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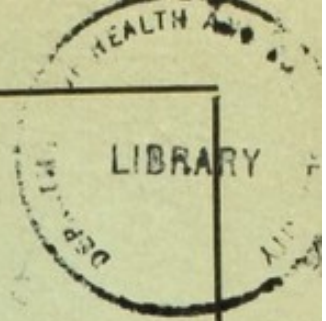
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**RIPON AND PATELEY BRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

as at 31.12.72

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Councillor G. Gill

Vice-Chairman of the Council:

Councillor A. Renton

Members of the Public Health and Planning Committee:

Chairman: Councillor G. Gill

Vice-Chairman: Councillor A. Worsnop

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Councillor P. Atkinson

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Medical Officer of Health:

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Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

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Chief Public Health Inspector:

N. W. Kirk, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

S. Kendall, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
(Left 10.11.72)

Lars L. Hansen, B.Sc., M.A.P.H.I.
(Commenced 11.12.72)

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Pateley Bridge 241

The Council Offices,
Pateley Bridge.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report for the year 1972 on the health of your district and the work of your health department.

As usual the report contains details of the personal health services provided by the County Council.

On April 1st, 1974, when local government is reorganised, the National Health Service will assume responsibility for the present local health authority services and the office of Medical Officer of Health will disappear. Arrangements will have to be made by the new local government authorities for the supply of medical advice on the environmental and personal health services. Presumably this will be given at district level by the Community Physician who will be the adviser on community health to the District Management Team of the National Health Service.

I must thank the members of the Council and my Colleagues for continued help and kindness during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

N. V. HEPPLÉ,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1972) ..	14,170
Area (in acres)	124,861
Number of inhabited houses, March 31st, 1972 ..	4,922
Rateable value, March 31st, 1972	£459,565
Sum represented by a penny rate, March 31st, 1972 ..	£4,375

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District is a large area consisting of the old Ripon Rural Area together with the Pateley Bridge Rural District. The former consists of low lying land around Ripon City, whilst the latter embraces the upper parts of Nidderdale together with the extensive surrounding tracts of high land. It contains the town of Pateley Bridge. The whole area is agricultural in character.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1972

Live Births:	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	106	103	209
Illegitimate	9	3	12
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Total ..	115	106	221
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Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	15.6
Adjusted birth rate	16.2

Comparability Factor	1.04
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Still Births:	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	—	1	1
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births			17.8
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths	71	72	143
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	10.1
Adjusted death rate	9.5

Comparability Factor	0.94
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Maternal Mortality:	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Rates per 1,000 total births</i>
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	—

Infantile Mortality:		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	.. .. .	1	2	3
Illegitimate	.. .. .	—	—	—

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	.. .. .	13.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	.. .. .	14.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	.. .. .	—

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The birth rate of 16.2 was lower than in 1971 but higher than the national rate of 14.8.

Deaths

The death rate of 9.5 showed a decrease compared with the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 12.1.

The principal causes of death were as follows:—

Heart diseases (excepting Ischaemic heart disease) ..	13
Ischaemic heart disease	27
Cerebrovascular disease	23
Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	31
Pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma ..	14

Together these groups accounted for more than three quarters of the deaths from all causes.

Natural Increase of Population

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 78.

Infantile Mortality:

3 children died under the age of one year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 13.6 per 1,000 live births. This compared with a rate of 18.6 for the previous year and 17.0 for England and Wales.

2 babies died under one week of age and 1 aged three weeks. The causes of death were prematurity 2 and congenital abnormality 1.

Maternal Mortality:

There were no maternal deaths in the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District during 1972.

Causes of Death
Registrar-General's Return 1972

Cause	Male	Female	Total
1 Cholera	—	—	—
2 Typhoid fever	—	—	—
3 Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis ..	—	—	—
4 Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ..	—	—	—
5 Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	—	—	—
6 Other tuberculosis, including late effects ..	—	—	—
7 Plague	—	—	—
8 Diphtheria	—	—	—
9 Whooping cough	—	—	—
10 Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	—	—	—
11 Meningococcal infection	—	—	—
12 Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
13 Smallpox	—	—	—
14 Measles	—	—	—
15 Typhus and other rickettsioses	—	—	—
16 Malaria	—	—	—
17 Syphilis and its sequelae	—	—	—
18 All other infective and parasitic diseases	—	1	1
19 Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, includ- ing neoplasms of lymphatic and haemato- poietic tissue	10	21	31
20 Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of un- specified nature	1	—	1
21 Diabetes mellitus	—	2	2
22 Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	—	—	—
23 Anaemias	—	1	1
24 Meningitis	—	—	—
25 Active rheumatic fever	—	—	—
26 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	—	—	—
27 Hypertensive disease	3	2	5
28 Ischaemic heart disease	11	16	27
29 Other forms of heart disease	3	5	8
30 Cerebrovascular disease	13	10	23
31 Influenza	1	—	1
32 Pneumonia	5	1	6
33 Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	6	2	8
34 Peptic ulcer	2	1	3
35 Appendicitis	—	—	—
36 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	—	—	—
37 Cirrhosis of liver	—	—	—
38 Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
39 Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
40 Abortion	—	—	—
41 Other complications of pregnancy, child- birth and puerperium	—	—	—
42 Congenital anomalies	1	1	2
43 Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	—	—	—
44 Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	—	1
45 Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	—	1
46 All other diseases	8	6	14
47 Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
48 All other accidents	2	2	4
49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	—	—	—
50 All other external causes	—	—	—
Total	71	72	143

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

The names and qualifications are set out on page 3.

2. Mortuary

The Council provides a mortuary and post-mortem room at Pateley Bridge. 20 bodies, 9 males and 11 females, were taken there during 1972.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was taken during 1972.

HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT OF DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1972 DIVISION No. 7

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1. POPULATION

The estimated populations of the areas are as follows:—

Harrogate Borough	64,280
Ripon City	11,870
Knarborough Urban District	11,770
Nidderdale Rural District	17,700
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District	14,170
Total	<u>119,790</u>

2. DIVISIONAL STAFF

Medical Officers:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer.

Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

A. W. I. Hall, M.B., B.Chir., Departmental Medical Officer.

Margaret Briggs, M.B., Ch.B., Departmental Medical Officer.

*P. C. N. Clarke, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Paediatrician.

*P. A. I. MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon.

*Rosemary Hawe, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.O., Ophthalmologist.

*W. S. Suffern, M.D., M.R.C.P., Cardiologist.

*Elizabeth Gore, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic.

