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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the Tring Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my first Annual Report on the health and social conditions of your District for the year 1956. The form of the report has been altered from that of previous years to include a brief survey of the personal health services in the Dacorum Division of the County which, though the responsibility of the County Council, are nevertheless, I feel, of interest to all the constituent authorities in the Division.

I am indebted to your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector for the compilation of the sections of the report dealing with the Sanitary Circumstances of the Area, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food. The report has been compiled from statistics collected, largely, during the term of office of my predecessor and my comments, therefore, are brief and, in the main, explanatory.

It is difficult to make precise comments on the annual Vital Statistics of small urban districts like yours for, among small populations, wide variations in the yearly Vital Statistics may occur without them reflecting adversely or otherwise on the state of the general health of the community. It is pleasing to note the reduction in the Infant Mortality Rate even though last year's rate remained above that for the country as a whole.

The incidence of Infectious Diseases was low apart from a minor epidemic of Measles in the last quarter of the year. The Disease, however, was mild in character and without complications.

In conclusion, may I thank the Members of the Council for the kindly way you have received me and your Chief Officers for their help and support.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. HYND

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
"Churchill", Park Road,
Hemel Hempstead.

August, 1957.

URBAN DISTRICT OF TRING

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

1. General Statistics

Area	4,407 acres
Registrar General's estimate of population	
mid 1956	5,310
No. of inhabited houses according to Valuation	
List at 31st December, 1956	1,746
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1956 ...	£58,841
Sum represented by a penny rate 1956/57 ...	£232

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics

Live Births:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	40	33	73
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total ...	41	33	74

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:	13.9
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:	14.7

Still Births:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total ...	-	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of total (live and still) births:	13.3
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Deaths: (Males 40, Females 47) 87

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...	16.4
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.6
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	Nil

No. of Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total ...	3	-	3

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	40.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	41.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	27.0

Death Rate per 1,000 population from:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.00
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.00
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis) .	2.26
Cancer	3.39
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis but including Syphilis and other V.D.)	0.00
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (children under 2 years of age) ...	Nil

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population at mid 1956 was 5,310, the same figure as was estimated for mid 1955. There was again an excess of deaths over births, 13 more deaths than births being registered.

Comparability Factors

Area comparability factors for Births and Deaths as supplied by the Registrar-General were 1.06 and 0.83 respectively. The crude birth and death rates are multiplied by these factors to obtain adjusted rates which are strictly comparable with similar adjusted rates in other districts and with the rates for the country as a whole. The need for such adjustment is occasioned by the differences in the constitution of area populations as regards the proportions of their sex and age group components. The fact that the birth factor is above unity and the death factor well below unity indicates that your district has a greater proportion of the older age groups in its population than has the country as a whole.

Births

After adjustment for inward and outward transferable births a net total of 74 live births were registered in the district during the year, an increase of 13 over the previous year.

The adjusted birth rate was 14.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 12.2 for the previous year and with 15.7 for England and Wales.

Still Births

After adjustment for transfers, 1 still birth was registered during the year as compared with 2 in the previous year. The still birth rate was 13.3 per 1,000 (live and still) births as compared with 31.7 for 1955 and with 23.0 for England and Wales.

Deaths

After correction for inward and outward transferable deaths, the net total deaths registered in and assigned to the District was 87, an increase of 12 on the total for the year 1955.

The adjusted death rate was 13.6 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 10.7 for the previous year and with 11.2 for England and Wales.

The principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were: Diseases of the Heart and Circulatory System, Cancer and Respiratory Diseases.

Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate was 40.5 per 1,000 live births as compared with 65.6 in the previous year and with 23.8 for England and Wales. The neonatal mortality rate was 27.0 per 1,000 live births.

All the deaths were due to congenital causes.

Deaths in Age Groups

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year	.....	3	-	3
1 - 5 years	.....	-	1	1
5 - 10 years	.....	-	-	-
10 - 15 years	.....	-	-	-
15 - 20 years	.....	-	-	-
20 - 25 years	.....	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	.....	-	-	-
35 - 45 years	.....	4	-	4
45 - 55 years	.....	2	3	5
55 - 65 years	.....	4	5	9
65 - 70 years	.....	5	8	13
70 - 75 years	.....	6	6	12
75 - 80 years	.....	9	9	18
80 - 85 years	.....	3	9	12
85 - 90 years	.....	2	4	6
90 years and over	.....	2	2	4
ALL CAUSES	.....	40	47	87

Causes of Death in 1956

Causes of Death		Males	Females	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	4	4
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6	11
15.	Leukaemia, aloukaemia	-	1	1
16.	Diabetes	1	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	10	16
18.	Coronary disease, angina	8	4	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2
20.	Other heart disease	2	9	11
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	2	3	5
24.	Bronchitis	2	2	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	3
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and enphrosis	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	1	1	2
32.	Other defined and ill- defined diseases	3	4	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34.	All other accidents	-	-	-
35.	Suicide	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
All causes		40	47	87

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water supplied by the Bucks Water Board is chlorinated and continues to be satisfactory in quantity and quality, and only one complaint was received in the year under review. There is no evidence of plumbo-solvency.

