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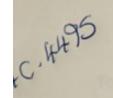
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FOR THE YEAR

1970.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the report on the health of the school child in Warwickshire during 1970.

#### The future of the School Health Service.

In my last report I expressed serious concern at the shortage of whole-time medical staff caused by uncertainty about the future. It is pleasing to note that representatives of the local authority organisations, when they met representatives of the Department of Education and Science on the 15th January 1971, suggested that as a matter of urgency there should be a joint study to consider how the continuance of the School Health Service and its development could be ensured.

The Departmental representatives acknowledged the need for a study of the problems involved and agreed that the submission of a local authority paper would be helpful. It was further suggested and agreed that this should include a definition and evaluation of the existing and prospective functions of the School Health Service, and this part of the proposed paper is reproduced below, since it is felt that it will be of interest to members, officers and administrative and teaching staff:

"The medical and social developments of the last twenty-five years have re-shaped some of the needs which the Service was designed to meet such as massive malnutrition and infectious diseases and infestations. Nevertheless, the staff engaged in the Service carry out many more functions now than ever before, including:

- 1. The early detection of handicap.
- The examination and screening of children throughout school life to discover defects at an early stage of their development and arrange for appropriate treatment. This includes work in nursery classes and centres and schools for children with many kinds of handicap.

Conditions such as hearing loss and visual defects would not be detected readily by other medical agencies.

Once defects have been discovered the Service is responsible, in co-operation with teachers of the deaf and others, for ensuring that the child wears spectacles, hearing aids, etc., regularly and that both parents and children are trained in the proper use of the equipment.

Continuing advice to Chief Education Officers on a handicapped child's needs in relation to his education.

- The investigation of school absences when it is suspected that these are due to emotional or physical causes.
- 4. Investigation of the remaining infections and infestations to reduce spread and provide appropriate treatment. Prevention of infectious diseases by an increasing range of immunisation procedures. Much of this work is done by the school nursing service, which is also a very important link between the school and the home.
- Oversight and advice on environmental hygiene in the schools including safety precautions in laboratories—where health hazards are possible—and the special environmental needs of handicapped children.
- Close liaison with the various agencies on the placement of the handicapped school-leaver.
- 7. Advice and participation in health education in schools and colleges of education. In this sphere joint advisory bodies of teachers, educational advisers, medical officers, and health education officers have a vital part to play in organising courses and programmes of health education to meet the various needs.
- 8. Advice to chief education officers on the health of teachers and other educational staff where it is likely to affect the pupils, and the examination of entrants to the profession. The school medical officer has to interpret medical reports in terms of the practicalities within the school and college situation and to advise on priorities, especially where different referral agencies are involved.
- 9. In the school dental part of the Service the provision of a comprehensive dental inspection and treatment service for school children, with an emphasis on the prevention of dental disease. The School Dental Service exists to guarantee dental care for those classes of the child population which stand in most need for it. This is clearly most conveniently fulfilled by dental inspections

- in schools and this requires very close relations with teachers, as well as parents, within the school organisation.
- 10. Provision of other services for children, e.g., speech therapy, physiotherapy in a school-orientated setting so that there is a positive integration with education and as little time as possible is lost from school.
- The maintenance of close contact with colleagues responsible for the child during the pre-school
  years and with family doctors and other medical specialists, social agencies and educationalists.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of functions which may be summarised as being directed to ensure that the child is enabled to reap the full benefit from the educational system, and to ensure that illness, disability, or handicap does not prejudice a child educationally, or his later functioning as an adult.

This somewhat restricted summary, with its emphasis on the detection and amelioration of defects so readily carried out in a "captive" group such as school children, reflects the general pattern of the Service from its inception. There is no prospect of these important needs being met by an existing service other than the School Health Service, whose personnel are the only ones with an adequate training.

The service is now moving into a broader important sphere—the prevention of ill-health in childhood. Whilst scientific and medical advances, periodic assessments and screening procedures will help to find the defects at an earlier stage, and increasing knowledge of genetics, metabolism, etc., will prevent some defects happening, there is an increasing awareness that much of the mental ill-health of childhood could be prevented.

