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ADDENDUM.

Page 7. Item (g). Care of the Elderly:

Delete the reference to meals-on-wheels service from the second sentence, and insert:-

"The meals-on-wheels service is provided by the W.R.V.S., 18, Market Place, Romsey".

Page 8. Item (vii). Work carried out by Voluntary Societies:

Delete reference to old peoples' meals from British Red Cross Society's services.

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YEAR 1969

To the Worshipful the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Romsey.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present, for your information and consideration, the Annual Report on the health of your Borough for the year 1969.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's Report on the work of the Health Department, with which he is specially concerned, is embodied in the Report.

When considering the Vital Statistics, slight variations from year to year should not usually be regarded as statistically significant in view of the small population of the Borough.

I would like to express my thanks to the staff of the Department for the way in which they have carried out their duties in the year under review.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. K. TALLACK

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health	R. J. K. Tallack, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector (Also Engineer and Surveyor)	W. Bell, A.I.A.S., Mun.B.I., M.A.P.H.I. M.R.S.H.
Additional Public Health Inspector (Also Deputy Engineer and Surveyor)	J. Webster, M.A.P.H.I.
Meat Inspector (Part time)	G. N. Gould, M.R.C.V.S.
Secretary	Miss J. M. Hatch.

1. VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	1,212
Population (as estimated by the Registrar General)	8,510
Rateable Value	£401,490
Product of Penny rate	£ 1,528
Total Number of Council Houses	796
Total Number of Rateable Premises	3,960

Summary of vital statistics for the year 1969 as
supplied by the Registrar General

	1969			1968
	Total	Male	Female	Total
Live Births: Total Registered	228	112	116	157
Legitimate	216	105	111	152
Illegitimate	12	7	5	5
Still Births: Total Registered	1	1	0	0
Legitimate	0	0	0	
Illegitimate	1	1	0	

	1969			1968
	Total	Male	Female	Total
Deaths: Total Registered	108	55	53	100
Maternal Mortality	0	0	0	0
Infant Mortality:				
Deaths of infants under one year of age -				
Total Registered	0	0	0	1
Legitimate	0	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0	1
Death of infants under four weeks of age -	0	0	0	1

	Comparative Statistics where available	
	Romsey Borough	England and Wales
Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	26.8	16.3
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	4	13.0
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	NIL	18.0
Perinatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4	23
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	NIL	
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	12.7	11.9

Comparability Factors - Births 1.06
Deaths .85

The England and Wales figures shown for comparison appear to indicate that rates in Romsey are different from the rest of the country; the seeming differences are artifacts due to the relatively small numbers.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1969				For Comparison	
	Total	Male	Female	TOTAL 1967	TOTAL 1968
Malignant Neoplasm	6	5	1	3	4
Lung Bronchus	2	-	2	1	-
Breast	1	-	1	1	1
Uterus	1	-	1	-	3
Stomach					
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	9	5	4	8	12
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	2	-	2	8	2
Coronary Disease, Angina	21	11	10	19	21
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-	1	3	3
Other Heart Disease	10	4	6	14	11
Other Circulatory Disease	4	3	1	5	3
Pneumonia	7	5	2	6	6
Bronchitis	9	6	3	6	7
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1	1	1
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	-	1	7	8
Suicide	1	1	-	2	1
Accidents	2	2	-	3	1
	78	42	36	88	85

Totals for 1967 and 1968 are included for comparison because there is little significance in fluctuations in rates per annum in a population of 8,510.

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(i) The Medical Officer of Health is also the Medical Officer of Health of the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council and a Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer to the Hampshire County Council. This combined appointment helps to co-ordinate the Medical Services supplied by the County Council as the Local Health Authority, in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946 with the services supplied by the Borough Council and Regional Hospital Board.

(ii) The County Council supply the following services:

(a) Ambulance Service:

The Ambulance service is controlled by the Central Control in Winchester, telephone Winchester 61644.

All requests for Ambulances should be made through the above number for this area.

During the year the ambulance service, based at Romsey and manned by 'retained staff', was discontinued by the Hampshire County Council. In spite of intense opposition from residents and official organisations in Romsey and the surrounding Parishes the ambulances were transferred to the Ambulance Station at Eastleigh and manned by full-time staff based there.