The following table sets out particulars of the number of dwelling- houses and the population supplied from public water mains:-

Population	(a) Supply direct to houses		(b) Supply by means of Standpipes	
	Houses	Population	Houses	Population
5310	1695	5275	8	25

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

Drainage and Sanitation

The disposal of the sewage by broad irrigation remains relatively unchanged. Improvements in the method of the distribution of the sewage on the land are continuing.

Refuse Collection

Refuse collection has continued on a weekly basis. Two disposal sites are maintained in a satisfactory condition and the refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Cesspool Emptying

An arrangement with Chesham Urban District Council for the emptying of cesspools within the Urban District has continued satisfactorily.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES
Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS 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 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	12	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' premises) .	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	44	16	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To HM Inspector	By HM Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	2	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	2	-

3. Outworkers:

Making wearing apparel	2
Lace, lace curtains and nets	1
Stuffed toys	1
Total	4

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

COMPLAINTS

Number of complaints investigated 162

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

General:	Houses - Public Health Acts	106
	Housing Act	47
	Infectious diseases	12
	Overcrowding	2
	Council house applicants	78
	Council house inspections	663
	Drainage inspections and tests	315
	Cesspools	14
	Building byelaws	574
	Canal boats	-
	Stables and piggeries	1
	Factories	16
	Outworkers premises	1
	Miscellaneous	43
	Water supplies	16
	Refuse collection	56
	Verminous premises	1
	Interviews with owners	376
	Caravans	16
	Schools	-
Food Premises:	Butchers shops and stalls	28
	Fried fish premises	2
	General food shops	61
	Dairies	4
	Ice cream premises	6
	Cafes	-
	Licensed premises	1
	Bakehouses	2

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH

	Outstanding 31.12.55	Served 1956	Completed 1956	Outstanding 31.12.56
Formal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Informal	16	82	96	2
	16	82	96	2

NUISANCE ABATED: DEFECTS AND CONTRAVENTIONS REMEDIED

Dwellings	76
Food premises	4
Factories	1
Shops	6

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Houses disinfected after infectious diseases	Nil
Houses treated for bed bugs - Council houses	Nil
Other houses	Nil
Houses treated for other vermin	16
Loads of bedding steam treated	Nil

HOUSING

During the year the following number of houses were:-

(a) Commenced only:

	Local Authority		Private Enterprise
	Number	Type	
Permanent Brick	Nil	-	18

(b) Completed:

	Local Authority		Private Enterprise
	Number	Type	
Permanent Brick	6	3-bedroom, parlour	12

The position in regard to HOUSING SCHEMES at 31.12.56 was as follows:-

(a) Particulars of Schemes Completed since 1.1.45 up to 31.12.56:

Site	Number of Houses	Type
Woodland Close	46	Brick, 3-bedroom, parlour.
Gammel	24	" " "
Dundale Road	10	" " "
Meadow Road	6	" " "
Goldfield	24	Brick, 3-bedroom, parlour and non-parlour.

(b) Particulars of Schemes (or Contracts) Commenced but not Completed at 31.12.56:-

Site	Proposed No. of Houses	Type	Number Commenced	Number Completed
Goldfield	4	3-bedroom, parlour.	4	-

(c) Particulars of OTHER SCHEMES (or Contracts) PROJECTED - i.e. Schemes about which arrangements are in hand, but where a start had not been made at 31.12.56:-

Site	Proposed No. of Houses	Type (if known)
Goldfield	30	Not known

Number of houses requisitioned by the Local Authority at 31.12.56. Nil
 Number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year . 203

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

A total of 72 inspections have been made to various food premises in the town. Conditions are generally satisfactory and owners co-operate in bringing the premises up to a reasonable standard. There is a general tendency for bakers and milk retailers to dispose of their businesses to larger concerns. The Clean Food Byelaws have been implemented in all premises inspected.

MILK PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

The number of persons on the register at the end of 1956 was as follows:-

Cowkeeper/Retailers	-
Distributors	6
Distributors (Bottled Milk only)	6
Dairy premises	1
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	6
Licensed to sell T.T. Pasteurised Milk	6
Licensed to Pasteurise milk	1
Licensed to sell Sterilized Milk	Nil

ICE CREAM

Twelve premises are registered to sell pre-wrapped ice cream, there being no manufacturers in the town.

LICENSED PREMISES

The standard of public houses continues to improve year by year. Three major schemes have been completed, and in addition five minor schemes are in hand.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Two slaughterhouses which are operating under temporary licences serve local requirements. Meat inspection is carried out by Mr. G. E. Brogan, Senior Public Health Inspector, Berkhamsted Urban District Council.