Recent reports on the incidence of emotional problems in school life have revealed the extent of the problem. Medical, social and educational factors are all involved—many children becoming severely disturbed as a result of educational failure. Close co-operation between the school medical officer and the teacher should result in a co-ordinated approach to the individual child. Placement of a child in any form of special education and ongoing review of his needs should be as a result of joint discussions between the educational and medical staff, taking into account all the child's individual needs. Barriers between the professions are steadily breaking down.

The Service has not yet fulfilled its potential in the sphere of research into child health in general. As a normal part of its work it acquires a great body of information not otherwise available, and opportunities exist to extend the value of this in the preventive field. Work needs to be carried out in particular subjects, for example, emotional disturbance in young children, obesity of childhood, subacute and chronic infections, and the multiple problems of adolescence.

Extension of the work to include the problems of student health in colleges of education, technical colleges and other establishments for further education is another potential field.

The practice of school medicine differs from other clinical practice in that:

- It attempts to be preventive; discovering unrecognised early deviations from normal and advising on treatment.
- It is concerned with a developing organism—the child. The approach is that of developmental paediatrics rather than treatment of frank disease.
- 3. It is particularly related to a specific environment—the school—and a detailed knowledge of this environment is essential.

There are therefore very cogent reasons why the School Health Service should continue as a specialised service but this must retain close links with the medical services concerned with community preventive health. The school child cannot be considered as a separate entity from the pre-school child or the adolescent in employment.

The concept of the "school physician" as a doctor intimately associated with school life is therefore becoming fairly clear. There must be close involvement with the assessment of the pre-school child's development. Although there may be administrative divisions between the pre-school and the school child, in practice in the field most of the medical staff are concerned with both age groups. The medical officers also receive reports from family doctors, consultants, and other agencies and should be able to give valuable information about the child on entry into school, particularly in respect of those "at risk" of educational difficulty for physical, emotional, social or limited intellectual reasons.

Throughout school life the school physician must continue a close watch on the child's development and educational placement and help in preparation for the transfer from school to life and employment in the community.

Apart from close co-operation with the environmental health services, there must be close links with general practitioners and paediatricians so that the effects of acute illness can be equated to future educational problems and early remedial advice given. There are already signs of increasing co-operation in this sphere."

#### The School Health Service, 1970.

A glance at Table 1, with particular reference to Special School placings, will show how Special Education and the School Health Service have developed in the last twenty years.

In 1950 only 84 children out of a population of 61,000 were placed for special schooling. This indicates 1.37 places per 1,000 schoolchildren. In 1970, 1,324 children out of a population of 105,500 were placed for such schooling—a rate of 12.54 places per 1,000 schoolchildren. Had the rate of placement in 1950 been what it was in 1970 there would have been provision for 760 children instead of for 84 children. At the present time we are nearing the stage when complete provision will be available for all those children who are in need of it.

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the retirement of Mr. Maurice W. Smith, who has conducted school eye clinic sessions in the southern part of the County since the advent of the National Health Service Act and has been the Ophthalmic Consultant to Exhall Grange School since it opened. We are indebted to him for the personal interest which he has always taken in the children.

I should like to record my appreciation of the work which Mr. H. J. Bastow, Chief School Dental Officer, is undertaking personally by checking individual groups of children in order to ensure that the effect of putting fluoride into water supplies is as beneficial as was anticipated. A special report on this subject by Mr. Bastow is given on page 5.

#### Children with Impaired Hearing.

Pre-School Children.

The Senior County Teacher of Hearing Impaired Children reports that, at the beginning of 1971, there were twenty-seven children below school age in the County with hearing losses or under observation being suspected of having hearing losses. Two of these displayed the rubella syndrome, one had an athetoid condition and another was a spastic hemiplegic. Six children were receiving attention at the Lillington unit, the remaining twenty-one receive regular sessions of guidance in auditory training and language development.

Assessment Units.

(a) Lillington Nursery Assessment Unit.

This class is full with six full-time children attending daily, four of these have demonstrable hearing losses, the remaining two have been admitted for observation of possible hearing losses. The children travel from Kenilworth, Lapworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, Leamington and Rugby.

(b) Bedworth Heath Nursery Assessment Unit.

The unit functioned successfully with five children on the roll until December, 1970, when the unit had to close due to the resignation, for family reasons, of the teacher. During the spring term 1971 the children were given home guidance sessions from the local county teacher of children with impaired hearing and from the senior teacher. The class re-opened at the beginning of the summer term 1971 when a teacher was able to take up the appointment.

