367
Number of defects or nuisances discovered.....	105
Number of defects or nuisances abated.....	90
Number of informal notices served.....	53
Number of statutory notices served.....	3
Number of complaints received and investigated.....	84

	No. of visits	No. of defects found	No. of defects remedied
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations	59	30	22
Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations	694	32	18
Offices, Shops & Railway Prems,	75	48	38
Factories Act	9	5	2

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Slaughterhouse visits (meat inspection & hygiene inspections) ...	694
Poultry inspections ...	95

Housing Acts

Inspections re. sanitary defects and repairs ...	15
Inspections of houses, caravans etc. completed ...	18
Inspections re. Standard Grants ...	48
Inspections re. Discretionary Grants ...	10
Visits re. Council Houses, Defects, Breach of Tenancy conditions	61
Visits re. applications for Councilhouse tenancies ...	89
Miscellaneous ...	10

Public Health Acts 1936-61

Complaints investigated ...	69
Visits re. housing repairs ...	8
Revisits re. work ordered or under investigation (excluding specific legislation) ...	8
Visits re. defective drainage ...	46
Visits re. nuisance from watercourse ...	8
Water samples (swimming pool) ...	2
Visits re. unwholesome premises ...	35
Visits re. water under floor ...	7
Visits re. farm odours & other offensive odours ...	20
Visits re. public conveniences ...	12
Miscellaneous ...	53

Food Hygiene regulations ...	59
Milk & Dairies regulations ...	36
Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) regulations ...	1
Visits re. Infectious diseases ...	480
Visits re. unsound foodstuffs ...	41
Disease of animals (Waste Foods) Order ...	4
Visits re. rodent and insect pests ...	34
Offices, Shops & Railway premises Act (initial visits & revisits)	75
Visits re. Noise Abatement Act ...	45
Visits re. Factories Act ...	9
Visits re. Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act ...	9
Visits re. Clean Air Act ...	23
Visits re. Ice Cream & Lollies ...	11

Total 2,135

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act, requiring the registration of premises used for boarding animals, was applied to two establishments. One is used for dogs and cats, and the other for cats only. Both premises comply with the Council's requirements, the animals received good individual attention, and the hygiene is good. During the year, the one dealing with cats only was vacated, and no application was received for licence renewal.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There is one pet shop in the district, licensed under the above Act. The premises comply with the requirements of the Council, and such animals as hamsters, birds, dogs, kittens and fish are sold.

SWIMMING BATH

There is one small privately owned swimming bath in the district, which is open to the public. A simple tube filtration is in operation, and the chlorination is done by hand.

The following are the results of two samples of the water submitted for bacteriological examination during the year, and shown to be satisfactory:-

Ref.No.	Source	Probable numbers per 100 ml.		Plate count
		Coliform bacilli	Bact. coli (type 1)	
PLF 1	Pool - Outlet	0	0	15 orgs/ml.
PLF 2	Pool - Inlet	0	0	475 orgs/ml.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Two certificates of registration are in existence in respect of the above Act.

GAME ACT, 1831

Two licences under the above Act were renewed during the year, enabling the holders to deal in game at their premises.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The cleansing service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of two covered vehicles, working full time.

Disposal

Domestic refuse was deposited on an area of reclaimed land behind an embankment at Skippool Marsh. During 1968, approximately 6,500 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service

Total number of moveable dustbins.....	7,732
Weight of refuse collected	6,388 tons
Total number of bins emptied	432,518
Cost of collection and disposal	£14,458. 19.s 5d.
Weight of salvage sold	176tons.13cwt.1qr.
Value	£1,406. 2s. 1d.
Cost of baling	£1,071. 1s. 4d.

Road Sweeping

The concil's workmen swept 1,842.14 miles of highway during the year. A mechanical sweeper (suction cleaner) was in operation.

Premises	Number on Register	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	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	44	7	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	2	2	-
Total	48	11	5	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of Prosecutions
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors...	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops Warehouses	Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens.	Fuel Storage Depots
No. of registered premises at the end of the year	24	92	1	11	2
No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year	2	31	1	4	1
No. of exemptions	-	-	-	-	-
No. of employees at registered premises	77	243	2	73	2

Total No. of visits of all kinds to registered premises 75

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	No. of Contraventions found	Section	No. of Contraventions found
4	Cleanliness 7	12	Clothing accomodation 3
5	Overcrowding 1	13	Sitting facilities 2
6	Temperature 52	14	Seats (Sedentary workers) -
7	Ventilation 9	15	Eating facilities -
8	Lighting 16	16	Floors, passage and Stairs 27
9	Sanitary conveniences 5	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery 6
9	Insufficient sanitary conveniences 9	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery -
10	Insufficient washing facilities 24	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery -
11	Supply of drinking water 4	23	Prohibition of heavy work -
		24	First aid general provisions 52

HOUSING

Number of new dwellings erected during the year.