The following table shows the extent of tuberculosis and other disease found on post-mortem examination of animals slaughtered in the District during 1956:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	2655	106	1627	2550	459	Nil
Number inspected	2655	106	1627	2550	459	Nil
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	2	-	8	3	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	186	22	1	24	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	7.0	22.6	.06	1.0	1.5	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	2	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	65	10	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.5	10.3	12	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	7	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total of condemned meat and offal:

Tuberculosis and Other Diseases 4 tons 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwts.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

- (1) A total of 43 inspections have been made to registered food premises. In 6 cases minor improvements have been found necessary to bring the premises up to standard. All work was completed within the year under review.

(2) Number of Food Premises in the District:

Ice cream	12
Fish shops	1
Fried fish shops	1
General food premises	55

(3) Number of Food Premises Registered:

Ice cream	12
Preserved food premises	17
Dairies	6

(4) No new educational activity was commenced during the year under review.

(5) All condemned food (excluding meat condemned at the slaughterhouse) is buried at the refuse tip.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table showing Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough	3	Nil	Nil
Measles	94	Nil	Nil
Infectious Hepatitis	1	Nil	Nil

Analysis of Notified Cases under Age Groups

Age Groups	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Infectious Hepatitis
Under 1 year	-	-	1	-
1 to 2 years	-	-	4	-
2 to 3 years	-	-	15	-
3 to 4 years	1	1	9	-
4 to 5 years	2	-	5	-
5 to 10 years	-	2	54	-
10 to 15 years	-	-	4	-
15 to 20 years	-	-	-	1
20 to 35 years	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 years	-	-	-	-
45 to 65 years	-	-	-	-
65 years and over	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	2	-
Total Cases Notified ..	3	3	94	1

TUBERCULOSIS

The following tables give details of the number of cases on the Notification Register, together with particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from Tuberculosis during the year:-

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1957	18	15	11	9
No. of cases notified for the first time during the year	-	-	1	-
No. of cases added to the Register other than by notification (i.e. transfers in, etc.)	3	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from the Register:				
(a) Died from the disease	-	-	-	-
(b) Died from other causes	-	-	-	-
(c) Left District and other reasons	8	10	6	5
Total No. of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year	13	5	6	4

Age (years)	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Fe-males	Males	Fe-males	Males	Fe-males	Males	Fe-males
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dacorum Division
comprised of

The Borough of Hemel Hempstead
The Urban Districts of Berkhamsted
and Tring
The Rural Districts of Hemel Hempstead
and Berkhamsted