(c) Shustoke C. of E. Junior and Infants School Unit.

There are eight partially hearing children on the roll. These travel daily from Sutton Coldfield, Chelmsley Wood, Kingsbury, Maxstoke, Coleshill and Keresley.

- (d) Sutton Coldfield Ley Hill Infants School Nursery Assessment Unit. This class is due to open in September, 1971.
- (e) Monks Kirby Primary Unit for Partially Hearing Children.
  This class is due to open in September, 1971.

Children in Ordinary Schools.

The number of children in normal schools with auditory conditions sufficient to warrant special attention from the service still fluctuates around the 120 mark. There is an establishment of three county teachers of hearing impaired children to deal with these children.

Children in Residential Schools for the Deaf and Partially Hearing.

Liaison between the homes and the schools of these children has continued but pressure of other duties prevents extensive and more effective work in this field. Assistance has again been given in the placement of school leavers in industry and advice given to employers and supervisors on the shop floor.

#### Speech Therapy.

The Senior Speech Therapist reports that towards the end of 1970 there was some improvement in the staffing position. The present establishment provides for one senior speech therapist and seven speech therapists. At the end of the year there were two vacancies remaining in the Bedworth/Atherstone area and the Coleshill area. These had been vacant since the summer of 1969, and in order to assist these areas in some small measure, the Senior Speech Therapist spent less of her time in regular clinic sessions and more time visiting schools and homes to see individual children and to advise as to how they may be best helped in school or at home. In some schools a class teacher was helped to set up a language programme that could be in use as a daily class activity of general interest to all children but of particular benefit to the language-retarded or deprived child.

This approach is likely to be expanded in the next few years to embrace all types of schools and will be carried out by more of the speech therapy staff. Such an approach is only possible where the teachers are particularly interested in verbal activity and it has been encouraging to find that many teachers are enthusiastic about this. The holding of regular clinics will continue but the cases attending are likely to be those of a more severe or complex nature who require intensive speech therapy.

432 children in the County made first attendances at speech therapy clinics in 1970. It is noticeable that only 80 of these were referred by school medical officers at medical examinations. The remaining 350 were referred from other agencies: general practitioners, hospital consultants, educational psychologists, teachers and occasionally parents themselves. This indicates a growing awareness of speech problems and a healthy tendency for children in need to be referred early on an individual basis rather than being left to be picked up at the routine medical examination. (The possibility of a medical factor and the need for medical examination in severe cases should not however be forgotten.) Whilst many small children outgrow speech defects, teachers are often concerned about frustration apparent in their pupils who are unable to communicate adequately and it is advisable to refer all speech and language defects to the speech therapist as soon as they are noted, for assessment and for any necessary referral, observation and follow-up. Where speech therapy is not indicated, school teachers and/or parents can be advised and the child can be kept under review.

#### Report of the Chief Dental Officer.

A small increase in dental staff was reflected in higher figures of sessions worked in treatment and inspection. The staffing situation was still far from satisfactory in 1970, however, and only 36% of the school population were able to have a routine school inspection as against 40% in the previous year, because the total school population increased at a faster rate than the dental staff.

There is some consolation in that the percentage of children seen for the first time during the year who required treatment fell. In 1964 72% of children seen required treatment, in 1966 63%, in 1968 59%, and in 1970 57%. The Chief Dental Officer is of the opinion that this decrease can be partly attributed to the policy of fluoridation of the water supply, as the 1970 figures for the North-Western area, most of which has now received fluoridated water from the City of Birmingham for several years, shows the lowest figure of only 50% of children examined requiring treatment.

Last year I reported a disappointing fall in the ratio of permanent teeth filled to those extracted, but this has now been checked and the figure for this county is better at 6.5 to 1 compared with 6.3 to 1 in 1969 and is now at about the national average.

During the year a visit of inspection was made to the County by a Dental Officer from the Department of Education and Science. Favourable comments were made concerning our clinic buildings and equipment and a number of suggestions were made for increasing the total work produced in the clinics both by means of attracting more staff and by helping the staff to get through more treatments. These suggestions were considered and those having relevance to this County's services were adopted and have already borne fruit.

Due to a smaller number of children needing treatment and to the increasing number who were being treated in the general dental services, the problem of affording treatment to children attending rural schools is becoming acute. The mobile clinics which in past years have visited each school are now, due to the small numbers requiring treatment, having to be sited in one of a group of schools and the children brought by transport from the other schools to the clinic. This has thrown a considerable additional burden on the County Ambulance Service.