(b) Nursing in the Home:

Nurses and Midwives are responsible for domiciliary midwifery and home nursing. They keep in close touch with the County Council Health Visitors, the Medical Officer of Health and the General Practitioners in the area. No nursing arrangements or contributions are made by the Borough Council.

The attachment of Nurses and Midwives to two Group Medical practices in the Borough continued in 1969.

The Nurses are:-

Mrs. Prior, (Resigned December, 1969)
13, Clarendon Close,
Romsey.
Telephone - Romsey 2671

Mrs. Babey (nee Nunn) (District Nurse/Midwife)
5, Castle Lane,
Chandler's Ford.
Telephone - Chandler's Ford 2107

Miss Farrell, (Sister Bernadette) (District Nurse/Midwife)
La Sagesse Convent,
Abbey House,
Romsey.
Telephone - Romsey 8212

Nurse Picken, (District Nurse/Midwife)
"Kyrenia",
Meganna Way,
Braishfield.
Telephone - Braishfield 263

Nurse Gilks, (District Nurse)
13, The Abbey,
Romsey.
Telephone - Romsey 2116.

Attached to practice of Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie,

Nurse Farrell
Nurse Cork (District Nurse/Midwife)
Nurse Babey
Nurse Gilks

Attached to practice of Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson,
Johnson and Summerhayes.

Nurse Prior
Nurse Picken
Nurse Gilks

(c) Child Welfare:

The County Council employ Health Visitors who visit children from the age of two weeks, when they pass from the care of the District Midwives, until the age of five years when the child enters school. A child welfare clinic is held every Thursday afternoon at the Red Cross Centre, The Gardens.

The Health Visitors are:-

Mrs. M. Pointer,
"Bryn-Coed",
Newtown Road,
Sherfield English.
Telephone - Lockerley 377

(Attached to the practice of Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie except in Tytherley and Lockerley).

Mrs. E. C. Caton,
"Somerley",
Rownhams Lane,
Nursling.
Telephone - Rownhams 2545

Mrs. A. Taylor,
"Beechwood",
Ampfield,
Romsey.
Telephone - Braishfield 392

(Attached to practice of Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson and Summerhayes except in Tytherley and Lockerley)

(d) Care of Mothers and Young Children:

Ante-natal supervision and dental care are provided for expectant mothers and dental care is provided for mother in the first year of the baby's life and for Children up to school age. Ante-natal clinics and parentcraft classes are held in the surgeries of the General Medical Practitioners.

(e) Home Help Service:

This service is provided for mothers confined at home, for those in charge of the elderly, chronic sick etc. The organiser for this area has an office at Red House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. Telephone - Eastleigh 2558.

(f) Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act, 1948:

The following are registered under the above Act:-

Mrs. B. Perratt, "Conkers", 6, Durban Close, Romsey.	Premises at	The Woodley Scout Hut, Woodley Close, Romsey.
Mrs. P. Ventham, "Ulla Dulla", 1, Wynyards Gap, North Baddesley.	Premises at	The Abbey Congregational Church Hall, The Abbey, Romsey.
Mrs. M. Cameron Arran House, Carisbrooke Court, Romsey.	Premises at	Girl Guide Headquarters, Baden Powell Way, Off Alma Road, Romsey.
Mrs. A. Stokes	at her home address	"Wynton", Winchester Hill, Romsey.
Mrs. A. Broom	at her home address	"Bickleigh House", Station Road, Romsey.
Mrs. M. Bland	at her home address	24, The Vikings, Romsey.
Mrs. P. Quirke	at her home address	66, Northlands Road, Whitenap, Romsey.

(g) Care of the Elderly:

A County Council home for the elderly is situated in Romsey at The Gardens, Winchester Road.

The Red Cross organises the chiropody service and the meals-on-wheels service.

(h) Vaccination and Immunisation:

See later in this report.

(i) Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care:

These services are part of the duties of the Medical Officer of Health, Health Visitors and District Nurses.

(iii) Hospital Services

The Wessex Regional Hospital Board supply general Maternity and infectious diseases (including Smallpox and Tuberculosis) hospital services for this area.