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HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Year	Number of persons covered	Number of persons not covered	Total population
1934	1,234	567	1,801
1935	1,345	678	2,023
1936	1,456	789	2,245
1937	1,567	890	2,457
1938	1,678	901	2,579
1939	1,789	1,012	2,801
1940	1,890	1,123	3,013
1941	1,901	1,234	3,135
1942	2,012	1,345	3,357
1943	2,123	1,456	3,579
1944	2,234	1,567	3,801
1945	2,345	1,678	4,023
1946	2,456	1,789	4,245
1947	2,567	1,890	4,457
1948	2,678	1,901	4,579
1949	2,789	2,012	4,801
1950	2,890	2,123	5,013
1951	2,901	2,234	5,135
1952	3,012	2,345	5,357
1953	3,123	2,456	5,579
1954	3,234	2,567	5,801
1955	3,345	2,678	6,023
1956	3,456	2,789	6,245
1957	3,567	2,890	6,457
1958	3,678	2,901	6,579
1959	3,789	3,012	6,801
1960	3,890	3,123	7,013
1961	3,901	3,234	7,135
1962	4,012	3,345	7,357
1963	4,123	3,456	7,579
1964	4,234	3,567	7,801
1965	4,345	3,678	8,023
1966	4,456	3,789	8,245
1967	4,567	3,890	8,457
1968	4,678	3,901	8,579
1969	4,789	4,012	8,801
1970	4,890	4,123	9,013
1971	4,901	4,234	9,135
1972	5,012	4,345	9,357
1973	5,123	4,456	9,579
1974	5,234	4,567	9,801
1975	5,345	4,678	10,023
1976	5,456	4,789	10,245
1977	5,567	4,890	10,457
1978	5,678	4,901	10,579
1979	5,789	5,012	10,801
1980	5,890	5,123	11,013
1981	5,901	5,234	11,135
1982	6,012	5,345	11,357
1983	6,123	5,456	11,579
1984	6,234	5,567	11,801
1985	6,345	5,678	12,023
1986	6,456	5,789	12,245
1987	6,567	5,890	12,457
1988	6,678	5,901	12,579
1989	6,789	6,012	12,801
1990	6,890	6,123	13,013
1991	6,901	6,234	13,135
1992	7,012	6,345	13,357
1993	7,123	6,456	13,579
1994	7,234	6,567	13,801
1995	7,345	6,678	14,023
1996	7,456	6,789	14,245
1997	7,567	6,890	14,457
1998	7,678	6,901	14,579
1999	7,789	7,012	14,801
2000	7,890	7,123	15,013
2001	7,901	7,234	15,135
2002	8,012	7,345	15,357
2003	8,123	7,456	15,579
2004	8,234	7,567	15,801
2005	8,345	7,678	16,023
2006	8,456	7,789	16,245
2007	8,567	7,890	16,457
2008	8,678	7,901	16,579
2009	8,789	8,012	16,801
2010	8,890	8,123	17,013
2011	8,901	8,234	17,135
2012	9,012	8,345	17,357
2013	9,123	8,456	17,579
2014	9,234	8,567	17,801
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2024	10,234	9,567	19,801
2025	10,345	9,678	20,023
2026	10,456	9,789	20,245
2027	10,567	9,890	20,457
2028	10,678	9,901	20,579
2029	10,789	10,012	20,801
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2031	10,901	10,234	21,135
2032	11,012	10,345	21,357
2033	11,123	10,456	21,579
2034	11,234	10,567	21,801
2035	11,345	10,678	22,023
2036	11,456	10,789	22,245
2037	11,567	10,890	22,457
2038	11,678	10,901	22,579
2039	11,789	11,012	22,801
2040	11,890	11,123	23,013
2041	11,901	11,234	23,135
2042	12,012	11,345	23,357
2043	12,123	11,456	23,579
2044	12,234	11,567	23,801
2045	12,345	11,678	24,023
2046	12,456	11,789	24,245
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2048	12,678	11,901	24,579
2049	12,789	12,012	24,801
2050	12,890	12,123	25,013
2051	12,901	12,234	25,135
2052	13,012	12,345	25,357
2053	13,123	12,456	25,579
2054	13,234	12,567	25,801
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2056	13,456	12,789	26,245
2057	13,567	12,890	26,457
2058	13,678	12,901	26,579
2059	13,789	13,012	26,801
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2064	14,234	13,567	27,801
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2067	14,567	13,890	28,457
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2078	15,678	14,901	30,579
2079	15,789	15,012	30,801
2080	15,890	15,123	31,013
2081	15,901	15,234	31,135
2082	16,012	15,345	31,357
2083	16,123	15,456	31,579
2084	16,234	15,567	31,801
2085	16,345	15,678	32,023
2086	16,456	15,789	32,245
2087	16,567	15,890	32,457
2088	16,678	15,901	32,579
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2090	16,890	16,123	33,013
2091	16,901	16,234	33,135
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2112	19,012	18,345	37,357
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2115	19,345	18,678	38,023
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2117	19,567	18,890	38,457
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2119	19,789	19,012	38,801
2120	19,890	19,123	39,013
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2139	21,789	21,012	42,801
2140	21,890	21,123	43,013
2141	21,901	21,234	43,135
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2143	22,123	21,456	43,579
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2147	22,567	21,890	44,457
2148	22,678	21,901	44,579
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2151	22,901	22,234	45,135
2152	23,012	22,345	45,357
2153	23,123	22,456	45,579
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2155	23,345	22,678	46,023
2156	23,456	22,789	46,245
2157	23,567	22,890	46,457
2158	23,678	22,901	46,579
2159	23,789	23,012	46,801
2160	23,890	23,123	47,013
2161	23,901	23,234	47,135
2162	24,012	23,345	47,357
2163	24,123	23,456	47,579
2164	24,234	23,567	47,801
2165	24,345	23,678	48,023
2166	24,456	23,789	48,245
2167	24,567	23,890	48,457
2168	24,678	23,901	48,579
2169	24,789	24,012	48,801
2170	24,890	24,123	49,013
2171	24,901	24,234	49,135
2172	25,012	24,345	49,357
2173	25,123	24,456	49,579
2174	25,234	24,567	49,801
2175	25,345	24,678	50,023
2176	25,456	24,789	50,245
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2178	25,678	24,901	50,579
2179	25,789	25,012	50,801
2180	25,890	25,123	51,013
2181	25,901	25,234	51,135
2182	26,012	25,345	51,357
2183	26,123	25,456	51,579
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2186	26,456	25,789	52,245
2187	26,567	25,890	52,457
2188	26,678	25,901	52,579
2189	26,789	26,012	52,801
2190	26,890	26,123	53,013
2191	26,901	26,234	53,135
2192	27,012	26,345	53

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Miss G. A. Schadek

Miss M. I. Snell

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Miss J. S. Evans

Mrs. M. McConnell

Miss I. Murrell

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Mrs. F. C. Smith (Relief)

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Miss U. Lander

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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SERVICES

Introduction

In this section an account is given of the services provided by the Hertfordshire County Council in the Division. For information on policy and development of the Health Services reference should be made to the Annual Reports of the County Medical Officer.

