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## PADIHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
PADIHAM.

12th August, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban  
District of Padiham.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Sixteenth Annual Report, dealing with the year 1941.

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this report will be an interim report confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, outbreak of Infectious Diseases, etc.

Statistics.

Population :- Estimated population in 1941 - 9,822

No. of Births registered :- Males 64 (Leg. 63 Illeg. 1) Total  
Females 64 (Leg. 62 Illeg. 2) 128

No. of Still Births :- Males 3 } Total 4  
Females 1 }

No. of Deaths Registered :- Males 90 } Total 173  
Females 83 }

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 13.03

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 17.61

No. of deaths under one year of age :- Males 7 } Total 9  
Females 2 }

Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births - 70.31

Causes of Death :- Whooping Cough - 2  
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System - 7  
Syphilitic Diseases - 2  
Influenza - 2  
Cancer and Malignant Disease - 21  
Diabetes - 3  
Intracranial Vascular Lesions - 18  
Heart Disease - 37  
Other circulatory diseases - 5  
Bronchitis - 14  
Pneumonia - 8  
Other Respiratory diseases - 4  
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum - 1  
Diarrhoea under 2 years - 1  
Other Digestive Diseases - 6  
Nephritis - 9  
Other Maternal Causes - 1  
Premature Birth - 3  
Congenital Malformation - 1  
Road Traffic Accidents - 3  
Other violent causes - 7  
All other causes - 18



### Social Conditions of the Area.

Unemployment showed a very substantial decrease on the previous year, due, of course, to the transfer of men and women to occupations concerned with war activities.

The health of the inhabitants has been good and so far as recreations are concerned, full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools, etc.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply :- The Water Supply has been good, both in quality and quantity. Bacteriologically, the water has been up to the standard that we were accustomed to long years ago and we are certainly reaping the benefits brought about by the installation of the Chlorination Plant. The problem of Plumbo-Solvency has still to be tackled, but this will have to wait a more favourable opportunity.

### Sanitary Inspections during the year.

No. of premises visited	-	3,717	
Defects or nuisances	-	No. discovered	- 1,051
		No. abated	- 1,097
No. of notices served	-	Informal	- 353
		Statutory	- 55

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

All the activities associated with the inspection and supervision of food have been closely watched by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

### Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases.

1941 was more or less a normal year so far as Infectious Diseases are concerned. Only 4 cases of Diphtheria were reported - a truly remarkable state of affairs and credit must be given to the Immunisation Clinics which have been run each quarter. During 1941, 59 children under 5 years and 455 over 5 years of age were immunised by me.

Scarlet Fever was fairly rife during the year, but the type was mild and no deaths were reported.

Whooping Cough was also fairly rife but there again the type was generally mild and 2 deaths were reported.

### Tuberculosis.

Nine cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year - 4 Pulmonary and 5 non-Pulmonary.

In connection with my duties as Medical Officer in Charge of the First Aid Post and First Aid Party Depot, I would once again like to voice my appreciation of the valuable help which I have obtained from the Officers and Members of the Padiham St. Johns Ambulance and Nursing Brigade in the training of the First Aid Personnel.

I would also like to thank all those members of the First Aid Post and First Aid Party Depot who are not members of the Ambulance Association for their prompt and punctual attendances and particularly for their trust in the Medical Officer.

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The work done in the Sanitary Department has been well up to the usual good standard which we expect from our very efficient Sanitary Inspector and once again I would render thanks to him for his co-operation and services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. J. FORSYTHE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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