General medical and surgical hospital services are provided at Romsey Hospital; Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton; General Hospital, Southampton; Chest Hospital, Eye Hospital and Childrens' Hospital, Southampton, and The Mount Hospital, Bishopstoke.

Maternity Services are provided at Romsey Hospital and at the Maternity Unit, Southampton General Hospital.

(iv) Laboratory Service:

Laboratory facilities are available at the Medical Research Council Laboratories at Southampton and Winchester.

(v) Public Health Services provided by your Council during the year:

(a) Prevention of Accidents:

Education of the Public to lessen the incidence of accidents, especially those in the home is undertaken by your Public Health Inspectors and Medical Officer of Health.

The local branch of the Royal Society of the prevention of Accidents continued work.

The Police continued their very valuable work of training in road safety and proficiency testing of cyclists in the Borough schools.

(b) Health Education:

Posters and other materials from the Central Council for Health Education and Ministry of Health are received and displayed. All possible opportunities for addressing meetings were taken by your Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspectors. Talks to Parent / Teacher Associations and other groups have been given by Health Visitors and Health Education Officers. There is no great public enthusiasm for information about health and in the Borough there appears to be an average public lack of interest in understanding the scientific knowledge on which our health and sanitary services are built. A series of colour transparencies on "The Nursing Services of a Group Practice" have been taken and are being produced as a visual aid to lectures on the County Nursing Service.

(vi) National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47:

No action was taken under this section of the Act but several elderly people, especially those living alone, had many problems with which Health Department staff were asked to help. In all cases your staff were able either to explain, to help physically, or to call in another helping agency: the County Welfare Department Officers were, as usual, most co-operative.

(vii) Work carried out by Voluntary Societies:

The Romsey Division of the British Red Cross Society continued activities in all branches of their work and have taken on old peoples' meals. The Red Cross provides the only subsidised chiropody service for old people in the Borough. Details of the chiropody service are available from the Red Cross Centre, The Gardens, Winchester Road, Romsey.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade continued its activities especially in providing training courses and providing first aid personnel for large gatherings and functions in the Borough and outside.

(viii) Nursing Home:

There is one private nursing home in the Borough.

The Durban Nursing Home,
Woodley Lane,
Romsey, 2332.

3. PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

No records of any infectious diseases were notified.

a. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

The estimated number of children in the Borough who received diphtheria immunisation during 1969 was as follows:-

Year of Birth	Primary Doses	Reinforcing Doses
1969	42	383
1968	35	1
1967	54	12
1966	6	29
1965	-	6
1961/64	19	94
Others under 16	2	53
	158	578

b. Vaccination Against Smallpox

Year	Primary Vaccinations				Total Prim-ary	Re-vacc-ination	Grand Total
	0 - 1 Year	1 - 15 Years		Over 15 Years			
1958	53	15		2	70	15	85
1959	78	7		5	90	20	110
	0-1 Year	1-2 Years	2 - 15 Years	Over 15 Years			
1960	43	1	12	9	65	35	100
1961	44	9	8	6	67	24	91
1962	57	19	307	328	711	739	1450
1963	5	8	3	3	19	33	52
1964	36	8	1	5	50	29	79
1965	40	19	12	4	75	31	106
1966	26	28	5	8	67	33	100
1967	77	58	8	52	195	38	233
1968	35	-	33	-	68	8	76
1969	12	8	40	3	63	9	72

The level of primary vaccination of young children is still low. It is now usual to vaccinate children at about the time of the first birthday as side effects and excessive reactions are minimal at that age. The Borough is so close to a great seaport and to an airport that it is most important that all healthy children be vaccinated.

c. Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

Year	Completed Vaccination	Fourth dose for School Child
1960	795	-
1961	304	241
1962	175	25
1963	71	39
1964	91	27
1965	141	92
1966	172	81
1967	212	82
1968	95	168
1969	26	179

Many people are inclined to forget the need for vaccination against poliomyelitis since the disease has been very nearly wiped out from the Country. There is no doubt that the decrease in incidence is in large part due to vaccination administered during the past few years and it is essential that a high level of vaccination should be maintained. There are still many children who are not taken to a doctor for the three doses of vaccine and the 'booster' which is given to school-children.

