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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTNES.

Year 1948.



Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council,

During the year, the standard of health of the population of the Borough has been very satisfactory.

In the early part of the year a number of cases of whooping cough were notified, and towards the close of the year an epidemic of measles made its appearance. No serious complications were reported in either of these infections.

5 cases of Tuberculosis have been notified during the year, and their treatment and supervision of contacts has been undertaken by the County Tuberculosis Officer.

Immunisation against Diphtheria has been adequately carried out. Since July 5th the family doctor has undertaken the work of immunisation, and there are signs that the arrangement is proving very satisfactory. The reinforcing dose for children of school age is arranged for at the School and Minor Ailments Clinic.

Vaccination has, since July 5th, been carried out by the family doctor, and even without compulsion there is still a steady demand for it.

Hospital and nursing services are working efficiently under the National Health Scheme. Transport arrangements are most satisfactorily dealt with by the ambulance and hospital car service.

A Home Help Service has been launched, and the task of organisation has been undertaken by the officials of the W.V.S. So far the service is in its infancy, but where used it has been greatly appreciated.

Water Supply.

There is a constant and sufficient supply within the Borough. It is all chlorinated, but in some cases there is further treatment. The quality of the water is not plumbosolvent and at least 98% of the houses and properties are serviced from the main. It has been discovered that, owing to the large increase in Post-War housing, some of the distribution mains are not capable of proper delivery. This is being remedied.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Davis".

Medical Officer of Health.

