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SAMFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL


ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1958



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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1958.

Vital Statistics: The estimated population continues to rise slightly. The Standardised Birth Rate has fallen from the high figure of the previous year (18.98) to 17.41.

The Still Birth Rate is lower than the national figure and the Infant Mortality Rate has fallen from 32.0 to 8.55.

The Standardised Death Rate (8.73) remains considerably lower than the rate for England and Wales (11.7).

There was no significant change from the previous year in the various causes of death.

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I should like to conclude by recording my gratitude to the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and encouragement during the year. My thanks are also due to the two Public Health Inspectors, Mr. Good and Mr. Brown and to other officers and staff of the Council.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING

Medical Officer of Health

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Medical Officer of Health

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	45,029 acres
Estimated Population (Registrar General's figures) ..	16,670
Inhabited houses	4,680
Rateable value	£154,859
Sum represented by a penny rate	£654

2. VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	119	112	231
Illegitimate	1	2	3
	<u>120</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>234</u>

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Samford)	14.04
Comparability factor	1.24
Standardised Birth Rate =	
Crude rate x Comparability factor	17.41
Live Birth Rate - England and Wales	16.4

Still Births

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>Still Birth Rate</u> per 1,000 total live and still births	16.81
" " " " " " "	
England and Wales	21.6

Infant Mortality (deaths of Infants under 1 year)

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

Neonatal Deaths (deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age)

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

2. Continued

Infant Mortality Rate

Per thousand live births - Samford	8.55
" " " " - England and Wales	22.5

Deaths

	M.	F.	Total
	95	87	182
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population (Samford)			10.92
Comparability factor			0.80
Standardised Death Rate =			
Crude Rate x Comparability factor			8.73
Death Rate England and Wales			11.7

3. CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	Total 1958	Total 1957
Tuberculosis - respiratory	-	-	-	1
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1	1
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm-stomach	2	2	4	2
" " -lung, bronchus	2	-	2	7
" " -breast	-	4	4	-
" " -uterus	-	4	4	1
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	10	19	20
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1	2
Diabetes	1	1	2	2
Vascular diseases of nervous system	5	18	23	20
Coronary disease, angina	14	8	22	24
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3	5
Other heart diseases	13	12	25	22
Other circulatory diseases	6	3	9	8
Influenza	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	7	6	13	10
Bronchitis	11	3	14	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1	1	2	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	4
Other defined and ill defined diseases	12	10	22	15
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1	-
All other accidents	-	-	-	2
Suicide	1	-	1	2
	95	87	182	168

4. COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	England & Wales
Estimated Population	16410	16250	16110	16330	16670	
Total live births	199	229	231	250	234	
Crude birth rate	12.13	14.09	14.34	15.31	14.04	
Standardised birth rate	15.16	17.61	15.92	18.98	17.41	16.4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	3	6	8	8	2	
Infant Mortality Rate	15.08	26.20	34.63	32.0	8.55	22.5
Total Deaths	199	185	167	158	182	
Crude Death Rate	12.25	11.38	11.48	9.68	10.92	
Standardised Death Rate	10.54	9.79	8.38	7.26	8.73	11.7

5. MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Measles	-	-	5	4	-	4	6	6	2	-	-	-	27
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	3	1	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	5	19
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	7
	3	1	15	9	-	5	7	7	2	6	2	6	63

5. Continued NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) - AGE DISTRIBUTION

	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Measles	-	2	4	2	4	13	2	-	-	27
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	3	19
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	7
	-	2	4	3	4	20	4	18	8	63

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) TOTALS FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Scarlet Fever	37	12	10	-	7
Whooping Cough	72	19	26	46	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	286	8	311	27
Pneumonia	2	1	1	19	19
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis - paralytic	2	1	-	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis - non-paralytic	1	-	-	-	-
Acute encephalitis - post-infectious	-	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	-	2	1	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	16	5	3	-	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	2	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	4	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	1	-	8	-

6. TUBERCULOSIS

(a) Number of cases on Register at beginning of year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
38	15	26	12	91

(b) New cases notified during year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
1	1	4	2

(c) Other cases added to the Register (including inward transfers)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
-	-	4	1

(d) Cases dying during the year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
-	-	-	1

(e) Cases that recovered during year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
2	-	5	1

(f) Cases moving away from District during the year (outward transfers)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
5	-	2	2

(g) Cases on Register at end of year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
32	16	27	11	86

6. Continued

(h) Tuberculosis Notifications during past five years

<u>Male</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Pulmonary	3	7	6	6	1
Non-pulmonary	-	2	2	1	1
<u>Female</u>					
Pulmonary	2	1	5	5	4
Non-pulmonary	2	3	1	2	2

7. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION (Details kindly supplied by the
County Medical Officer)

Number of children receiving primary immunisation in 1958 - 185

Number of children receiving booster injections - 173

8. VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Primary vaccinations - 185

Revaccinations - 36

9. WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE

Full details will be found in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

10. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST WELL WATER CYANOSIS

Number of notifications from County Council - 154

Number receiving mains supply presumed safe - 122

Sampled and found safe - 17

Sampled and found unsafe - 15

11. HOUSING

Details of new houses and bungalows completed during the year will be found in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

12. MEAT INSPECTION FIGURES, 1958

Please refer to the section of the report compiled by the Public Health Inspector.

13. MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Examination of Milk Samples

Number of samples taken by East Suffolk County Council	-	92
Number of samples found to contain tuberculin organisms	-	Nil
Number of samples found to contain brucella organisms	-	Nil

14. FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Ministry of Labour and National Service Form 572 is attached.

Please refer to the question of the report compiled by the Public Health Inspector.

13. MILK AND DAIRIES REGISTRATION

Registration of Milk Samples

Number of samples taken by Kent Suffolk County Council - 92
 Number of samples found to contain tuberculous organisms - Nil
 Number of samples found to contain paratuberculous organisms - Nil

14. FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Ministry of Labour and National Service Form 572 is attached.