Anastasia Holroyd, M.A., M.B., B.S.

Katherine H. Odling-Smee, M.B., Ch.B.

Isobel Critchley, M.B., Ch.B.

Margaret E. Manning, M.B., Ch.B.

} Clinic doctors
working on a
sessional basis

**Part-time from Regional Hospital Board.*

Dental Officers

Mr. K. Cowell, L.D.S.

Mr. C. M. Morris, L.D.S.

Miss R. Sclare, L.D.S. (Orthodontic Consultant, part-time in Division 7)

Mr. R. F. Grainger, L.D.S. (part-time in Division 7)

Miss R. Grimwood, L.D.S. (part-time in Division 7)

Mr. M. Hollings, L.D.S. (part-time)

Dental Assistants

Full-time 2

Part-time in Division 7 3

Child Guidance Staff (part-time in Division 7)

Psychologists 2

Psychiatric Social Worker 1

Remedial Teacher 1

Clerical 2

Speech Therapists

Full-time 1

Part-time 2

Nursing Staff

Divisional Nursing Officer 1

Nursing Officers (Health Visitor) 2

Nursing Officer (Home Nurse) 1

Nursing Officer (Home Nurse Midwife) 1

Health Visitors who are also school nurses 18

Health Visitor (part-time) 1

Health Visitor employed on Hospital Liaison Duties 1

Tuberculosis Health Visitor (part-time) 1

Assistant Health Visitors 4

Assistant Health Visitors (part-time) 5

Home Nurses 14

Home Nurses (part-time) 4

Home Nurse Midwives 9

Midwives 5

Administrative

Divisional Administrative Officer 1

Clerical 16

Clerical (part-time) 1

Domestic Staff, etc.

Cleaners (part-time) 17

Caretaker, Health Centre, Knaresborough Road 1

Driver/Handyman 1

3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

A. School Medical Inspections

All new entrants to schools are medically examined but subsequent examinations are done on a selective basis.

Defective vision requiring treatment formed 35.78% of the total defects.

Age Groups born	No. of pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any other condition recorded at Part II	Total Individual pupils
1968 and later	34	34	—	—	—	1	1
1967	805	804	1	—	26	103	124
1966	740	738	2	—	22	91	110
1965	324	324	—	—	9	31	36
1964	368	368	—	628	22	44	61
1963	207	207	—	515	19	30	46
1962	181	181	—	64	9	24	28
1961	258	258	—	741	27	21	45
1960	205	205	—	720	9	17	25
1959	81	81	—	15	7	12	18
1958	70	70	—	42	8	8	15
1957 and earlier	465	465	—	757	46	16	61
TOTAL	3,738	3,735	3	3,482	204	398	570

B. Other Inspections

Number of Special inspections	384
Number of re-inspections	922
	1,306

C. Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	30,742
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	322
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	—
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

1.04% of the children examined were found to have dirty heads, compared with 2.6% in 1971, and 1.6% in 1970.

D. Periodic and Special Inspections

Defect or Disease	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total		Special Inspec- tions	
	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
Skin ..	23	49	5	10	45	40	73	99	6	6
Eyes										
(a) Vision ..	48	111	46	132	110	210	204	453	29	86
(b) Squint ..	10	37	—	5	9	13	19	55	1	18
(c) Other ..	2	7	—	—	2	5	4	12	1	5
Ears										
(a) Hearing ..	13	37	2	31	11	113	26	181	2	57
(b) Otitis Media ..	3	14	—	1	4	15	7	30	1	1
(c) Other ..	—	1	—	1	3	4	3	6	1	1
Nose and Throat ..	12	102	2	12	11	70	25	184	3	4
Speech ..	29	24	—	2	24	22	63	48	4	4
Lymphatic Glands	—	6	—	1	1	10	1	17	—	—
Heart ..	5	20	1	10	3	18	9	48	2	5
Lungs ..	14	34	—	10	5	37	19	81	5	6
Developmental:										
(a) Hernia ..	—	10	—	—	3	7	3	17	—	—
(b) Other ..	2	38	—	—	9	33	11	71	—	4
Orthopaedic										
(a) Posture ..	2	5	2	—	1	4	5	9	—	1
(b) Feet ..	35	88	2	6	25	61	62	155	2	8
(c) Other ..	5	16	6	12	4	15	15	43	—	4
Nervous System:										
(a) Epilepsy ..	1	5	5	—	4	7	10	12	1	3
(b) Other ..	10	60	4	1	15	45	29	106	2	3
Psychological:										
(a) Development ..	4	9	6	—	4	27	14	36	1	9
(b) Stability ..	2	53	3	—	11	96	16	89	—	1
Abdomen ..	19	8	7	3	9	6	35	17	—	2
Other ..	9	23	1	2	15	19	25	44	3	10

(T) Treatment.

(O) Observation.

Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	458
Errors of refraction (including squint)	488
Total	946
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	325

Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	156
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	64
Received other forms of treatment	36
Total	256

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:—

(a) in 1972	—
(b) in previous years	8

Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics or out-patient departments	86
Pupils treated at school for postural defects ..	—

E. Handicapped Pupils

These are children who, by reason of physical or mental disability, need special educational treatment in ordinary or special schools.

407 children were on the register at the end of the year as detailed below:—

Category	In ordinary school	In special school	Not attending school	Home tuition
Blind	1	4	—	—
Partially sighted	5	3	—	—
Deaf	—	5	—	—
Partially hearing	11	7	—	—
Educationally sub-normal	81	129	10	2
Epileptic	11	2	—	—
Maladjusted	14	20	1	—
Physically handicapped	59	18	2	2
Delicate	—	2	—	—
Double defect	*5	†10	‡3	—
Total	187	200	16	4

*1 Part Sight/Esn.

3 Phys. Hand/Esn.

1 Epileptic/ESN.

†8 Phys.. Hand/Esn

1 Phys. Hand/Malad.

1 Part. Sight/Malad.

‡2 Phys. Hand/Esn.

1 Esn./malad

F. Audiometry

Routine testing of school children from the age of seven years was continued by health visitors who have received special training in the use of the pure-tone audiometer. 1,421 school children in this group were tested in 1972, of whom 41 were referred for further investigation.

Deafness testing in infancy is also carried out by the health visitors. Stage 1 appointments are issued at 6½ months and are repeated for those who fail to attend. Stage 2 appointments are issued at 18 months for failed to attend and failed on test Stage 1. Stage 3 appointments are issued at 30 months for failed to attend and failed test on Stage 2. Stage 4 appointments are issued at 4 years 6 months for failed to attend and failed test on stage 3. A further appointment is made for those children who fail to keep the first appointment for 4 years 10 months.