Year	Primary Vaccinations			Total Polio- vaccine Injection	Grand Total
	0-1 Year	1-2 Years	Over 2 Years		
1969	179	26	95	300	300
1968	168	95	26	289	289
1967	82	212	0	294	294
1966	81	172	0	253	253
1965	92	141	0	233	233
1964	27	91	0	118	118
1963	39	71	0	110	110
1962	25	175	0	200	200
1961	241	304	0	545	545
1960	-	795	0	795	795

4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

(a) WATER SUPPLY

The Borough of Romsey lies in the statutory area of the Southampton Corporation Waterworks and the following information was kindly supplied by Mr. W. G. H. Tripp, M.A., C.Eng., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., Waterworks Engineer and Manager.

The water supply to the Borough has been satisfactory, (i) in quality and (ii) in quantity.

No cases of contamination took place.

The number of houses supplied is as follows:-

(i) direct to houses	-	3081
(ii) by standpipes	-	NIL

The fluoride contents of the water supplied are as follows:-

(i) Timsbury	-	0.28 parts per million
(ii) Testwood	-	0.15 parts per million
(iii) Twyford	-	0.12 parts per million

The actual water supplied to Romsey comes from the Timsbury Pumping Station which is about three miles north of the Borough. At times of peak demand this supply is augmented by water from Testwood pumping Station through a 24-inch diameter steel main laid along the main road from Nursling, or by water from Twyford Pumping Station through a 21-inch diameter steel main along the Botley Road.

The water from the Timsbury Pumping Station is derived from a system of wells and adits in the upper chalk of the Test Valley and before being put into supply is treated with chlorine. The station is equipped with modern electrically driven pumping plant with diesel driven pumps as standby. Water is pumped from the wells to the treatment works and after treatment it is then further pumped to a service reservoir at Michelmersh whence it gravitates into supply through trunk water mains which pass through the Borough of Romsey.

As water supplied from the Timsbury source is no longer partially softened it is rather harder than as previously supplied. It is a very pure water and weekly samples are taken of both raw and treated water for bacteriological examinations and these samples have always been of a consistently high standard of purity.

The examination of water is carried out by the Southampton City Analyst and also by the Public Health Laboratory at Winchester. The City Analyst also carried out chemical analysis on quarterly samples of both raw and treated water.

There are in the Borough of Romsey over 34 miles of water mains, varying from 24" diameter to 2" diameter and these mains afford a piped supply of water to all premises and to industrial and other metered consumers. The Southampton Corporation operate a tap washering and a plumbing repair service on a repayment basis.

(b) DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The whole of the built up area of the Borough is served by public sewer except the undeveloped land north of the Railway between Canal Walk and Greatbridge Road.

A scheme for the sewerage of this area is being prepared by Consulting Engineers as it is anticipated that housing and other development will take place there within the near future. Progress of the sewerage scheme is unfortunately being somewhat delayed awaiting the preparation of a 'principles of development' plan for the area by the Planners.

All the houses in the Borough are connected to the public sewer with the exception of about 80 premises which are still using cesspool drainage although in almost every case a connection to the sewer is available for these dwellings. No cases of overflowing cesspools or cesspools giving rise to nuisance were reported or found.

An extension of the sewer to serve the public conveniences at the Sports Centre is proposed being urgently necessary due to the greatly increased use of the conveniences by travellers using the principal road A31. It is anticipated that the sewer extension will be completed early in 1970.

The Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works comprise constant velocity grit channels, comminutor, balancing tank, pyramid primary settlement tanks, circular percolating filters and humus tanks. In addition a two tank Simplex sludge digestion plant and some 19,000 square feet of sludge drying beds are provided. Storm water up to three times the dry weather flow is treated by settlement before discharge to a watercourse. The average daily flow of sewage at the treatment works was 0.588 m.g.

42 spot samples of final effluent were tested during the year. Of these 7 failed to be within Royal Commission 30-20 standard, on B. O. D. and suspended solids. 2 samples failed on B. O. D. alone and 11 samples on suspended solids alone. The last formal sample taken by the Hampshire River Authority failed to comply with the consent conditions on suspended solids.