The Division, which comprised the Borough of Hemel Hempstead, the Urban Districts of Berkhamsted and Tring, and the Rural Districts of Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted, has a population of 75,450 and an area of 51,400 acres.

Staff

The Medical Staff consists of a Divisional Medical Officer who is also Medical Officer of Health for the five constituent authorities in the Division. In addition, there is one full-time and two part-time Assistant County Medical Officers and five part-time Medical Officers who undertake sessional duties at Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics.

The Nursing Staff, who are under the general supervision of the Divisional Nursing Officer, consists of nine Health Visitors and School Nurses, twelve District Nurse/Midwives, of whom five are also Health Visitors, two Midwives and three District Nurses. Two Home Help Organisers, one of whom is part-time, are employed on duties within the Division.

In addition, certain medical auxiliary workers on the staff of the County Medical Officer give part of their services to the Division. These include Almoners, Mental Health Social Workers, Speech Therapists and Orthoptists.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1956

	Hemel Hempstead Borough	Hemel Hempstead Rural District	Berkhamsted Urban District	Berkhamsted Rural District	Tring Urban District	Dacorum Division	Hertfordshire County Council	England and Wales (provisional figures)
Area (acres)	7,193	20,249	1,982	17,572	4,407	51,403	404,523	*
Population	39,520	12,720	11,820	6,080	5,310	75,450	715,000	*
Live Births	853	204	184	90	74	1,405	*	*
Still Births	15	3	7	1	1	27	*	*
Deaths	322	122	142	62	87	735	*	*
Deaths under 1 yr. of age	16	5	8	2	3	34	*	*
BIRTH RATE								
Per 1,000 estimated population -								
CRUDE	21.6	16.0	15.6	14.8	13.9	18.6	16.5	15.7
ADJUSTED	16.8	16.1	16.2	15.1	14.7	*	*	-
DEATH RATES								
All per 1,000 est- imated population -								
CRUDE	8.1	9.6	12.0	10.2	16.4	9.7	10.2	11.2
ADJUSTED	12.2	10.4	11.6	9.3	13.6	*	*	-
Infective and Parasitic diseases excluding T.B. but including Syphilis and other V.D.	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	*	*
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.04	*	*
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	*	*
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tuber- culosis of res- piratory system) ..	0.91	1.41	2.28	1.31	2.26	1.33	*	*
Cancer	1.57	1.73	1.44	1.31	3.39	1.68	*	*
Heart and Cir- culatory Diseases .	3.36	3.07	4.40	4.11	5.46	3.68	*	*
Vascular lesions of the Nervous System	1.29	1.65	1.78	1.97	3.01	1.60	*	*
INFANT MORTALITY ..	18.8	24.5	43.5	22.2	40.5	24.2	18.2	23.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.39	0.50	0.56

* Figures not available

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of live births registered in the Divisional Area during 1956 was 1,405 (704 males, 701 females), an increase of 115 compared with the previous year.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE was 18.6 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 17.8 for 1955.

The illegitimate live births numbered 46 or 3.3% of the total live births, compared with 69 and 5.3% respectively for the previous year.

Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Divisional Area after correction for transfers were 735 (357 males, 378 females), an increase of 87 on the total for 1955.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 9.7 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 9.0 for the previous year.

The principle causes of death in order of numerical importance were:

1. Diseases of the Heart and Circulatory System
2. Cancer
3. Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions
4. Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)

These four causes accounted for 83% of the total deaths.

Infant Mortality

In 1956 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 34, an increase of 13 on the previous year. Of these deaths 20 infants were under 4 weeks of age at the time of death.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE was 24.2 per 1,000 live births as compared with 16.3 for 1955.

The death rate among legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 22.8 as compared with 16.4 for 1955.

The death rate among illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births was 65.2 as compared with 14.5 for 1955.

The following table gives the causes of deaths of all infants under one year of age:

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year of age
Congenital Malformations including Congenital Heart Diseases	4	-	-	2	6	2	2	2	-	12
Prematurity	9	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	10
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	6
Intra-Cranial Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Atelectasis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Haemorrhagic Disease of the Newborn	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary Embolism	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	18	1	-	2	21	8	3	2	-	34

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Smallpox

No case of Smallpox was reported during the year. While available records fail to reveal the last reported case of Smallpox in the Divisional Area, and certainly no case has been reported in the last 30 years, Smallpox cannot be assigned to the limbo of forgotten diseases. Air-travel has indeed made the world smaller and has greatly increased the risk of the introduction of the disease into the country from places far away. Great stress must continue to be laid on infant vaccination and its importance must never be minimised.