During the year under review the final series of dental examinations of five-year-old children to check on the effects of correcting the fluoride content of the water supplied to the City of Birmingham and which is also supplied to a large part of the Meriden Rural District, were carried out.

In 1964 the City of Birmingham introduced a control system to regulate the amount of fluoride in drinking water supplied from the Elan Valley waterworks. The level was set and has been maintained at one part per million and the concentration has been checked at the point of supply, in the Birmingham reservoirs, and at distribution points. The results have been very consistent. In 1964 the Chief Dental Officer carried out a survey of the incidence of dental caries in the teeth of five-year-old children, both in the North-Western area of the County supplied with water from the City of Birmingham and in a control area in the Borough of Warwick. These results constituted the baseline for further studies as the teeth then seen were formed without the present corrected level of fluoride in the water.

Surveys of five-year-old children have since been undertaken at intervals of two years and the children seen in 1970 were the first to have been taking fluoride before formation of their teeth, and as there is still no added fluoride in the water at Warwick a fair comparison has been possible. All the inspections have been carried out by the Chief Dental Officer in order to maintain as far as possible the same standard of definition of a tooth counted as affected by dental caries.

These results can be summarised as follows:

In 1964 189 boys in the North-Western (fluoride) area had an average of 4.75 out of 20 teeth affected, and 160 girls in this area had an average of 4.64 teeth affected. 68 boys in Warwick (control) had an average of 4.56 teeth affected, and 58 girls in this area had 4.33 teeth affected.

In 1970 279 boys in the North-Western area had an average of 2.48 teeth affected, and 299 girls in this area had 2.52 teeth affected. 134 boys in Warwick had 3.45 teeth affected and 141 girls in Warwick had 3.45 teeth affected.

The relative improvement is 47.8% for boys in the North-Western area, and 45.7% for girls in this area, compared with 24.3% for boys in Warwick, and 20.3% for girls in Warwick.

There is also a significant change in the pattern of children who show no sign of dental caries at the age of five years.

- In 1964 in the North-Western area 20.77% of the boys were caries free, and 18.39% of the girls were caries free; in Warwick 17.65% of the boys were caries free, and 29.31% of the girls were caries free.
- In 1970 in the North-Western area 35.56% of the boys were caries free, and 33.92% of the girls were caries free; in Warwick 24.63% of the boys were caries free, and 30.50% of the girls were caries free.

Again the relative improvement is 71.28% for the boys in the North-Western area, and 45.78% of the girls in the North-Western area; against 28.88% for boys in Warwick, and 4.07% for girls in Warwick.

I am considerably indebted to the Head Teachers of all the schools concerned for their very willing co-operation in having all the survey inspections carried out, and hope that they will feel that the results have demonstrated the usefulness of this public health measure.

#### School Swimming Baths.

By the end of the year there had been 550 visits to school swimming pools by the County Health Inspector's Section and Health Inspectors of the Authorities with delegated powers. Tests were conducted to determine the free chlorine content and the acidity or alkalinity of the water on each visit, and ten bacteriological examinations were made on samples of pool waters as a further check. Again, advice has been given on the water treatment generally, and on specific problems, with the result that the condition and safety of the water have been maintained. The number of swimming pools at schools is increasing and 43 pools were in operation during the year.

In spite of the increasing call on the time of Public Health staffs required by the greater number of pools, however, the County Health Department continued with experiments and investigations into new methods of chlorination, including the use of tablets or granules based on trichloroisocyanuric acid. As a result of the investigations it was not considered that the use of cyanurates is entirely suitable where there are heavy or variable loads on the pools, and results have been rather disappointing. It is hoped that the Government Committee set up to examine new chemicals proposed for water treatment will comment on the use of cyanurates for the chlorination of water.

#### Food Hygiene.

The County Health Inspector, as in previous years, gave talks on Food Hygiene to the kitchen staffs of the School Meals Service. At the request of Women's Institutes and similar organisations he again gave talks on Food Hygiene. This subject appears to be popular with Women's Organisations, and together with the "Question Time" after the talks, is a worthwhile effort in the sphere of Health Education.

