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On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions

of the

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year

1972

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

S. E. CUFFLES.

Medical Officer of Health
of the Warminster Urban
District Council.



Health Department,
Portway House,
WARMINSTER,
Wiltshire.

Chairman and Members of Warminster Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report relating to the state of public health and sanitary conditions in the Urban District of Warminster during the year 1972. Included is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

I expect this will be the last report you will receive from your Medical Officer of Health, the post of which was first created in England over one hundred years ago and has continued as a part of the Local Government Service ever since. The medical officers at present in Local Government will in future be part of the National Health Service, but there will be medical officers in that service who may be responsible for acting as medical advisors to the future Local Government Authorities.

In conclusion I would like to thank you and your Councillors for their support during my period of service and my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. E. Cupples.

Public Department,
Lombard Street,
London, E.C. 4,
England.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Council of the General Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the United Kingdom.

I am sorry to hear that the Council of the General Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the United Kingdom has decided to oppose the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Council. I am sure that the Council will be able to present a strong case against the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Council. I am sure that the Council will be able to present a strong case against the proposed extension of the term of office of the members of the Council.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

A. H. C. C.

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To May 1972

From May 1972

<u>Chairman of the Council</u>	D. Bishop	E. R. Middleton
<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	E. R. Middleton	A. Deaven
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<u>Members of Public Health and Properties Committee</u>	D. Bishop Miss E. G. Dutterworth Mrs. K. M. Self E. R. Middleton G. H. Nicholls J. L. Wall	E. R. Middleton Miss E. G. Dutterworth Mrs. K. M. Self D. Bishop G. H. Nicholls J. Mitchell

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health

S. E. Cupples, MB., BCh., BAO., DPH.

Chief Public Health Inspector

W. Parks, C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E., C.R.S.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors

F. Marshall, M.A.P.H.I.

J. Withey, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk

Mrs. L. Hodder

Portway House,
Warminster.

Tel: 2393

Your Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health to Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council and to Westbury Urban District Council, as well as being a departmental Medical Officer to Wiltshire County Council.

The Chief Public Health Inspector is also your Surveyor and Mr. Marshall your Deputy Surveyor.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA
(figures in brackets refer to the previous year)

Area of the District in Acres	5,651	(5,651)
Population (Registrar Generals estimate as at mid year)	13,800	(13,580)
Number of Hereditaments	4,762	(4,469)
Number of Council Houses	1,130	(1,104)
Number on Waiting List for Council Houses at 31st March, 1972.	244	
Rateable Value	£554,115	(532,932)
Product of 1p rate	£5,450	(5,280)

Vital Statistics

The population figures and statistics include members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area. The use of comparability factors, which make allowance for the way, age and sex distribution differs from the rest of the country and take account of residential institutions, make possible comparison with rates in England and Wales or with the rates for previous years.

1. Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	130	112	242	(273)
Illegitimate	9	5	14	(14)
Total	139	117	256	(287)
Rate per 1,000 population comparability factor is 1.04			18.6	(21.1)
Local Adjusted Rate			19.3	(21.5)
Rate for England and Wales			14.8	(16)
Illegitimate Rate as % of Local Rate			5	(5)
Illegitimate Rate as % of Rate in England and Wales			9	(9)

2. Stillbirths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
-	1	1	(2)

The stillbirth rate for England and Wales was 12 per thousand live and still-births. To have such a rate in Warminster there would have been 3 stillbirths.

1951	1950	Age of the married in 1951
13,380	13,300	Population (the latest census)
1,400	1,300	Number of married women
1,100	1,100	Number of married men
1,100	1,100	Number of married men (the latest census)
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1. Live births

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2. Stillbirths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	
(153)	245	115	130	Estimated
(46)	16	2	9	Estimated
(152)	230	113	117	Total
(157.7)	13.6	Rate per 1,000 population compensable factor is 1.04		
(157.2)	13.3	Local Adjusted Rate		
(16)	16.8	Rate for England and Wales		
(3)	2	Estimated rate as % of local rate		
(3)	2	Estimated rate as % of rate in England and Wales		

3. Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	76	89	165	(139)
Rate per 1,000 population				
Local			12	(10.2)
comparability factor is 0.93				
Local Adjusted			11.2	(8.8)
England and Wales			12.1	(11.6)
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Deaths under 1 year of Age</u>	4	4	8	(6)
Rate per 1,000 live births (Infant Mortality Rate)			31	(21)
Rate for England and Wales			17	(18)
<u>Deaths under 4 weeks of Age</u>	3	1	4	(2)
Rate per 1,000 live births (Neonatal Mortality Rate)			16	(7)
Rate for England and Wales			12	(12)
<u>Deaths under 1 week of Age</u>	3	1	4	(0)
Rate per 1,000 live births			16	(0)
Rate for England and Wales			10	(10)

Although local rates have been calculated for infant and neonatal mortality rates they come from figures which are too small to make valid comparisons. Later figures will show that 3 of the 4 deaths under 4 weeks of age were due to complications of childbirth, the other being a congenital abnormality; of the figures between 4 weeks and 1 year 2 were due to congenital abnormalities and 2 were due to accidents.