4. SPEECH THERAPY

207 new cases were treated during the year and the treatment of 153 others was continued. Most of the treatment is carried out in schools but the Speech Therapists attend Dragon Parade Clinic, Harrogate, and Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and 140 domiciliary visits were made.

5. CARDIAC CLINIC

During 1972 ten sessions of the Cardiac Clinic were held when 95 children made a total of 100 attendances. There were twelve new cases, eight of whom had been discovered to have heart defects at routine school medical examination while two had been referred by another consultant. Only two babies were referred to the Clinic by their family doctors as Dr. Clarke prefers to see infants with heart defects at his Paediatric Clinic. It follows inevitably that, as older children are discharged and fewer babies come to the Clinic, the number of patients gets less and Cardiac Clinics can be held only at infrequent intervals.

During the period under review four children were transferred to the Adult Cardiac Clinic at Harrogate Hospital, four left the area and twelve were returned to the care of their own doctors.

6. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

150 new cases, 116 boys and 34 girls, were seen during 1972. 142 of these cases were referred from this Division as follows:—

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Divisional Medical Officer	40	11	51
General Practitioners	16	7	23
Head-teachers	13	2	15
Paediatrician	27	6	33
Parents	7	2	9
Others	6	5	11
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	109	33	142
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Dr. Elizabeth Gore, the Consultant Psychiatrist, reports below:

“As this is the last Annual Report I shall prepare in respect of the Harrogate Child Guidance Clinic, I am prepared to enjoy the luxury of ‘blowing my own trumpet’ to the extent of admitting a measure of satisfaction in the work which has developed at the clinic both in spread and in depth.

With two provisos. The first that the clinic which I took over in 1960 from Dr. Jack Kahn (although only operating one day per week) had already established a close liaison with the community and those caring for the children referred to us. Secondly, it is, of course, the members of the clinic team as a whole who are responsible for the growth and achievements of the clinic.

1972 proved to be a "bumper year" in respect of new referrals seen (150 cases, 116 boys and 34 girls) and the scope of the work done. The fact that we have had 2 Psychologists working between them 9 sessions per week, and for the most part of the time 3 Social Workers in training, in addition to full time Psychiatric Social Work Supervisor, has meant that we have, I think, been able to offer a very good service to the cases referred to us. The members of the team, particularly the Psychologists, but in some cases where appropriate, the Social Workers also, have been utilised in treatment of individual children and the families. In some cases the Psychiatric Social Worker has seen a group of mothers while the same mothers were being seen individually by student Social Workers. This and other similar arrangements have meant that these families have received speedier and more efficient help.

We have continued to have large numbers of visitors to the clinic particularly from Head Teachers and other teachers, and I think this has been one of the very useful aspects of the work here, also we have been able to have a closer contact with Family Doctors and with the Paediatrician. Students from the Institute of Education in Leeds have been able to contribute to our discussions from their own experience.

In spite of accommodation difficulties the work of the Remedial Teacher has flourished. A greater problem than accommodation has really been the amount of work which could well justify an additional teacher, since the work is so important as it often does away with the necessity of a child going away from home

I would like to thank my colleagues at the clinic, both past and present, for the high standard of work which they have always maintained and for their constant support and loyalty to me, and the reliable and devoted secretaries, particularly Mrs. Ramsbottom who has also left the clinic this year, and to Miss Griffin, Chief Nursing Officer, for her help and co-operation. I would also like to bid a regretful farewell to Dr. Hepple and my other good friends at the Health Department in Harrogate.

I hope that the clinic will continue to flourish. It is most important that the work should be carried on".

7. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(a) Births

Return of Births Notified in the Divisional Area during the Year

DETAILS	BIRTHS				TOTAL
	Domiciliary		Institutional		
	Live	Still	Live	Still	
(a) Primary notifications	17	—	1,946	24	1,987
(b) Add Inward Transfers	—	—	55	2	57
(c) Total Notifications received	17	—	2,001	26	2,044
(d) Deduct Outward Transfers	—	—	480	5	485
(e) Total adjusted births	17	—	1,521	21	1,559
ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL BIRTHS					
Born in					
(a) Hospitals			1,521	21	
(b) Maternity Homes			—	—	
(c) Nursing Homes			—	—	
TOTAL			1,521	21	

Only 1.1% of births to residents of the Division took place at home.

(b) Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinics

Name and Address of Ante-natal/Post-natal Clinic (whether held at Infant Welfare Centre or other premises)	No. of separate sessions held during year					No. of women in attendance (including those seen at combined infant welfare & ante-natal sessions)		Total No. of attendances (including those seen at combined infant welfare and ante-natal sessions)	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Midwives (excluding mother-craft & relaxation)	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Med. Staff	Total	A/N	P/N	A/N	P/N
2, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	—	5	—	—	5	5	—	5	—
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane Knaresborough	—	35	—	—	35	10	—	63	—
Totals	—	40	—	—	40	15	—	68	—

(c) Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of sessions held during the year		No. of women who attended during the year			Total number of attendances made during the year		
	Separate Sessions	Combined with A/N. clinic sessions	Institutionally booked	Domestic-ly booked	Total	Institutionally booked	Domestic-ly booked	Total
2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate	76	—	91	—	91	519	—	519
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate	79	—	113	—	113	519	—	519
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate	100	—	92	—	92	538	—	538
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresbro'	49	—	64	—	64	304	—	304
Health Centre, Boroughbridge	44	—	30	—	30	197	—	197
Health Centre, Upper Poppleton	13	—	8	—	8	49	—	49
Alma House, Ripon	48	—	67	—	67	294	—	294
Menwith Hill, American Base	19	—	13	—	13	50	—	50
Health Centre, Pateley Bridge	25	—	16	—	16	92	—	92
Totals	453	—	494	—	494	2,562	—	2,562

