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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the Borough of  
TOTNES.

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Year 1945.  
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Mr Mayor and Members of the Council.

During the year the general health of the inhabitants of the Borough was satisfactory.

Immunisation against Diphtheria has been carried out satisfactorily and the permanent residents in the age 0 to 5 group have almost without exception received their two immunising doses. The work has been carried out partly by regular sessions and partly by General Practitioners.

There were 10 cases of Tuberculosis notified and the majority of these cases received treatment at the Devon County Sanatorium at Hawkmoor. The "follow up" system of infected cases and contacts has been very efficiently carried out by the County Tuberculosis Officer.

During the year one case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified and admitted to the Plymouth Eye Infirmary. No other cases of venereal disease was reported to me. The Treatment of any cases which may arise is carried out by the Clinics at Torquay or Plymouth.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Where home conditions do not permit premature infants are removed and cared for at the Torbay Hospital where they have the necessary facilities. With regard to illegitimate children where adoption is desired the necessary arrangements are made by the Doctor conducting the case. Where adoption is not desired the children remain in their own homes and are brought up with the family. Supervision of these cases by the Health Visitor seems adequate.

SCABIES.

The treatment of scabies is carried out at the Minor Ailments Clinic and home supervision by the Health Visitor. Severe cases are satisfactorily dealt with at the Kingsbridge Clinic, a temporary clinic set up to deal with such cases.

WATER SUPPLY.

There is a constant and sufficient supply within the Borough. It is all chlorinated but in some cases there is further additional treatment. The quality of the water is not plumbosolvent and at least 98% of the houses and properties are serviced from the mains.

Signed

*Elizabeth Dale*

Medical officer of Health.

TOTNES.  
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