During the year, in addition to routine inspections of school kitchens and County Council establishments, utensils and equipment from 20 of these premises were examined bacteriologically within the Department using the "Agar Sausage" technique. These tests totalled over 600. In one kitchen the results were found to be slightly below standard. Production of the cultures within 24–30 hours for the staff to see, followed by a short talk, resulted in satisfactory results when repeat tests were made later.

Once again I should like to extend sincere thanks to all staff who are continuing to maintain the School Health Service in this very difficult period of uncertainty.

G. H. TAYLOR, M.D., D.P.H., Principal School Medical Officer.

Shire Hall, Warwick.

#### STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

(At time of going to Press).

	Medical Officer.	School Medical Officers.
Mc I. Romana	Medical Officer.	School Medical Officers.
*Sutton Coldfield M.B.	Dr. J. R. Preston.	Dr. O. N. RASTOGI.
*Nuneaton M.B.	Dr. G. DISON.	Dr. N. S. TURNBULL. Dr. A. J. CASH.
Atherstone/Bedworth Area.	Dr. E. M. Hughes.	Dr. R. G. DAWSON.
Eastern Area.	Dr. D. J. Jones.	Dr. Joan M. Organ
North-Western Area.	Dr. J. E. Pearson.	Dr. Lucy M. Ellis. Dr. G. C. B. Hawes.
Central Area.	Dr. F. D. M. LIVINGSTONE.	Dr. Myrtle V. Richards. Dr. Jeanne C. Addenbrooke Dr. J. F. Sansome. Dr. D. Sutcliffe Williams.
Southern Area.	Dr. J. B. Bramwell.	Dr. A. L. KIRKLAND.

<sup>\*</sup>Borough Councils with delegated powers for health and 'excepted' districts for education.

#### Chief School Dental Officer.

Mr. H. J. BASTOW.

#### School Dental Officers.

Sutton Coldfield	M.B.					Mr. N. G. Evans.
Nuneaton M.B.						Miss P. M. McDonagh.
Atherstone/Bedy	worth Ar	ea	10.0	11.8	0	DZ 40-KIIIKIN
Eastern Area	12 24 11	(1)				RENORMORES AND A
						Mr. W. Douglas.
Central Area						Mr. E. N. O'REILLY.
						Mrs. A. P. O'REILLY
						(part Eastern Area).
						Mice C E RUPTON
Southern Area	0.	235,0		E ***		Mrs. J. R. NEALE.

There are in addition 25 part-time dental officers who work sessions equal to 8.5 whole-time officers.

#### Nursing Staff.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.
Miss V. E. BEESTON.

Deputy Superintendent Nursing Officer.
Miss M. J. HEDGES.

There are 2 Borough Nursing Officers, 4 Area Nursing Officers, 2 Deputy Borough Nursing Officers and 5 Deputy Area Nursing Officers. School Nursing is carried out by 91 health visitors, and 1 district nurse/midwife/health visitor who combine school nursing with other duties.

#### Senior Speech Therapist.

Mrs. J. BECKETT.

#### Child Guidance:

Child Psychiatrist-

Dr. P. J. CROWLEY.

#### Speech Therapists.

Mrs. M. CLARKSON.

Mrs. M. P. Manley

Mrs. S. TRIPP

Whole-time.

There are in addition 7 part-time speech therapists equal to 2.15 whole-time officers.

#### Educational Psychologists-

Mr. R. FAWCETT.

Mr. J. R. ROBERTS.

Mr. J. L. PRESLAND.

Mr. P. J. CONGDON.

In addition there is a part-time educational psychologist equal to 0.5 of a whole-time officer.

#### Physiotherapists.

Mrs. S. Cooper.

Miss H. D. ADNITT

In addition there is 1 part-time physiotherapist equal to 0.2 of a whole-time officer.

#### Teachers of Children with Impaired Hearing—

Mr. B. C. FRASER.

Mr. M. E. GARRETT.

Mrs. N. CARTWRIGHT.

Mrs. D. BOND.

Miss M. F. HELSBY.