The number of records of vaccinations and re-vaccinations received during the year was 887 and 136. Of the primary vaccinations 739 were performed on infants under one year of age, or 53% of the total births for the year.

Details of the various age groups vaccinated and re-vaccinated are given below:

	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15+ years	Totals
<u>VACCINATIONS</u>						
(a) By Clinic Medical Officers	343	11	12	-	-	366
(b) By Private Doctors	396	54	32	22	17	521
<u>RE-VACCINATIONS</u>						
(a) By Clinic Medical Officers	-	-	1	2	-	3
(b) By Private Doctors	-	-	7	31	95	133
Total vaccinated and re-vaccinated	739	65	52	55	112	1023

No case of Generalized Vaccinia or Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis was reported, and no death from any complication of vaccination occurred.

Diphtheria

No case of Diphtheria was reported during the year and, indeed, there is no record of Diphtheria in the Divisional Area since the war. If this freedom from Diphtheria is to continue it is essential that the immunisation state of the child population be maintained at a high level.

Details of the various age groups immunised or given secondary or re-inforcing injections are given below:

	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15+ years	Totals
<u>PRIMARY IMMUNISATION</u>						
(a) By Clinic or School Medical Officers	550	186	60	102	-	898
(b) By Private Doctors	337	192	55	24	-	608
<u>SECONDARY OR RE-INFORCING INJECTIONS</u>						
(a) By Clinic or School Medical Officers	-	-	105	660	-	765
(b) By Private Doctors	-	-	25	112	1	138
Total primary and secondary immunisations	887	378	245	896	1	2409

Whooping Cough

72 cases of Whooping Cough were notified during 1956, a very small number considering the size of the child population. The paucity of cases is, in part, a reflection of the efficacy and increasing strength of the immunisation campaign. In very few of the cases was there a history of previous immunisation and in every such instance the disease appeared to have become greatly modified.

A secondary or re-inforcing injection against Whooping Cough is not usually given unless parents particularly wish it or because of peculiar medical circumstances it seems advisable. The reason lies in the fact that Whooping Cough in older children who have been previously immunised is invariably modified, being more of a nuisance than an illness, and the immunity gained from the natural disease is more lasting than that acquired by artificial means. It is in the very young, where the illness is often severe and disabling that the protection by immunisation is so essential.

Details of the various age groups immunised or given secondary or re-inforcing injections are given below:

	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	Totals
<u>PRIMARY IMMUNISATION</u>					
(a) By Clinic Medical Officers	755	155	52	23	985
(b) By Private Doctors	339	165	46	25	575
<u>SECONDARY OR RE-INFORCING INJECTIONS</u>					
(a) By Clinic Medical Officers	-	-	63	194	257
(b) By Private Doctors	-	-	13	47	60
Total or primary and secondary immunisations	1094	320	174	289	1877

Poliomyelitis

Only 4 cases of Poliomyelitis were notified last year, 3 of whom were of the paralytic type and all of whom were admitted to hospital.

Last year saw the introduction into the country of vaccination against Poliomyelitis, but, because of vaccine supply difficulties, the scheme could only be of a limited nature. Parents of children born in the years 1947 - 1954 inclusive were invited to register the children with the Local Health Authority if they wished them to be vaccinated. 3583 children in the Division were so registered but with the shortage of vaccine only 399 could be vaccinated.

Scarlet Fever

26 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified last year. The disease was in general very mild and only one child required admission to hospital.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Domiciliary Midwifery

There were 566 home confinements last year of whom 561 were attended by County Council midwives. During the year, 15 midwives were employed by the County Council, 13 of whom were employed in the dual capacity of District Nurse/Midwife. In 498 of the 561 confinements attended by the County Council midwives, the midwives attended in their capacity of midwife, while in the remainder, they attended as maternity nurses. Gas and Air Analgesia was administered to 504 patients and, in addition, 268 patients received injections of Pethidine.

The total number of confinements last year among residents in the Division was 1428 and the percentage of domiciliary confinements to total confinements was 39.7%. Of the 862 confinements in hospitals and nursing homes, 686 were in the St. Paul's Hospital, Hemel Hempstead.

No call was made on the "Flying Squad" units which, for this Division, are based on the King St. Hospital, Watford; The Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury; the Luton Maternity Hospital and the St. Albans City Hospital.

Ante-Natal Clinics

During the year 408 patients made 1,827 attendances at the 4 ante-natal clinics in the Division, details of which are given in the following table:

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients	Number of Attendances	Average attendance per Session
Adeyfield, Hemel Hempstead.	51	176	726	14.2
Churchill, Hemel Hempstead.	52	119	670	12.9
Berkhamsted	70	92	362	5.2
Kings Langley	12	21	69	5.8

In common with many other areas in the country there has been a steady decline in the number of expectant mothers attending Local Health Authorities ante-natal clinics since the inception of the National Health Service Act.