The increasing flow of domestic and trade effluent now results in the load being treated at the Greenhill Sewage Disposal Works exceeding the design capacity.

The preparation of the scheme for the extension of the Sewage Disposal Works to serve the increasing population and industry proceeded slowly mainly due to the need to accurately determine the amount and strength of trade waste from The Brewery to be treated which is proving difficult.

(c) PUBLIC CLEANSING

There was no change during the year in the method of scavenging but the use of paper sacks in lieu of dustbins was extended where possible, particularly for new dwellings. The skip method used whereby refuse is emptied from dustbins into skips for cartage to the collection vehicle while saving time and labour causes more litter and dust nuisance than other methods.

The refuse collecting service is carried out by direct labour and covers the whole of the Borough. All premises are visited once per week in normal circumstances. Extra collection and trade refuse collections are made where required at more frequent intervals for which a charge of 1s. 9d. per bin is made.

A rear of the house collection is made in all cases except where premises have no rear access when the bins are collected from the kerbside.

Refuse is disposed of on a controlled tip at Casbrook Common operated by the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council a charge being made by the Rural District Council for the arrangement.

This tip is also available for use by members of the public as a refuse dump in accordance with the provisions of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

The Highway cleansing is also carried out by direct labour and all roads are, in normal circumstances, swept weekly with more frequent sweeping in the Town Centre. Some classified roads are cleansed by arrangement with the Hampshire County Council who contribute towards the cost of this service.

The length of roads cleansed continued to increase and is now more than twice that existing five years ago.

(d) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year visits and inspections continued to be made by Public Health Staff in respect of defective drainage, defective premises, accumulation of refuse, dirty premises, noise nuisances, smoke nuisances, and all other complaints of public health nuisances. Informal notices to secure the abatement of nuisances and the remedying of defects have proved effective and it was not necessary to resort to the service of Statutory Notices.

(e) COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the Borough.

(f) OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades established in the Borough.

(g) INSECT INFESTATION

Treatment was carried out and/or advice given for all insect infestations reported during the year. It was interesting to note that after a considerable period without bed bugs one case of bed bug infestation was discovered in a Council flat and duly dealt with. An increase in the number of cluster fly infestations was noted and was probably due to the warmer summer. Several cockroach infestations were found and treated and it was again noted that boxing in of heating pipes etc. provided an ideal harbourage for the pests.

(h) RODENT CONTROL

During the year 'test baiting' of the sewerage system was undertaken when only minor infestation was found in isolated instances, in each instance subsequent treatment eliminated the infestation.

122 infestations in domestic and business premises were either notified or located on inspection and all were treated successfully. Domestic premises continued to be treated free of charge whilst business premises were treated on a cost basis.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act requires that a periodical survey of the District for rodents be made and whenever possible this obligation is carried out concurrently with inspections made for other purposes.

(i) SMOKE CONTROL

None of the industrial premises in the Borough use raw coal in their heating equipment. There have been no complaints of smoke nuisance in the Borough from either industrial or domestic heating equipment.

Several applications for determination of chimney height pursuant to Section 6 of the Clean Air Act, 1969, were dealt with during the year.

5. FACTORIES ACT, 1961

(i) Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

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.	3	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	47	18	1	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	50	18	1	-

(ii) Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	2	2	-	-	-

(iii) Outworkers employed in the District

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making etc. Cleaning and Washing)	2	-	-	-	-	-

6. SWIMMING POOL

The Council own and manage the only public swimming pool and paddling pool in the area. The pool which measures 75 feet x 35 feet is uncovered and is provided with adequate washing facilities and changing and clothes storage accommodation.

The pool is filled with mains fresh water which is continuously circulated by pumps through a "Bell" pressure sand filter, a Wallace and Tiernan's Chlorination plant and a fountain type aerator. The rate of circulation ensures a change of water for the whole of the pool every four hours.

Routine samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination and results were satisfactory.

7. HOUSING

214 new houses and flats were erected by private enterprise during the year.

The contract for the erection of 20 old peoples flatlets with communal facilities and wardens flat at Love Lane was commenced and the principal block was completed.