(d) Infant Welfare Centres

Name and Address of Centre	No. of Infant Welfare Sessions held during year by				No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Medical Staff	Total	1972	1971		1967/1970	1972	1971		1967/1970
Central Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	49	—	—	—	49	81	60	57	198	395	140	1,079	
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road	52	—	—	—	52	135	145	100	380	821	176	2,002	
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate	—	52	49	—	101	234	233	234	701	1,759	502	4,145	
St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Harrogate	—	—	23	—	23	34	29	23	86	173	67	419	
Methodist Buildings, College Rd., Harrogate	25	—	—	—	25	37	48	36	121	246	69	538	
Pannal Memorial Hall, Pannal, Harrogate	—	—	11	—	11	7	8	1	16	24	8	52	
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough	95	—	—	—	95	130	122	121	373	1,187	704	2,978	
Health Centre Boroughbridge	25	—	—	—	25	33	33	36	102	212	80	526	
Health Centre, Upper Poppleton	52	—	—	—	52	32	40	102	174	312	179	707	
Alma House, Ripon	21	—	—	—	21	34	63	6	103	192	14	366	
Claro Barracks, Ripon	—	12	—	—	12	24	45	12	81	171	80	413	
Methodist Buildings, Summerbridge	—	—	12	—	12	15	9	15	39	52	59	191	
Mobile Clinic	105	—	334	—	439	150	229	184	563	1,176	511	2,378	
Totals	424	64	429	—	917	946	1,064	927	2,937	6,720	2,589	15,794	

In addition, the Mobile Clinic provides infant welfare centre services in the rural areas as follows:—

Killinghall	Friday	Fortnightly
Hampsthwaite	”	”
Bishop Monkton	Friday	Monthly
Lead Lane, Ripon	”	”
Burton Leonard	Friday	Monthly
Staveley	”	”
Scotton	”	”
Burnt Yates	Monday	Monthly
Glasshouses	”	”
Ramsgill	”	”
Lofthouse	”	”
Heyshaw Lane End	”	”
Darley	”	”
Markington	Monday	Monthly
Bishop Thornton	”	”
Shaw Mills	”	”
Birstwith	”	”
H.M.S. Forest Moor	”	”
Burley Avenue, Army Premises	Monday	Fortnightly
Studley Roger	Tuesday	Monthly
Aldfield	”	”
Sawley	”	”
Grantley	”	”
Winksley	”	”
Kirkby Malzeard	Tuesday	Monthly
Grewelthorpe	”	”
Ripon Army Camp	Tuesday	Fortnightly
Pannal	Wednesday	Monthly
Hunsingore	”	”
Whixley	”	”
Grafton	”	”
Little Ouseburn	”	”
Great Ouseburn	”	”
Green Hammerton	Wednesday	Monthly
Kirk Hammerton	”	”
Nun Monkton	”	”
Moor Monkton	”	”
Rufforth	”	”

(e) Routine Tests on Young Babies

One type of mental handicap is caused by an inability to metabolise one of the amino acids in food. In order to prevent damage to the brain of these children it is essential to find them within the first weeks of life and give them a special diet. All babies therefore have a routine blood test on their sixth day in order to exclude this disability. This is carried out either in the maternity hospital or at home by the domiciliary midwives. No positive cases were discovered during the year.

Congenital dislocation of the hip is a crippling deformity which is largely prevented by early ascertainment and treatment. Fortunately there is a simple test—the Ortolani test—which can be carried out by nursing and medical staff when young babies are first seen.

Six children were referred for specialist opinion during 1972. Two of these were confirmed as cases and two were referred for further investigation. The remaining two children were found not to have dislocated hips.

(f) Dental Care

The arrangements for dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers continue.

(g) Care of Premature Infants

A premature infant can be defined for practical purposes as one which weighs $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth.

These small infants are particularly liable to damage from cold and feeding difficulties and need special care. The County Council provides specially heated incubator cots for ambulance transport of these children.

During 1972 there were 83 live births and 13 stillbirths of infants of $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less born to mothers normally resident in the division. 70 of these survived over twenty-eight days and 13 died in the first four weeks.

(h) Inspection of Children at Day and Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes

Medical inspections and immunisation are carried out at the day and residential nurseries and county children's homes by the medical staff of the Department. In addition all the children are examined on admission and discharge and any medical problems dealt with.

8. MIDWIFERY

The midwifery staff of the Division consists of 1 Nursing Officer (Home Nurse Midwife), 5 whole-time midwives and 9 midwives who are also home nurses.

In addition to attending 15 home confinements, the midwives visited 1,371 hospital and maternity home patients who went home before the tenth day. 288 of these patients were discharged home within two days, 714 were discharged within three to seven days and 369 within eight or more days. Twice daily visits are made during the first three days of puerperium and daily visits thereafter, up to the tenth day.

Owing to the shortage of accommodation in the maternity units of the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals and the York Maternity Home, applications for maternity beds made on social grounds are investigated by the domiciliary midwives.

The Obstetric Flying Squad from the Harrogate Hospital was called out on 1 occasion during the year.

Analgesia

Analgesia was administered by County Council midwives to domiciliary patients as follows:—

Trilene	4
Pethidine	2
Trilene and Pethidine	6

9. HEALTH VISITING

2 Nursing Officers (Health Visitor), 19 full-time health visitors, 2 part-time health visitors, 4 full-time assistants to health visitor and 5 part-time assistants to health visitor were employed in the Division at the end of the year. All the full-time health visitors are attached to general practitioners.

1 of the full-time health visitors and 1 part-time health visitor do tuberculosis visiting and maintain liaison between the Health Department and the chest physicians. Another is largely occupied with the admission and discharge of elderly people to hospitals, old people's homes and Part III accommodation, working closely with the Geriatric Unit at Knaresborough Hospital.

Like the rest of the nursing staff, the health visitors work under the general direction of the Divisional Nursing Officer.

Cases Seen by Health and Tuberculosis Visitors During 1972

TYPE OF CASE (If a householder rather than a person is visited, the case is included in line 6, 7 or 8, and not in lines 1—5)	Total number of cases seen (i.e. first visits) (1)	Number of cases included in Column (1) seen at special request of:—			
		Hospital (2)	G.P. (3)		
1. Children born in 1972	1591	4	19		
2. Other children aged under 5 ..	4026	6	46		
3. Persons aged between 5 and 16 seen as part of health visiting, (i.e. excluding those seen as part of school health service)	333	6	47		
4. Persons aged between 17 and 64 ..	703	64	178		
5. Persons aged 65 and over	1940	177	751		
6. Households visited on account of tuberculosis	23	—	1		
7. Households visited on account of other infectious diseases ..	44	—	28		
8. Households visited for any other reason	70	—	1		
9. TOTAL	8730	257	1071		
Number of persons included in lines 1—5 above who are:—	10	Mentally handicapped	263	1	8
	11	Mentally ill	53	1	11

10. HOME NURSING

14 home nurses, 4 part-time home nurses, and 9 home nurse-midwives were nursing in the Division at the end of the year. Almost all the Home Nurses are attached to General Practitioners.

