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**ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR ROCHFORD RURAL  
DISTRICT AS A RIPARIAN AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1970.**

Compiled in accordance with Form Port 20 issued by the Ministry  
of Health, dated October, 1952.

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Nature of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Any Other Appointments Held</u>
Dr.D.A. Smyth.	Medical Officer of Health.	3rd January 1966.	M.B.,B.S., D.P.H.,F.R.S.H.	Also Medical Officer of Health for the Urban Districts of Benfleet, Canvey Island and Rayleigh, and Area Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer for the South East Area of Essex County Council.
Dr.E.E. Hodgson.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health.	28th April 1968.	M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H.,M.R.S.H.	Also Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the Urban Districts of Benfleet, Canvey Island and Rayleigh and Departmental Medical Officer for the South East Area of Essex County Council.
H. Jepson.	Chief Public Health Inspector.	January 1947.	M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.	--
J.R. Bullock.	Public Health Inspector.	October 1961.	M.A.P.H.I.	--

Office Address and Telephone Number of Medical Officer of Health:- Public Health Department, 134 High Street, Rayleigh, Essex. Telephone: Rayleigh 6101.

Telegraphic Address:- ROCHELTH RAYLEIGH.

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering district during the year

50 ships from foreign ports involving 102 arrivals at Baltic Wharf, Wallasea Island. The total overall tonnage was 36,266. Three ships were inspected by the Medical Officer. No ships were reported as having any infectious disease on board during the voyage.

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic:- Nil - except occasionally for a Shipping Executive or a wife or family of ship's captain.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR ROCKFORD DISTRICT  
DISTRICT AS A HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1950.

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of Health, dated October, 1948.

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TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any Other Appointments Held
Dr. H. H. Johnson	Medical Officer of Health	1st January 1948	M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.S.M.	Also Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Banbury, Banbury, Oxford and Wykeham, and also Medical Officer and Assistant School Medical Officer for the South East Area of Essex County Council.
Dr. H. H. Johnson	Deputy Medical Officer of Health	28th April 1948	M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.S.M.	Also Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Banbury, Banbury, Oxford and Wykeham and the Banbury Medical Officer for the South East Area of Essex County Council.
Mr. J. H. Johnson	Chief Public Health Inspector	1st January 1947	B.A., B.S., D.P.H., D.S.M.	--
Mr. J. H. Johnson	Public Health Inspector	1st October 1947	B.A., B.S., D.P.H., D.S.M.	--

Office Address and telephone number  
Medical Officer of Health:-  
Essex, telephone: 6101.  
ROCKFORD DISTRICT.

SECTION II - Account of shipping entering district during the year

50 ships from foreign ports involving 105 arrivals at Harlow Wharf, Harlow Island. The total overall tonnage was 36,266. These ships were inspected by the Medical Officer. No ships were reported as having any infectious disease on board during the voyage.

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Cargo Traffic:- Principal imports are timber and timber products. A few ships showed general cargo and two ships showed iron ore and ballast respectively. There were no exports in 1970.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive:- Leningrad, Galatz, Vordingborg, Otehaved, Lulea, Kotka, Hango, Helsinki, Leixoes, Skutskaer, Gdansk, Stettin, Szczecin, Hamburg, Blankaholm, Kasko, Uddeavalla, Karlshanm, Kaskinen.

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#### SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

None

#### SECTION V - Water Supply

- (1) Source of supply for (a) district:- Essex Water Company.  
(b) shipping:- Mains water via a 2,000 gallon totally enclosed storage tank piped to the jetty. 50% of ships arriving take on water. Water in storage tank is kept 'moving' by being linked with a small 100 gallon tank serving the offices of the Shipping Agents.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination:- Daily tests of water going into supply taken by Resident Chemist of the Essex Water Company - all satisfactory.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes:- Routine sampling from ships' water supply being arranged.
- (4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats and powers of control by the Authority:- None.

#### SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1966.

- (1) List of Infected Areas:- Lists of Infected Areas received, as issued from the World Health Organisation, are scrutinized in the office of the Medical Officer of Health and instructions issued as necessary to the Shipping Agents to hold any crew until medical clearance can be given.
- (2) Radio messages:  
(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district:- Nil  
(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon:- Arrangements in hand for Ships' Masters to send radio message to North Foreland Radio Station

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(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district:-  
(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon:-

Nil

Arrangements in hand for Ships' Masters to send radio message to North Foreland Radio Station



with answers to questions 1-6 on page 1 of the Maritime Declaration of Health and such messages to be telephoned by North Foreland to Rayleigh 6101, Southend-on-Sea 77913 or Southend-on-Sea 557252.

- (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio:-

Instructions to Shipping Agents to notify by telephone the arrival of any ship which has not previously sent a radio message via North Foreland.

- (4) Mooring Stations:-

By arrangement with the Port of London Health Authority.

- (5) Arrangements for:

- (a) Hospital accommodation for Infectious diseases:-
- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts:-
- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles:-

Westcliff Ward, Rochford General Hospital.

By Public Health Staff as and when required.

Local arrangements as and when required with use of power vaporizing spray. Facilities for steam disinfection if required.

#### SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:-

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance giving the name of Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:-

By special ambulance provided by the Greater London Council through the Essex County Ambulance Service. Essex County crews vaccinated every three years.

- (3) Smallpox Consultants available:-

Dr. W.T.G. Boul, Dr. G.D.W. MacKendrick and Dr. J.D. Kershaw.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:-

Official smallpox outfits despatched by express post to the Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

#### SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Venereal Disease Clinics at Out-Patient Department of Southend General Hospital. Times of Clinics being issued to Shipping Agents.

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SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships

None

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

None

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships  
infected with or suspected for plague.

None

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign parts

This is not a Deratting Authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

None

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948

The River Crouch, on which Baltic Wharf is sited (on south bank towards the mouth), forms the northern boundary of the Rochford Rural District.

A Closing Order against the marketing of oysters for human consumption affecting layings in the northern half of the river extending both east and west of Baltic Wharf, was issued by the Burnham U.D.C. in 1937 and is still in force. Notices warning the public that untreated shellfish found on the south bank of the river are unfit for human consumption are currently displayed at selected points by the Rochford R.D.C. The only cultivated grounds for oysters within the jurisdiction of the Rochford R.D.C. is a stretch of the River Crouch extending eastwards from Hullbridge for about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles - this area is some miles to the west of Baltic Wharf. Oysters from the grounds are taken to the River Roach at Paglesham for cleansing and fattening (within the area of the Port of London Health Authority).

Diluted untreated sewage from the main sewer at Hullbridge is discharged into the River Crouch from the Pumping Station there during times of heavy rain. Treated effluent is also discharged as a routine procedure into the Crouch west of Hullbridge from the Rayleigh Western Sewerage Works which abut the south bank of the river. At present this effluent is below standard but enlarged and improved works are now in the planning stage.

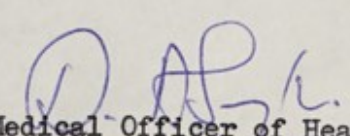
SECTION XV - Medical inspection of aliens.

Nil

SECTION XVI - Arrangements for the burial on shore of  
persons who have died on board ship from Infectious  
Disease.

Nil

17th June, 1971.

  
Medical Officer of Health.



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