4. Causes of Death

The following table gives the numbers and causes of death in age and sex age groups. It will be seen that diseases of the vascular system were responsible for almost 100 of the 165 deaths, Ischaemic Heart Disease (Coronary Thrombosis) accounted for 50 of these, 25 of each sex, though this occurred in females at a later age.

Some indication of the age to which people are living can be taken from the fact that 119 of the deaths occurred over the age of 65 and 75 were over 75.

Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Infective and Parasitic	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M F	3 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 1	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M F	3 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1	4 4
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	M F	3 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	1 1	- -	2 1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M F	- 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -	2 -	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M M F	2 8	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	3 -	1 1	1 1	2 -
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	M M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -
Diseases of Nervous System	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1 -	- -
Hypertensive Disease	M M F	1 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	1 -
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M M F	25 25	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	6 2	11 5	6 18
Other Heart Diseases	M M F	3 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	1 -	2 3

Grade of Death	Age	Sex	Color	Religion	Marital Status	Occupation	Education	Place of Birth	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Time of Death	Place of Burial	Remarks
1	1	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
2	2	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
3	3	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
4	4	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
5	5	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
6	6	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
7	7	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
8	8	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
9	9	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
10	10	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
11	11	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
12	12	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
13	13	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
14	14	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
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16	16	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
17	17	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
18	18	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
19	19	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
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21	21	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
22	22	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
23	23	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
24	24	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
25	25	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
26	26	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
27	27	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
28	28	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
29	29	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
30	30	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
31	31	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
32	32	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
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34	34	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
35	35	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
36	36	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
37	37	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
38	38	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
39	39	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
40	40	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
41	41	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
42	42	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
43	43	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
44	44	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
45	45	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
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99	99	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
100	100	M	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W

Cause of Death	Sex	ALL Ages	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Cerebrovascular Disease	M 12 F 16	12 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 2	2 2	9 12
Other Circulatory Diseases	M 5 F 4	5 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
Influenza	M 1 F 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	M 2 F 2	2 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M 4 F 1	4 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	M 1 F 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Digestive System Diseases	M 1 F 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Diseases of Skin, etc.	M 1 F 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	M 4 F 4	4 4	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M 3 F 3	3 3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	M 1 F 1	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M 3 F 2	3 2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	-
All other Accidents	M 2 F 3	2 3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total all causes	M 76 F 89	76 89	3 1	1 3	1 1	-	1 1	2 -	1 1	2 9	12 9	28 16	27 48

Infectious and Notifiable Disease

During the year the only notification received was one case of bacillary dysentery. This has been contracted overseas.

Immunisation

The following Immunisation Statistics have been supplied by Dr. C. D. L. Lycett, Medical Officer of Health, Wiltshire County Council.

		Children Born in Years						
		1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	63-67	57-62
Primary Immunisations completed during 1972	Diph.	33	98	9	-	-	3	-
	Wh.Cough	33	91	9	-	-	-	-
	Tetanus	33	98	9	-	-	4	-
	Measles	-	60	33	10	6	11	-
	Polio	33	99	10	1	-	2	1
Reinforcing Immunisations given in 1972	Diph.	-	25	62	7	38	78	-
	Wh.Cough	-	20	39	5	-	1	-
	Tetanus	-	25	62	8	38	79	2
	Polio	-	26	59	1	39	77	-

Figures also supplied by Dr. Lycett show that of the children born in 1971 the diphtheria primary immunisation state as at 31st December, 1972, was 73.5%. It can be assumed that the rate for tetanus and poliomyelitis is in the same proportion.

Housing

The problem of housing continues. There were about 244 on the waiting list at 31st March, 1972, and this number has increased by quite a large number since, it should however be stated that not all the people on the waiting list want a house immediately, also that some may be on other waiting lists or may even be housed or left the district.

Allied in some respects are the problems of the elderly and I have previously mentioned the age to which people are living. The death rates for 1969-71 in England and Wales give an expectation of life at birth of about 69 for males and 75 for females, put another way 700 of every 1,000 males born live to age 65 and 235 to the age of 80, the corresponding figure for females is 822 and 454. As the expectation of life increases so will the number of elderly in the community.