Age Group	Classification of Cases (completed cases only)						Total
	Medical	Surgical	Tuber- culosis	Other Infec- tious Dis- eases	Mater- nal Compli- cations	Other	
0—4	8	7	—	2	—	—	17
5—14	14	6	—	1	—	—	21
15—44	93	84	7	1	46	5	236
45—64	192	100	2	2	—	6	302
65+	869	182	5	8	—	14	1078
TOTALS	1176	379	14	14	46	25	1654
Total visits this year (including injection visits)							
0—4	17	77	—	3	—	—	97
5—14	28	41	—	1	—	—	70
15—44	578	871	181	13	370	14	2027
45—64	1756	1454	36	13	—	15	3274
65+	15257	3445	90	144	—	95	19031
TOTALS	17636	5888	307	174	370	124	24499

No. of visits for injections only 3511

<i>Referred by:</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>Disposal of cases:</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>
General Practitioner ..	1401	Convalescent	668
Hospital	174	Hospital	338
Health Department ..	52	Died	208
Other	27	Other	440
Total ..	1654	Total ..	1654

11. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Protection is offered against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, and rubella.

(a) Vaccination of Persons under 16 years completed during 1972 Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-1968		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	7	1,008	293	13	6	—	1,327
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	13	8	3	4	—	28
Diphtheria	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tetanus	—	1	—	—	1	7	9
Poliomyelitis	7	1,022	300	16	14	9	1,368
Measles	—	464	397	32	46	3	942
Rubella	—	—	—	—	—	420	420

Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-1968		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	—	10	10	3	95	32	150
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	1	6	8	984	101	1,100
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	5	1	6
Tetanus	—	—	3	4	20	1,178	1,205
Poliomyelitis	—	9	22	11	1,098	1,435	2,575

(b) B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was again offered to all children 13 years of age and over attending schools in the area.

The following are details of work carried out:—

1. No. of Medical Officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination	5
2. Acceptances	
(a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary (whether the offer was made during the year or previously)	1,095
(b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously	56
(c) No. of acceptances	987
(d) Percentage of acceptances	90%
3. Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test	
(a) No. of children 2(c) tested	948
(b) Result of Heaf Test: (i) Positive	58
(ii) Negative	858
(iii) Not ascertained	32
(c) Percentage positive	6.12%
4. Vaccination	
No. vaccinated following negative Heaf Test ..	852

12. PREVENTION, CARE AND AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physicians hold sessions once a week at Scotton Banks Hospital, twice a week at Harrogate General Hospital and once a week at Ripon and District Hospital. The health visitors who do tuberculosis visiting attend the clinics at the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals.

During the year 11 new cases were added to the Register. 5 males and 4 females were cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 1 was diagnosed as renal tuberculosis, and the other was the three year old daughter of a transfer in and she was diagnosed as tubercular meningitis. Three of the cases were relapses after many years and four of the cases had positive sputum.

As a result of these notifications 134 contacts were seen at the Chest Clinics and none were found to have active disease. 84 were given B.C.G.

17 names were removed from the Register during the year. 7 of these recovered, 5 were transferred to other areas and 5 died, 3 of them from non-tuberculous conditions.

The Chest Physician remarks as follows:—

“One can say that this is a satisfactory state of affairs, but it is somewhat disquieting that 3 patients relapsed after previous treatment but the extent of their drug treatment was none or minimal. As far as I know there are no chronic, positive, drug resistant cases”.

13. CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

A screening test for the detection of cancer of the cervix is offered to all married women. 71 sessions for this purpose were held at the Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate, 18 sessions at Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and 1 session at the Health Centre, Pateley Bridge.

1,059 women attended the Harrogate sessions, 246 women attended the Ripon sessions and 20 women attended the Pateley Bridge session. There were 4 positive smears.

It is desirable to repeat the smear test at least every five years and in certain circumstances possibly each year. Women over the age of thirty, especially those with large families and particularly those in the lower income groups are the ones most at risk. There are still large numbers of women in these groups who have never come forward for a test.

14. CHIROPODY

Much pain and disability is associated with minor foot ailments, many of which are amenable to treatment. The chiropody service provides this for old people, expectant and nursing mothers, and for the physically disabled.

Periodic sessions are held in Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge, Poppleton, Nun Monkton, Whixley, Green Hammerton, Kirk Hammerton, Bishop Monkton, Burton Leonard, Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe and Great Ouseburn. Many of these are organised by voluntary associations on behalf of the department, and I am very grateful to those who undertake this valuable voluntary work.

There is also a domiciliary service for those who are unfit to attend a clinic session.

The chiropodists work part-time and the demand for their services tends to outstrip the service available.

15. REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

There were 14 registered nursing homes with a total of 304 beds in the Division at the end of the year. Seventeen visits of inspection were made. There is also 1 nursing home registered under the Mental Health Act which has 9 beds, and which was also inspected during the year.

16. REGISTRATION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

The 27 old people's homes registered in the area were visited by the Divisional Medical Officer in conjunction with the Divisional Welfare Officer.

17. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF, etc.

A total of 527 medical examinations of staff, etc. were carried out during the year. New members of the West Riding staff are medically examined only if they have a significant medical history or are over forty-five years old, a policy which reduces work for the medical staff.

The medical examinations carried out were in the following categories:—

West Riding County Council	..	..	..	..	84
District Councils in the Division	..	..	..	..	83
Other Authorities	..	..	..	..	7
Applicants for Training Colleges	..	..	..	..	140
Employment of Children (including in entertainments)	..	..	..	..	76
School Meals Staff	..	..	..	..	137

18. HEALTH EDUCATION

The interest in health education has been well maintained and all our normal activities have continued. The interest shown by schools varies according to the head teachers, the health visitors and pressure of work but our contact with Granby Park School has improved due to Miss Gath, health visitor, and Mr. Therman, master with special responsibility for outside interests.

During the year we gave a course of eight lectures to house-mothers and wardens of old people's homes on home nursing and first aid. The lectures were given by a health visitor and a district nurse.

We have given lectures, courses of lectures and demonstrations to the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Red Cross on home nursing, welfare and hygiene, and to nursing cadets on mothercraft, as well as acting as examiners on these subjects. I am pleased that a district nurse has taken part in this programme.