By the Local Authority..... Nil
By other bodies or persons..... 136

Total number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority - 386

Inspections of dwelling houses

1. (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 23
- (b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 93
- (c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit..... 19
2. Total No. of dwellings existing at the end of the year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable, at reasonable expense, of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-
 - (a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)..... -
 - (b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made..... -

Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		persons	families
<u>In Clearance areas</u>			
1. Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
2. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	-	-	-
3. Houses on land acquired under S. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17(1), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
5. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
6. Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

Unfit Houses Closed

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		persons	families
1. Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	-	-	-
2. Under S.17(3) and S.26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
3. Parts of buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

Unfit Houses made fit

1. By owner after informal action by Local Authority 16
2. After informal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957:-
 - (a) by owner..... -
 - (b) by Local Authority..... -
3. After formal notice under Public Health Acts..... -
4. After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957..... -
5. After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957..... -
6. After determination of a clearance order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961..... -

Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

	(1) No. of Houses	(2) No. of separate dwellings in (1)
Retained for temporary accomodation:-		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(d) Licenced for temporary occupation under Section 34 or Section 53	-	-

Purchase of Houses by agreement

	No. of Houses	No. of occupants
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders	-	-

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(a) Number of applications received	-	-
(b) Number of applications approved	-	-
(c) Number of applications refused	-	-
(d) Number of dwellings improved	-	2
(e) Works completed	-	2
(f) Amount paid in grants	£. 749.	s. 6. d. 8.

Standard Grants

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(a) Number of applications received	7	6
(b) Number of applications approved	8	7
(c) Number of applications refused	-	-
(d) Number of dwellings improved	6	6
(e) Works completed	6	5
(f) Amount paid in grants	£. 1,160.	s. 17. d. 5.

Amenities Provided

1.	Fixed bath	10
2.	Shower	-
3.	Wash hand basin.....	10
4.	Hot water supply	10
5.	Water closet .(within dwelling)	11
6.	Food store	-

RENT ACT, 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications made..... Nil
 Number of certificates issued Nil
 Applications made for the cancellation
 of certificates..... Nil
 Number of undertakings given to
 carry out work..... Nil

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPEMENT ACT, 1960

	Residential	Holiday
(a) No. of sites used for camping	1	3
(b) No. of vans permanently occupied	1	-
(c) No. of Site licences issued under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	-	3
(d) No. of vans concerned in (c) above	-	Site (1) 158 Site (2) 30 Site (3) 23 <hr/> 211

During the year a prosecution was successful against one sitellicence holder in the district for contravention of the site licence in that an excess number of vans was stationed on the land.

COUNCIL HOUSES

Lettings

During 1968, the following allocations were made by the Housing Sub-Committee.

Houses	9
Flats	7
Bungalows	1
Flatlets	3

The Committee also agreed to established tenants transferring to other Council premises in three cases.

Register of Applications

54 new applications were made for housing during 1968. At 31st. December, 1968, the total number of applications made for Council accomodation was as follows:-

4 bedroomed houses	3
3 bedroomed houses	9
2 bedroomed houses)	
Ground Floor flats)	21
Flatlets	37
Bungalows	16
First Floor flats.	48
Elizabeth Court - Warden Scheme	15
Total	<u>149</u> applications.

The outsiders' list has now been discontinued.

RODENT AND INSECT/PEST CONTROL

The following table shows the number of visits made by the Department, regarding the control of rodents/insects/pests.