There is a waiting list for Group Dwellings and the present planned and under construction addition, though welcome, will not take care of all the list. Group Dwellings in themselves are not the complete answer, ancillary services require to be increased also, indeed certain problems have already arisen where residents of group dwellings require medical attention and are temporarily unable to look after themselves. The Welfare Home for the Elderly and the Geriatric Hospital both have waiting lists and if the ancillary Social and Health Services are unable to look after those temporarily sick it will not be long before the local Community Hospital becomes a Geriatric Hospital also to the detriment of its primary task.

During the year the only vaccination received was one of
smallpox vaccine. This was given on 10/10/51.

Vaccinations

The following vaccination statistics have been supplied by
Mr. H. E. Brown, Medical Officer of Health, Lincoln County Council.

		Children born in 1950							
		1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955		
Primary vaccinations received during 1950	Smallpox	12	10	9	-	-	-	Total	41
	Diphtheria	12	10	9	-	-	-		41
	Tetanus	12	10	9	-	-	-		41
	Polio	-	10	10	6	7	-		33
	Whooping cough	12	10	9	-	-	-		41
Secondary vaccinations given in 1950	Smallpox	-	12	10	7	10	10	Total	59
	Diphtheria	-	12	10	7	10	10		59
	Tetanus	-	12	10	7	10	10		59
	Polio	-	12	10	7	10	10		59

It should also be noted by Mr. Brown that of the children
born in 1950 the majority were vaccinated within an hour
of birth. This was 70%. It was claimed that the rest
were vaccinated in the same proportion.

Notes

The problem of making comparisons. There were about 100 on the
register in 1949, 1950, and this number has increased to
about 150 in 1951. It should be noted that not all
the people on the register have been vaccinated, and that some
may be on other waiting lists or may even be vaccinated in the future.

There is some question as to the results of the survey and I have
previously mentioned the fact that people are liable. The health
department in England and Wales have an expectation of life at birth
of about 70 for males and 75 for females, and women are 10% of every
1,000 males born live in 1949 and 10% in 1950. The survey
figures show that in 1949 and 1950, the proportion of live
births in all the number of children in the country.

There is a further fact for Group Health in the present period
and under consideration. It is that, though health will not come of
all the facts Group Health in the future and the complete answer,
certainly requires a change in the way of thinking, and certain people
have already shown signs of this. It is a change in the way of
thinking and the responsibility to look after themselves. The
change is not for the health and the health service will have to
change. It is the responsibility of the health service to make
sure that the health service will be able to look after the health
of the community. It will not be long before the health
service becomes a community health service. It is a change in the
way of thinking.

It is appreciated the elderly are reluctant to move from the area where they have lived all or most of their lives and where they have friends, but there is a case for large Group Dwellings where it would be economical to have a small staffed Medical Centre to take care of those sick and not requiring hospital admission.

National Assistance

The National Assistance Act 1948 as amended gives the power to have persons in need of care and attention admitted to hospital on a Magistrates authority. No such action was required during the course of the year, though one person had to have the provisions of the Act pointed out before agreeing to go into hospital.

Water Supplies

Water is supplied by the West Wilts Water Board and copies of all samples of water taken by them for bacteriological analysis are received by your Medical Officer of Health. Over the year the samples were satisfactory.

The Annual Report of the West Wilts Water Board for the year ending 31st March, 1972, shows that of 3794 dwelling houses only two were not receiving a supply from the Board. The average daily consumption of metered water increased from 78,000 in 1961 to 101,000 for the year of the report.

Fluoride is not added to the water.

Recreation

Work proceeded during the year on a Sports Complex which is scheduled for completion in 1973. The Complex will have facilities for swimming with an indoor heated 25 metre swimming pool and a large hall where games such as tennis, badminton, netball, cricket, indoor football, etc., are possible.

The existing open air swimming pool at the Pleasure Gardens has been in use for some 50 years on a fill and empty principle with Marginal Chlorination. The staff looking after it have been very conscientious in their efforts to provide as good a pool as possible in the circumstances, but this is getting more difficult. With the completion of the pool in the new Complex it is the time to decide the future of the present pool which does not meet the usually accepted standard of the moment, it would require considerable cost to bring it that standard.

Refuse Collection

Like many other Districts it is getting more and more difficult to find somewhere to deposit refuse, existing sites in the District may become exhausted soon when it will be necessary to find sites in other Districts.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has provided the following report:

FOOD PREMISES

There are within the Urban District 65 various types of food premises as listed, including those registered by the Council for the sale of ice cream and processing of food under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. In total 300 visits were made to these premises during the year, arising out of which it was necessary in only two cases to take informal action for contravention of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.