Brownies have again been very active in taking the home safety badge. In December we had a Home Safety competition for four Brownies from each of six packs and this was very encouraging as they showed a very high standard of knowledge.

One enterprising health visitor has started a weekly slimming session in the evenings at Pateley Bridge. In Ripon one session in each relaxation class is given in the evening to both husbands and wives.

A new avenue of teaching had been in the Maternity Unit of Ripon Hospital where a talk is given each week to newly delivered mothers on feeding and care of the baby at home.

The number of requests for information on drug addiction grows and films and talks have been given to such groups as schools, parent-teacher associations, youth clubs and the Army Apprentice School. We have also given a course of talks to the children at the American Camp and we are hoping this will become a yearly event. The talks included such topics as drug addiction, smoking, V.D., etc.

Health education is a very time-consuming subject—not only in time spent giving the talks but also in preparing them—and with the pressure of work at the present time, health education opportunities are lost for this reason.

Number of health education sessions attended by health visitors:—	At health centres	69
	At G.P. premises (excluding those in health centres)	41
	At maternity and child health centres	114
	At school	85
	In hospital	1
	Elsewhere	44
	TOTAL	354

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is a separate service in the West Riding. There is an Ambulance Station in Harrogate and Sub-depots in both Ripon and Pateley Bridge. These are all in charge of the Station Officer. Communication is maintained by short wave radio.

HOSPITALS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Name	Situation	Purpose	Beds	
			Adults	Children
Harrogate & District General Hospital	Knaresborough Rd., Harrogate	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	239	25
Carlton Lodge Maternity Home	Leeds Road, Harrogate	Maternity	13	—
Royal Bath Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Rheumatic Diseases	160	—
Yorkshire Home	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Chronic Sick Cases	71	—
Ripon & District Hospital	Firby Lane, Ripon	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	50	7
St. Wilfrid's Hospital	Princess Road, Ripon	Chronic Sick	32	—
Thistle Hill Hospital	Thistle Hill, Knaresborough	Geriatrics	51	—
Scotton Banks Hospital	Ripley Road, Knaresborough	Ophthalmic	4	—
Do.	do.	Paediatrics	—	21
Do.	do.	General Surgery	26	—
Do.	do.	Gynaecology	27	—
Do.	do.	Diseases of Chest	76	—
Do.	do.	Young Chronic Sick	34	—
Do.	do.	Medical	22	—
Do.	do.	Private Wing Sect. 5	16	—
		do. Sect. 4	8	—
Knaresborough Hosp.	Stockwell Road, Knaresborough	Chronic Sick	134	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—1972

	Measles (excluding rubella)		Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)		Scarlet fever		Whooping cough		Infective Jaundice		Respiratory		Meninges and C.N.S.		Other forms	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year ..	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year ..	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years ..	15	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years ..	17	14	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years ..	18	15	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years ..	42	44	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years ..	7	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years ..	2	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	114	100	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Diphtheria		Tetanus		Acute meningitis		Acute encephalitis		Ophthalmia neonatorum		Acute poliomyelitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Infective	Post infectious	M	F	Paralytic	Non-paralytic
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Malaria																							
	Contracted naturally				Induced				Food poisoning (excluding dysentery, typhoid and para-typhoid fevers)															
	In Great Britain		Abroad		Accidentally		Therapeutically		M		F													
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F												
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Plague		Cholera		Anthrax		Smallpox		Typhus fever		Relapsing fever		Yellow fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

Measles

There was an increase in the number of cases of measles during the year. 214 were notified compared with 2 during 1971. The notification rate was 15.1 per 1,000 population.

Scarlet Fever

7 cases were notified compared with 3 in the previous year. This gave a notification rate of 0.49 per 1,000 population.

Tuberculosis

No new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1972.

The following table gives details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January 1972	7	1	—	—	8
New notifications in 1972	—	—	—	—	—
Number restored to register	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification	—	—	—	—	—
Number removed from Register in 1972	2	—	—	—	2
Number on Register at 31st December, 1972	5	1	—	—	6

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department. The year has seen steady progress in the Environmental services of the district.

A considerable amount of time has been involved on the inspection and sampling of private water supplies together with the sampling of milk from Producer/Retailers and cooked meats from butcher's shops throughout the area. The bacteriological results of examination of cooked meat samples have from time to time revealed high counts of bacteria probably due to unsuitable or prolonged storage and every effort has been made to advise producers in these matters.

The popularity of caravans as a recreation pursuit continues and I feel that the future will show an increasing demand for new sites and extensions to existing sites to cater for the increase in numbers.

The rodent control section of the department has given efficient service under increasing pressures of work and there remains an unsatisfied demand for this service.

The problems of factory farming and particularly intensive broiler units remain to the fore and complaints of nuisance are increasingly difficult to deal with, particularly with regard to odour control and the satisfactory disposal of effluent.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee, together with the staff of the Health Department for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,

NEVIL W. KIRK,

Chief Public Health Inspector

SECTION C
NOTICES FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

	Outstanding at 31/12/71	Issued in 1972	Abated in 1972	Outstanding at 31/12/72
Informal	1	15	15	1
Statutory	—	4	4	—

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses provided with water closets	4,942
No. of houses provided with pail closets, chemical closets or earth closets	117

The Council makes a grant of £25 or half the cost, whichever is the less, towards the cost of conversion, or £40 or half the cost where septic tank drainage is necessary.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

No. of houses connected to sewers	3,581
„ „ with satisfactory PRIVATE drainage	Not known
„ „ with unsatisfactory drainage	„

Sewage Disposal Schemes

- (i) Completed during the year:—
Relaying of sewers and construction of pumping station at Pateley Bridge and Littlethorpe Sewerage Scheme.
- (ii) Under construction at year end:—none
- (iii) Awaiting approval at year end:—none
- (iv) In preparation at year end:—
High Grantley and Skelton-on-Ure (Relaying of Sewers)

Details of any part of the district requiring:

- (i) Sewers:—
High Grantley and Winksley, and Mickley.
- (ii) Improvement of defective sewers:—none
- (iii) Sewage Disposal Works:—
High Grantley and Winksley, and Mickley
- (iv) Improvement or extension of sewage disposal works:—
none.
- (v) Attention to storm overflows:—none