	Type of property			
	Non-Agricultural			Agricultural
	Business Premises	Dwelling Houses	Local Authority Property/Land	
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	118	168	29	19
Number infested by:-				
(i) Rats	48	31	24	14
(ii) Mice	51	42	20	1
(iii) Insects	10	60	5	-
Total number of revisits	164	178	53	33
Miscellaneous	38	54	34	9
Survey - Rodents	198	279	104	74
Survey - Insects	23	46	29	9

Summary

Total number of complaints received.....	334
Total number of infestations discovered.....	306
Total number of revisits.....	428
Total number successfully treated	306

The work of insect control dealt with complaints regarding cockroaches, ants, woodworm, wasps' nests, clover mites, and the usual domestic insects. The Department also gave advice and assistance regarding the control of rabbits and moles at domestic premises.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

It was not found necessary for the service of any notices under this Act, as the Department was able to receive the fullest co-operation from the appropriate persons concerned.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of Food Premises in the District at the end of the year

Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (including those selling wet fish and game etc:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry & game etc:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Licenced premises, clubs, off licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Shops selling sugar confectionery, ice-cream, minerals etc:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Total										99

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Type of Business	No. registered at 31.12.68	No. registered during 1968
Manufacturers of preserved food etc:	9	-
Premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream	1	-
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	31	2
Premises in area registered for hawkers of food	15	1

Ice - Cream

During the year the following samples of ice-cream were taken

Ref. No.	Provisional Grade	Whether satisfactory
1/IC	1	Yes
2/IC	1	Yes
3/IC	1	Yes
4/IC	1	Yes
5/IC	3	No
6/IC	2	No
7/IC	1	Yes
8/IC	1	Yes

Further samples were taken where the sample fell short of the No.1 grading.

Ice- Lollies

During the year the following samples of ice-lollies were taken

Ref.No.	Result
1/IL/68	cpH 4.0 Highly satisfactory
2/IL/68	cpH 4.0 Highly satisfactory
3/IL/68	cpH 4.0 Highly satisfactory

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in the district at the end of 1968.....	Nil
Number of samples of liquid egg submitted for the Alpha-Amylase test.....	1
Number of samples found to be satisfactory	1

Sampling

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr.S.C.Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 67 samples was obtained comprising 31 milks (4 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 36 others as follows:-

1 Malt Extract	1 Ground Oregano
1 Ferrodic Tablets	1 Tapioca
1 Cough Tablets	1 Cheese
2 Table Jellies	1 Sterilised Cream
1 Potatoes, canned	1 Iso Brovon Tablets
1 Jam	1 Drinking Chocolate
1 Beef Stew Seasoning	1 Honey
2 Tomato Puree	1 Ice Cream
1 Margarine	2 Dried Fruit
1 Cooking Fat	1 Pearl Barley
1 Fish Dressing	4 Tomato Puree, canned
1 Baking Powder	1 Beef Curry & Rice, canned
1 Gravy Browning	1 Dried Vegetables
1 Camomile Tea Cubes	1 Cornflour
1 Arrowroot	1 Tomato Juice, canned

All the above samples were found to be genuine.

MILK SUPPLY

There were 31 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1968, they operated from the following premises:-

Distributors in district (including shops).....	30
Producer retailers in district	1

MILK SAMPLES

The number of milk samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Type of milk		
	Untreated	Pasteurised	Sterilised
No. of samples	11	23	3
No. satisfactory	7	20	3
No. unsatisfactory	3	1	-
No. void	1	2	-

Type	No. of samples submitted	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory
<u>Untreated Milk</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	11	8	3
<u>Heat Treated Milk</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	26	25	1
Phosphatase Test	26	26	-
Turbidity Test	3	3	-

Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination etc.

	No. of samples submitted	No. Positive	No. Negative
Tuberculosis	9	-	-
Brucellosis - Ring Test	6	-	6
Brucellosis - Culture Test	-	-	-
Brucellosis - Biological Test	9	-	9

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy and repeat samples are obtained.

In the event of the producer being in another district, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, or the Area Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.

FOOD INSPECTION

Food surrendered by retail shops as unfit for reasons of decomposition, mould growth, blown, pierced or leaking tins etc., was collected by the Department for disposal, and subsequently taken to the Council's tip, and buried beneath domestic refuse. The following list shows the amount and weight.

<u>Pkts. & Boxes.</u>	<u>Tins & Jars,</u>	<u>Article.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
	3	Tuna	1.	5.
	7	Tomato Juice	6.	14.
	6	Tomato Soup	5.	9½.
	1	Veg. Soup		15.
	1	Mushroom Soup	1.	0.
	1	Scotch Broth	1.	0.
	2	Oxtail Soup	1.	10.
	1	Chicken Soup		10.
	2	Raspberries	1.	12½.
	3	Beef & Veg.	4.	8.
	1	Condensed Milk		9
	6	Pilchards	2.	1.
	5	Fruit Cocktail	4.	7.
	2	Sild		7½.
	2	Loganberries	2.	0
	2	Orange Juice	2.	6.
	1	Blackcurrants		10.
	2	French Beans	1.	4.
	9	Pears	10.	13.
	2	Fruit Salad		15.
	1	Green Beans		10.
	2	Choc. Dessert Sauce	1.	4.
	1	Grill Paste		2½.
7		Potatoes	392.	0.
	2	Minced Steak & Gravy	1.	14.
	3	Spaghetti	1.	15.
	1	Sponge Pudding		10½.
	18	Peaches	22.	3.
	6	Strawberries	5.	12.
	8	Pineapple	9.	14.
	10	Corned Beef	5.	5.
	1	Irish Stew	1.	0.
	19	Processed Peas	17.	6.
		Carried Forward	510.	12½.