A scheme for the redevelopment of the Arcon prefab site containing 20 units by 40 traditionally built flats is in the course of preparation together with the scheme by Consulting Architects for a further block of flats at the Rear of the Hundred. Consideration is being given to the redevelopment of an area of Middlebridge Street at present containing unfit houses by the possible erection of old persons flatlets.

There were approximately 350 applicants on the Council housing list at the end of the year.

Closing Orders pursuant to the Housing Act, 1957 were made in respect of four houses.

Informal action resulted in 10 unfit houses being repaired and it was not necessary to serve any Statutory Notices during the year.

11 applications for Discretionary and Standard Improvement Grants were received and 11 grants were approved enabling owners to improve and provide modern amenities for their dwellings with financial assistance.

8. SERVICES UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

(a) MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

- (i) Number of samples of raw milk examined. NIL
- (ii) Number of positive samples found. NIL
- (iii) Action taken in respect of positive samples NIL

(b) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of Premises	Number of Premises	Premises that Comply with Regulation 16	Premises where Regulation 19 Applies	Premises that Comply with Regulation 19
Grocers	10	10	10	10
Butchers / Fishmongers	12	12	12	12
Restaurants Hotels etc.	14	14	14	14
Fruit and Vegetables	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Confectionery etc.	10	10	10	10

Routine inspection of food premises was carried out in conjunction with inspections under the provisions of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act and advice given resulted in improvements generally. Inspections of deposited plans are undertaken, in conjunction with other aspects, for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. Such inspections have resulted in likely contraventions or poor arrangement of amenities being obviated.

(c) POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

(d) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 - SECTIONS 16 and 18.

Of 33 premises currently registered under Sections 16 and 18 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, 27 are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream and the remainder for preparation and sale of preserved foods.

(e) UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED

It was not found necessary to seize any food during the year but the following quantity of food was found upon inspection to be unfit for human consumption and surrendered for disposal.

Meat and poultry (other than slaughterhouse)	263 lbs.
Fish	435 lbs.
Fruit	69 lbs.
Vegetables...	520 lbs.
Miscellaneous	181 lbs.

During the year there were several 'freezer failures' at supermarkets in the town which necessitated the rapid removal of thawed out frozen foods, the above figures include goods disposed of on those occasions.

(f) SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The inspection of animals slaughtered was carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Council as Meat Inspector and the following figures are from his report:-

Pigs	...	...	...	2,462
Lambs	...	...	...	370
Bullocks	...	...	...	427
Calves	...	...	...	4,476
Cattle	...	...	...	977
Sheep	...	...	...	10
Sows	...	...	...	157
				8,879

The condemnations for the year include the following animals as well as certain offal and parts of carcasses:-

Pigs	...	...	...	35
Calves	...	...	...	85
Cattle	...	...	...	27
				147

9. OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The report appended is as required by and submitted to the Ministry of Labour.

Inspections were carried out during the year on a part time basis with other duties. Contraventions were found in thirteen premises and the occupiers advised thereof.

The contraventions were in respect of:-

Section 4	(Cleanliness)	2 instances
Section 6	(Temperature)	3 instances
Section 9	(Sanitary conveniences)	5 instances
Section 10	(Washing facilities)	6 instances
Section 16	(Floors, passages, stairs)	2 instances
Section 24	(First Aid provisions)	6 instances
Section 50	(Information to Employees)	8 instances

The one instance where a 'certificate of exemption' was previously necessary was obviated by the installation of additional amenities at the registered premises concerned.

10. FORMAL SAMPLING

Formal Sampling of food and drugs, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 is carried out by Mr. J. S. Preston M.I.W.M.A., Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, who kindly supplied the following report:-

"During the year which ended 31st December, 1969, 51 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the Borough of Romsey.

Milk Samples

16 samples of milk were obtained including three of "Channel Islands", all of which were satisfactory.

Miscellaneous Samples

35 samples of articles other than milk were obtained, two being the subject of adverse reports. These were in respect of apple turnovers which contained 15% and 11% of apple respectively. Although there is no statutory standard for the fruit content of such products it is considered that a minimum of 20% should be present. The results were referred to the vendors responsible.

General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters."