List of Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Stations

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Aldfield	Sedimentation & gravity filtration	Aldfield	Public
2. Birstwith	Sewer and Ejector station. Treatment at Clint Works.	Birstwith	Public
3. Bishop Monkton	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bishop Monkton	Public
4. Bishop Thornton	Sewer only. Treatment by Shaw Mills S.D.W's.	Bishop Thornton	Public
5. Clint	2 Ejector Stations Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Sludge Pump House.	Birstwith & Clint	Public
6. Clotherholme	Sewer Only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Clotherholme	Public
7. Copt Hewick	Ejector Station only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Copt Hewick	Public
8. Dacre	Pumping Station only. Treatment at Darley.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks.	Public
9. Darley	Sedimentation and mechanical Filtration. 4 Pumping Stations 1 Sludge Pump House.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks, Darley.	Public
10. Galphay	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treated at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Galphay	Public
11. Glasshouses	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bewerley, Bridgehousegate, Pateley Bridge, Glasshouses, Blazefield.	Public
12. Grewelthorpe (North)	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
13. Grewelthorpe	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
14. Kirkby Malzeard	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration Sludge Pumping Station.	Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton, Galphay, Grewelthorpe	Public

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
15. Laverton	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard.	Laverton	Public
16. Littlethorpe	Ejector Station. Treatment by Ripon Corporation. Pumping Station.	Parts of Littlethorpe	Public
17. Lofthouse	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Lofthouse	Public
18. Markington	Ejector Station. Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Recirculation Pumping Station.	Markington, Ingerthorpe, Wormald Green.	Public
19. Middlesmoor	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Middlesmoor	Public
20. North Stainley	Ejector Plant followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	North Stainley	Public
21. Nunwick	Sedimentation and filtration	Haldgarth, Nunwick (Housing Estate)	On Site
22. Sawley	Septic tank and mechanical filtration	Sawley	Public
23. Sharow	Sewer only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Sharow	Public
24. Shaw Mills	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Shaw Mills, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Clint (part), Bedlam.	Public
25. Skelton	Pumping Station followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Skelton, Newby (part)	Public
26. Studley	Ejector Station Septic tank and mechanical filtration.	Studley	Public
27. Wath	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Wath	Public
28. Winksley	Sedimentation and filtration	Winksley (Pine Croft)	Public
29. Wormald Green	Sewers & Ejector Station. Treatment at Markington.	Wormald Green	Public

Table of Pail Closets Emptied by the Council Workmen

District	No. of Pails
High & Low Grantley ..	3
Laverton ..	1
Pateley Bridge ..	1
Winksley ..	3
TOTAL	8

Total number of pails .. 8

TANK EMPTYING SERVICE

Total number of Domestic tanks on Register	908
" " Farm tanks on Register	279
" " Business tanks on Register (other than farms)	29
" " Tanks out of area on Register	144
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	1,360
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Total number of Domestic tanks emptied	196
" " Farm tanks emptied	38
" " Business tanks emptied (other than farms)	9
" " Local Authority tanks emptied	6
" " Tanks Out of the Area emptied	24
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	273
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The revenue from the **Tank Emptying Service** for the year was:
£546.04

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

During the year 87 samples of water from private supplies were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton.

Of these samples 42 were satisfactory and 45 unsatisfactory. Visits were made and advice given to owners of properties with contaminated supplies on the provision of Berkefeld Sterasyl Filters or the replacement by alternative new supplies of water.

There were 47 visits or inspections made in connection with water supply.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

I am indebted to the Engineer of the Claro Water Board for the information given below:

215 samples of mains water were taken for bacteriological analyses and 17 for chemical analyses, and in the few instances where contamination has occurred this has normally been due to the malfunctioning of chlorination equipment which was quickly corrected.

The results show that in general the supplies under the control of the Claro Water Board, in the district, have generally been satisfactory in quality and a schedule showing the results of all the bacteriological and chemical examinations is available.

None of the supplies in the rural district are liable to have a plumbo-solvent action and the water from the Eagle Level Adit has a natural fluorine content of 1.00 parts per million.

FOOD PREMISES

The following visits were made to food premises in the area during the course of the year:—

No. of Visits to Food Premises		
Butchers Shops	.. .. .	14
Bakehouses	.. .. .	6
Catering Establishments	.. .. .	48
Confectioners	.. .. .	3
Dairies	.. .. .	—
Fried Fish Shops	.. .. .	4
Greengrocers	.. .. .	10
Grocers	.. .. .	27
Ice Cream Premises	.. .. .	—
Licensed Premises	.. .. .	35
Mobile Food Premises and Snack Bars	.. .. .	11
Poultry Dressing Premises	.. .. .	82
Total ..		240

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

Waste Foods Order, 1957

Visits were made to all licenced premises in connection with the thorough boiling of Waste Foods as a precaution against possible spread of swine fever, foot and mouth disease, etc.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed and inspected	453	—	7	916	573	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	2	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	—	—	12	41	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.08	—	28.57	1.31	7.10	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	36	19	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	3	—	—
Totals	39	23	—	—

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—	—
Total	4	4	—	—	—

HOUSING

No. of dwellinghouses in the district	5,059
1. No. of back-to-back houses included in above	none
2. No. of single back houses included in above	none
3. Estimated number of unfit houses in respect of which no representation has yet been made	45

Details of future slum clearance programmes:—

The above figure mainly represents individual unfit dwellings in the District.

4. Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:	
(a) in Clearance Areas	0
(b) individual unfit houses	0

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
In Clearance Areas			
Houses unfit for human habitation	—	—	—
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	—	—	—
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	—	—	—
Houses included in unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed	—	—	—

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26, Housing Act, 1961	1	1	1
Under Section 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT IN WHICH DEFECTS REMEDIED

	<i>By owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
After informal action by Local Authority	11	—
After formal notice under:—		
(a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Sections 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—
Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT, 1957)

	<i>Number of Houses</i> (1)	<i>No. of separate dwellings contained in Column 1</i> (2)
Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 17(2)	—	—
(c) Under Section 46	—	—
Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	—	—

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	<i>Number of Houses</i> (1)	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1</i> (2)
No. of houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders in the year	—	—

**5. NO. OF FAMILIES REHOUSED
DURING THE YEAR INTO
COUNCIL OWNED DWELLINGS**

	<i>Number of Houses</i> (1)	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1</i> (2)
(a) Clearance Areas, etc.	—	—
(b) Overcrowding	2	9

6. RENT ACT, 1957

(a) No. of certificates of disrepair	—	—
(b) No. of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	—	—
(c) No. of certificates of disrepair cancelled	—	—