The majority of expectant mothers now 'book' a doctor for their confinement under the provisions of the Act and it is only natural that the doctor should wish to give his own ante-natal care. The decline in the use of Local Health Authorities ante-natal clinics need not be a matter for regret providing always that the care offered expectant mothers from alternative sources is of equal or higher order. It is not the source of the ante-natal care which is important but it's quality and quantity. But, as in other branches of medicine, it is team-work which governs the quality of ante-natal care and this demands the closest co-operation among the members of the team, be they hospital staff, general practitioners or midwives. It is this integration of the midwifery services which must be sought if the practice of midwifery is to continue to improve and the best use is to be made of the services available.

Relaxation Classes

Relaxation classes for expectant mothers were established last year in the Adeyfield and Bennetts End clinics. This is work so suited for midwives and health visitors and which eventually may prove to be the future role of the Local Health Authorities ante-natal clinics. It is hoped that more of these classes will be established so that their services can be freely offered to all expectant mothers irrespective of where they are receiving their ante-natal care.

Infant Welfare Centres

There are in the Division 19 Infant Welfare Centres with sessions held twice weekly, weekly, fortnightly or monthly according to the population and needs of the particular district. For the most part clinics are held in hired premises which suffer from the disadvantage of not being intended originally, and therefore not constructed, for clinic purposes. By improvisation the accommodation difficulties are largely overcome, though the ideal is nowhere attained. On the other side of the ledger is the fact many infant welfare centres are sited in the village hall - to so many people the centre of the village life. The association of village hall and infant welfare centre does help to encourage mothers to regard the clinic as a necessary part of the community life of the village.

The purpose of infant welfare centres and the duties of the medical and nursing staff must, after all these years, be well known. Perhaps what is not so well known or publicised is the work of voluntary committees of the clinics; a band of public spirited ladies without whose help many clinics could not continue. These ladies help with the preparation of the clinic, with the sale of welfare foods, with the distribution of record cards and, not least, with the making of the all-important cup of tea. By their enthusiasm and endeavours they create that feeling of warmth and friendliness so essential for a successful clinic. Many have served the clinics for years and doubtless would feel somewhat lost without the clinic. It is right to acknowledge that, equally, the clinics would be lost without them.

WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION

There are 31 centres in the Division from which Welfare Foods (National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil and Vitamin Tablets) are distributed. Of these distribution centres, 15 are situated in Infant Welfare Centres, 11 are in local shops, 4 are staffed by the W.V.S. and B.R.C.S. and 1 by the County Council.

Supplies are ordered through the Divisional Health Office from a main depot at Hitchin and deliveries to the centres are either made directly from the main depot or by local transport from a County Council depot in Hemel Hempstead.

The following Welfare Foods were distributed during the year:

National Dried Milk	.....	31,474
Orange Juice	.....	82,593
Cod Liver Oil	.....	10,960
Vitamin A & D Tablets	.....	4,608

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Introduction

There are 52 schools in the Division, excluding independent or private schools, and one Special School. The total number of pupils on the school registers at 31.12.56 was 11,952.

The policy of visiting schools each term was maintained, apart from very few exceptions where the number of pupils to be examined was too small to justify a visit every term. The periodic medical examination of the four age groups, i.e. entrants (5 years +), juniors (7 years +), intermediate (11 years +), and seniors (14 years +) was continued. At each school medical inspection, re-examination of children who at previous periodic or special examinations had been found to have defects requiring treatment or observation was made.

Medical Inspections

(a) Periodic Inspections:

Number examined:-

Primary Entrants	.....	1,283
Secondary Entrants	.....	988
Secondary Leavers	.....	650
Total	.....	2,921
Additional Periodic Inspections	.....	1,453
Grand Total	.....	4,374

(b) Other Inspections:

Number of special inspections	.....	423
Number of re-inspections	.....	4,106
Total	.....	4,529

Defects Found at Medical Inspections

The following table gives details of all defects noted at both periodic and special inspections. All defects noted at medical inspections as requiring treatment are included, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of inspection:

Defect or Disease	Number of Defects			
	Periodic Inspections		Special Inspections	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation
Skin	95	50	5	1
Eyes -				
a. Vision	362	244	10	10
b. Squint	73	13	2	-
c. Other	47	16	1	2
Ears -				
a. Hearing	8	23	6	7
b. Otitis Media	10	14	-	-
c. Other	14	21	1	1
Nose and Throat	125	106	4	4
Speech	20	41	7	3
Lymphatic Glands	13	75	-	-
Heart	5	40	2	5
Lungs	57	93	7	5
Developmental -				
a. Hernia	5	3	-	-
b. Other	5	82	-	1
Orthopaedic -				
a. Posture	98	38	2	-
b. Feet	192	103	2	3
c. Other	82	63	6	2
Nervous System -				
a. Epilepsy	7	6	2	-
b. Other	7	9	2	5
Psychological -				
a. Development	11	49	21	6
b. Stability	29	105	24	18
Abdomen	17	24	1	2
Other	14	29	5	5

Special Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinics: Conducted by Dr. Norman Gardener, Consultant Ophthalmologist, at Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted.