Dutchers	9
Grocery and General	37
Fishmongers	1
Bakeshouses	1
Fish Fryers	3
Cafes	<u>14</u>
	65
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MILK SAMPLES

All milk sold in the Urban District is heat treated.

There are 26 licences distributors of milk and visits were made to their premises for the purpose of inspection and routine sampling.

Samples totalling 156 were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Bath, for examination and statutory tests. Of these samples ten failed the Methylene Blue Test (for pasteurised milk) signifying a weakness either in the method of storage or in the sterilising of equipment. Follow up samples in all cases proved satisfactory.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has provided the following report:

1937 Report

There are within the Urban District 15 various types of food premises as listed, including those regulated by the Council for the sale of ice cream and preservation of food under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1937. In total 300 visits were made to these premises during the year, arising out of which it was necessary in only two cases to take informal action for contravention of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1937.

1	Butchers
37	Confectionery and General
1	Ice Cream Parlour
1	Licenced
3	Public Houses
15	Restaurants
63	Total

1938 Report

All still sold in the Urban District is kept sterile.
There are 15 licensed distributors of milk and visits were made to their premises for the purpose of inspection and routine sampling.

Samples totaling 150 were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination and statutory tests. Of these samples ten failed the Bacteriological Test (for pasteurised milk) signifying a weakness either in the method of storage or in the sterilising of equipment. Follow up samples in all cases proved satisfactory.

HOUSING

During the year eighteen houses were inspected for unfitness under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957. The owner of one property, on being served with a time and place notice, has given an undertaking to bring the premises up to standard, and this has been accepted.

A high percentage of the premises inspected were thought to be substandard and lacking in modern amenities, but could, at reasonable expense, be brought up to an acceptable standard, particularly in view of financial assistance now available to owners in the way of grants from the Council.

Thirty-five applications for improvement grants were received and with the exception of one, all approved by the Council. Twenty-six of these were Improvement Grants (Discretionary Grants), the other nine being for the standard amenities only.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected weekly from all dwellings in the district and twice weekly from shop premises.

The "kerb side" method of collection is still operated although this method is frowned upon in most districts.

The bonus scheme introduced by the work study team is still in operation and has been found satisfactory to date.

During the year fifteen houses were inspected for unfitness under the provisions of the Housing Act 1925. The owner of one property, on being served with a notice to repair, has given an undertaking to bring the premises up to standard, and this has been accepted.

A high percentage of the premises inspected were thought to be substantial and requiring no modern amenities, but should, at reasonable expense, be brought up to the modern standard, particularly in view of financial assistance now available to owners in the way of grants from the Council.

Thirty-five applications for improvement grants were received and with the exception of one, all approved by the Council. Twenty-nine of these were improvement grants (improvement grants), the other nine being for the standard amenities only.

HOUSE COLLECTION AND INSPECTION

Refuse is collected weekly from all dwellings in the district and twice weekly from shops and premises.

The "kerb side" method of collection is still operated although this method is viewed upon in some districts.

The house refuse introduced by the war still remains in operation and has been found satisfactory so far.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS: for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	58	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	58	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

SECTION 107, 1931

INVESTIGATION for the purpose of ascertaining as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Number of Inspection Reports	Number on Inspection Reports	Number of	
		Written Inspection Reports	Inspection Reports
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1) Inspectors in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be entered by Local Authorities	-	-	-
2) Inspectors not included in 1) in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority	40	28	-
3) Other premises in which Section 7 is entered by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	28	-

5. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which inspections were made
(1)	Found	Handled	Delayed By M.H. Inspector	
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
State of cleanliness (2.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (2.2)	-	-	-	-
Unsanitary arrangements (2.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (2.4)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate drainage of floors (2.5)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (2.6)	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsanitary or defective	3	3	-	-
(c) Not adequate for number of persons occupying the premises (not including persons relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

PART V111 of the ACT

OUTWORK

Section 133 and 134

SECTION 133				SECTION 134		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers 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
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Bearing apparel Making etc. (cleaning and washing)	30	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30	-	-	-	-	-

WATKINS ACT 1961

PART VIII of the ACT

OUTGO

Section 133 and 134

SECTION 133				SECTION 134		
No. of out- workers in August last reported by Section 133 (a) (i)	No. of out- workers in August last reported by Section 133 (a) (ii)	No. of cases of default in sending data to the Council (b)	No. of present- ment- form for return to employ- ment (c)	No. of instances of work in unlicensed premises (d)	Notices Served (e)	Prosecutions (f)
30						
30						