contd:

			lbs.	ozs.
		Brought Forward	510.	12½.
<u>Pkts. & Boxes</u>	<u>Tins & Jars</u>			
	40	Garden Peas	29.	0.
	3	Runner Beans	1.	14.
	1	Hot Dogs		8.
	28	Tomatoes	20.	8.
	2	Prunes	1.	8.
	2	Rice Pudding	2.	0.
	1	Pressed Ham	4.	0.
	2	Chicken	1.	6½.
	3	Tongue	1.	8.
	2	Crab		6½.
	26	Grape Fruit	27.	13.
	11	Rhubarb	12.	7.
	13	Baked Beans	9.	0.
	1	Mixed Veg.		10.
	8	Evaporated Milk	3.	15.
	1	Marmalade		12.
	3	Cherries	2.	13.
	7	Apricots	7.	9.
	1	Beef Roll		8.
	4	Oranges	3.	12.
1		Cheese	60.	0.
	6	Carrots	4.	5.
	2	Pineapple Juice	1.	4.
	2	Cream	1.	0.
	3	Salmon	1.	15.
	1	Pork		12.
	4	Grape Fruit Juice	4.	12.
	6	Chicken in Jelly	1.	2½.
		Ham	9.	0.
1		Chickens	568.	0.
144				
		Total	1,293.	13½.

MEAT INSPECTION

Two private slaughterhouses were in use during the year. It was necessary during 1968 to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings, on Saturdays and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of animals killed and inspected</u>
1954	1,693
1955	3,154
1956	6,482
1957	6,857
1958	7,039
1959	7,462
1960	8,509
1961	10,292
1962	10,164
1963	8,136
1964	8,038
1965	8,272
1966	11,177
1967	12,836
1968	12,845

Under the Meat Inspection Regulations of 1963. the Council, empowered to make a charge for the meat inspection service, received the sum of £459.6s.3d. during the year of 1968.

Carcases Inspected.

Month	Total	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves
Total No. of animals killed and inspected	12,845	430	179	8,845	551	840
January	1,209	55	31	772	246	105
February	1,005	44	32	597	225	107
March	821	31	15	492	200	83
April	710	36	15	407	179	73
May	1,156	48	22	744	266	76
June	1,114	32	8	848	176	50
July/August	1,388	30	12	1,055	225	66
September	1,407	34	10	1,044	253	66
October	1,500	38	13	1,147	223	79
November	1,315	41	11	955	230	78
December	1,220	41	10	784	328	57

CARCASSES CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	2	12	11	27
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	130	1	320	178	5	634
% of No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	30.4	1.1	3.6	7.4	1.9	5.15
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	5	-	5
% of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	6.16	-	0.08
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

No. of slaughterhouse visits 694
 No. of animals slaughtered and inspected..... 12,845
 Weight of meat rejected as unfit..... 3 tons 6cwt 1½ qrs.

At 31st. December, 1968, 6 licences had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

to the following results:

At the Department of 1908, 6 specimens had been treated by the method described above, and the results were as follows:

Weight of meat, rejected as unfit: 1.50 lbs. (with 100 gms.)

Loss of animal slaughterhouse waste: 0.50 lbs.

No. of slaughterhouse waste: 1

1. A preliminary

examination indicated no treatment

was necessary

Specimens of which none but of, others

Californians

Infected

of No. 1, infected affected with

contaminated, and the results were as follows:

Specimens of which none but of, others

Infected specimens: contaminated

Infected

of No. 1, infected affected with

contaminated, and the results were as follows:

Specimens of which none but of, others

Infected specimens: contaminated

Infected

of No. 1, infected affected with

contaminated, and the results were as follows:

Specimens of which none but of, others

Infected specimens: contaminated

Infected

of No. 1, infected affected with

contaminated, and the results were as follows:

Specimens of which none but of, others

Infected specimens: contaminated

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