7. OVERCROWDING

Any comments in connection with this problem: .. none

8. NEW DWELLINGS

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:

By the Local Authority	..	..	..	..	—
By Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	53

**9. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING
ACCOMMODATION**

	Formal Applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	Number of dwellings completed during the year
Improvements			
(a) Discretionary ..	55	34	25
(b) Standard Grants	32	30	26

Villages	No. of Council Houses			
	1919—1971		1972	
	Houses	Bungs.	Houses	Bungs.
Birstwith	30	—	—	—
Bishop Monkton	22	19	—	—
Bishop Thornton	14	—	—	—
Bridge Hewick	8	—	—	—
Copt Hewick	14	—	—	—
Darley	32	26	—	—
Glasshouses	24	22	—	—
Grewelthorpe	12	—	—	—
Kirkby Malzeard	25	14	—	—
Littlethorpe	12	—	—	—
Lofthouse	8	—	—	—
Markington	42	—	—	—
North Stainley	28	8	—	—
Nunwick	4	—	—	—
Pateley Bridge	84	58	—	3
Sawley	6	4	—	—
Sharow	12	12	—	—
Shaw Mills	8	19	—	—
Skelton-on-Ure	26	6	—	—
Summerbridge	53	10	—	—
Winksley	8	—	—	—
Totals ..	482	198	—	—

Total number of dwellings — 680

MILK SAMPLES

59 samples of milk were obtained by the Department from retailers and producer retailers in the district, 56 of which were untreated T.T. milk and 3 pasteurised. 18 of the samples were subjected to examination for tuberculosis and none proved positive. A total of 125 churn and individual cow samples of milk were subjected to initial ring test for brucellosis and it was found necessary to culture 4 of these. Consequently it was necessary to serve Notices on the owners of infected animals under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959, and the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, which prohibited the sale of milk from these animals without treatment. 59 samples were subjected to the methylene blue test for keeping quality and of these 11 were unsatisfactory. The 3 samples of pasteurised milk all passed the phosphatase test for keeping quality. 80 samples were tested for the presence of antibiotics, all of which were satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

There are 50 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream. During the year 39 samples of Ice Cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory with the following results:

27 Grade I; 9 Grade II; 3 Grade III.

CARAVAN SITES

Regular visits are made to all the licenced caravan sites in liason with the County Fire Officer, to ensure that Site Licence Conditions are being complied with. The popular pursuit of caravaning is on the increase and numerous new sites have been developed and existing sites extended to keep pace with the increasing demand. The standard of caravan sites in this area is very high.

Table of Caravan Sites

Showing Number of Caravans for which Licensed

City of Ripon,	75	Holiday
Ure Bank Caravan Site, Sharow, Ripon	24	Tents
Mr. J. H. Weatherhead, Riverside Caravan Site, Pateley Bridge	100	Holiday
Mr. J. Burton, Heathfield Caravan Park, Pateley Bridge	180	Holiday
Quarry Moor Caravan Park Ltd., Ripon	85	Residential
Mr. J. S. Brayshaw, Yorkshire Hussar Inn, Markington	75	Holiday
Mr. T. W. Atkinson, New Home Farm, Grewelthorpe	30	,,
Mr. M. Houseman, Manor House Farm, Summerbridge	30	,,
Mr. H. Walker, Studfold Farm, Lofthouse	45	,,
Mr. L. Turton, Winksley Banks Farm, Winksley	20	,,
Mrs. L. Simpson, Westfield House, Pateley Bridge	30	,,
Mr. F. Spence, Braeside Caravan Site, Glasshouses	12	,,

Messrs. W. Aldon & Son Ltd., Stumps Lane Caravan Site, Darley	10	Holiday
Mrs. W. Calvert, Low Wood, Bewerley	30	„
Mr. E. P. Grayshon, Half Moon Inn, Fellbeck	26	„
Mr. P. C. Walker, Chequers Inn, Bishop Thornton	25	„
Mr. W. M. Brennand, Warren House Farm, Warsill	25	„

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

At the present time 7 scrap dealers are registered in the district.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One establishment is licenced under this Act and no difficulties have been encountered in the running of it.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises under the above Act at the end of the year was 61 comprising 12 offices, 27 retail shops, 20 catering establishments and 2 fuel storage depots.

The total number of visits to registered premises under the Act during the year was 70. 4 contraventions of the Act were found.

RODENT CONTROL AND DISINFESTATION

The rodent control and disinfestation section of the department had an extremely busy year and altogether carried out a total of 4,765 visits to premises within the area both private and local authority. Contract work to farms and business premises was responsible for 2,956 of these visits primarily for the destruction of rats and mice.

Domestic dwellinghouses which receive a free treatment mainly for the control of mice entailed 1,665 visits and treatments on the Council's sewers, sewage disposal works and refuse tips accounted for 144 visits.

We are fortunate that in this part of the country warfarin still continues to be a successful indirect poison against rats and an alphachlorolose based poison is used against mice with success.

Poisons

1036 lbs. Warfarin
560 lbs. Rodene Biotrol
14 lbs. Alphakil
56 lbs. Flurokil
13·224 lbs. Alphachlorolose

Bait

680 stones oatmeal

Income from Rodent Control Contracts—£1,874.45

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The vehicles in use in the Department are as follows:—

<i>Make of Vehicle</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Date of Purchase</i>
Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	20 cu. yds.	Feb., 1964
Bedford/Yorkshire Cesspool Emptier	1,000 galls.	June, 1965
Dennis Paxit III A	35 cu. yds.	Aug., 1967
Weatherill Loading Shovel		Feb., 1968
Shelvoke & Drewry Fore & Aft Freighter	35 cu. yds.	July, 1969
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	Mar., 1970
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	July, 1971
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	Sept., 1971

Refuse tips in use at the present time are as follows:—

Queen's Quarry, Blazefield
 Mount Bank Quarry, Menwith Hill
 Klondyke Quarry, Warsill
 Dove Bank Quarry, Wormald Green

1,782 domestic dwellinghouses in the district have now been issued, as a free service, with $3\frac{1}{4}$ cu. ft. capacity polythene dustbins under the Council's Municipal bin scheme and a further 372 properties are using polythene bin liners with the resultant saving in time. Saving of time is also a major factor in the use by the Council of the high capacity compression vehicles to deal with the increasing bulkiness of domestic refuse which enables a vehicle to stay longer on a collection route before journeying to the refuse tip.

The majority of the district continues to enjoy a weekly collection of refuse.



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