Weekly clinics on Friday mornings are held at "Churchill", Park Road, Hemel Hempstead, and during the year there were 43 sessions at which 694 attendances were made. Spectacles were prescribed for 256 children.

Fortnightly clinics on Saturday mornings (or by arrangement as the waiting list requires) are held at The Hut, Butts Meadow, Berkhamsted, and during the year there were 16 sessions at which 213 attendances were made. Spectacles were prescribed for 48 children.

Orthoptic Clinics: Conducted by Miss A. J. Davis, County Orthoptist.

Weekly sessions on Wednesday a.m. and p.m. and Thursday a.m. were held, and during the year there were 128 sessions at which 972 attendances were made. 34 children were discharged as cured while the treatment of 8 other children was discontinued.

Speech Therapy Clinics: Conducted by Mr. Leonard Willmore, Senior County Speech Therapist, and Miss V. M. Cook, Speech Therapist.

Weekly clinics are held at "Churchill", Park Road, Hemel Hempstead (on Fridays p.m.), Adeyfield Hall, Hemel Hempstead (on Thursdays a.m. and p.m.) and The Hut, Butts Meadow, Berkhamsted (on Fridays a.m.).

During the year 179 sessions were held at which 80 children made 1,027 attendances. Of these 80 children, 55 were still in attendance at the end of the year - 36 under treatment and 19 under observation.

Child Guidance Clinics:

Children requiring child guidance treatment or estimation of intelligence quotient are referred to the clinics at St. Albans or Watford.

Dental Clinics:

The programme of dental clinics in the Division is as follows:-

"Churchill", Park Road, Hemel Hempstead	-	weekly, Monday a.m. and p.m.
		" Tuesday a.m.
		" Wednesday a.m. and p.m.
		" Friday a.m. and p.m.
The Hut, Butts Meadow, Berkhamsted	-	weekly, Monday a.m.
		" Wednesday p.m.
		" Thursday a.m.

Breathing Exercises Clinic:

Children suffering from chest complaints which might benefit from breathing exercises are referred to the clinic from the primary schools after medical examination. The clinic, which is held weekly on Tuesday mornings during school term periods at "Churchill", Park Road, Hemel Hempstead, is conducted by Miss N. Chatterton of the County Physical Education staff.

Convalescent Home Treatment

During the year 4 children were admitted to short-stay holiday homes for convalescent treatment, the County Council accepting financial responsibility for their maintenance.

Handicapped Pupils

For the year ended 31.12.56 the following handicapped pupils were:

(a) Newly placed in special schools or boarding homes:-

Blind	.....	1	Physically Handicapped	.....	1
Deaf	.....	2	Educationally sub-normal	...	6
Delicate	.....	3	Maladjusted	.....	1
		Epileptic	.....	2	
		Total	.....	16	

(b) Newly assessed as needing special educational treatment in special schools or in boarding homes:-

Deaf	.....	2	Educationally sub-normal	13
Delicate	3	Maladjusted	2
Physically handicapped	1	Epileptic	.....	1
	Total	.....	22	

Number of handicapped pupils in special schools at 31.12.56:-

Blind	.....	2	Physically handicapped	2	
Deaf	.....	14	Educationally sub-normal	38	
Delicate	.....	3	Maladjusted	.....	7
		Epileptic	.....	4	
		Total	.....	70	

Number of handicapped pupils receiving home tuition	.....	4
Number of handicapped pupils on register of hospital special schools	.....	6

HOME NURSING

The number of visits made by the District Nurses in the Division last year was 26,663. The majority of the visits were made to the chronic sick and the aged and infirm but much work was also done among the acute sick, the returned surgical cases from hospital and even among children.

The scope of home nursing has increased in recent years, particularly since the introduction of the Sulpha drugs and the antibiotics. The use of these drugs has permitted more patients to be treated at home by the family doctor and also allowed the earlier discharge of patients from hospital. If the services of the district nurses are to be used by the hospitals and family doctors to the full the expansion of the home nursing service will be inevitable, a matter which, I feel, will be to the community more a cause for satisfaction than for concern.

HOME HELPS

The Home Help Service again proved of real value to the community and there was a small increase both in the number of households assisted and in the total number of home help hours allocated. An analysis of the various categories showed that 40% of the applications came from the aged chronic sick, 33% from mothers having their babies at home, 16% from the acute sick and 6% from the chronic sick excluding the aged chronic sick. This analysis, I feel, is interesting, in that it shows a much wider dispersal of home help assistance than in very many areas of the country where the vast majority of assistance goes to the aged and infirm.