# TABLE 1. NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ROLL AT JANUARY EACH YEAR.

			Primary an	d			
Year	Nursery	,	Secondary		Special	1	Total
1946-47	 263		53,420		17		53,700
1950	 373		60,682		84		61,139
1960	 346		90,526		811		91,683
1969	 392		98,662		1,210		100,264
1970	 432		103,794		1,324		105,550

Figures for 1946-60 include Solihull C.B.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND NUMBER OF SCHOOL
CHILDREN ON ROLL AT JANUARY, 1970, EXCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS

	Nursery	Schools.	Prin	nary.	Seco	ndary.	Total	Total
	Schools.	Children.	Schools.	Children.	Schools.	Children.	Total Schools.	Children
Sutton Coldfield M.B	И —	-	33	9,263	9	6,345	42	15,608
Nuneaton M.B	2	100	26	6,518	9	4,228	37	10,846
Atherstone/Bedworth Area	3	191	44	9,308	8	5,785	55	15,284
Eastern Area	-	-	46	8,950	11	5,359	57	14,309
North-Western Area	-	-	40	9,661	10	4,647	50	14,308
Central Area	3	141	72	13,528	13	7,863	88	21,532
Southern Area	-	-	63	7,538	12	4,801	75	12,339
TOTAL	8	432	324	64,766	72	39,028	404	104,226

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN FOUND TO
REQUIRE TREATMENT (excluding Special Schools) AT PERIODIC
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

				ildren found t uire treatment	
Age group		Number examined.	For defective vision (excl. squint)	For other * conditions.	Total number of children
Entrants		 11,679	303	1,043	1,266
Second age group		 4,075	122	182	298
Third age group		 4,019	138	123	306
8 Year vision		 8,060	263	_	263
Vision—other ages		 7,648	257	-	257
То	TAL	 35,481	1,083	1,348	2,390

TABLE 4. TYPE OF DEFECT FOUND AT SCHOOL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. (excluding Special Schools).

			Medical E	iodic xaminations. · 35,481.	Medical E.	ecial xaminations. r 3,837.
Defe	ect.		Defects requiring treatment.	Possible Defects requiring observation.	Defects requiring treatment.	Possible Defects requiring observation
Eyes			 1,174	2,966	152	418
Orthopaedic			 420	1,146	254	222
Nose and Throat			 178	1,136	46	269
Skin			 43	303	17	92
Ears			 204	577	43	140
Lungs			 - 43	366	7	71
Speech			 66	260	14	27
Developmental			 167	373	35	67
Lymphatic Gland	ls		 5	108	_	18
Psychological			 51	416	18	142
Nervous System			 14	177	6	25
Heart			 43	252	8	37
Abdomen			 12	103	2	18
Other			 48	463	24	117
	Тот	ALS	 2,468	8,646	626	1,663

TABLE 5. OPHTHALMIC SERVICES-SESSIONS AND ATTENDANCES AT EYE CLINICS.

	No. of sessions	of	No. of individual children seen during	No. of individual ildren seen during 1970	Total	Total	No. referred for	Total
CLINIC			New	THE	made by	prescribed	Orthoptic Treatment	Register
	1970	1969	cases	Other	children	- Transition	- A D	31/12/70
9 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield	87	85	285	533	843	270	1	1,558
Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton	59	59	153	476	629	354	43	517
Health Clinic, Atherstone Health Clinic, Bedworth	} 47	} 35	121 49	126 120	247 169	122	36 22	267 235
TOTAL	47	35	170	246	416	199	58	502
Temple Street Clinic, Rugby	109	E	129	855	984	167	6	688
Ambulance Hall, Arley (ceased 29/9/70) Wingfield Road Clinic, Coleshill St. Peter's Church Hall, Balsall Common C. E. School, Meriden Health Clinic, Chelmsley Wood	108	116	7 84 16 6 121	9 445 88 7 212	16 529 104 13 333	2 44 13 1 24	111 11	256 256 43 9
Тотаь	108	116	234	761	995	84	1	451
62 Holly Walk, Leamington Spa Health Clinic, Lillington Brunswick Clinic, Leamington Spa Cape Road Clinic, Warwick Health Centre, Kenilworth	69	70	170 47 112 81 47	308 237 195 216 102	478 284 307 297 149	312 161 200 184 96	31 6 28 21 10	593 333 411 426 216
Тотац	69	70	457	1,058	1,515	953	96	1,979
Health Clinic, Stratford-upon-Avon	41	48	152	541	704	446	112	695
GRAND TOTAL	520		1,580	4,470	6,086	2,473	315	6,390
1969 TOTAL		524	1,605	3,854	5,818	2,299	348	6,261

ORTHOPTIC TREATMENT IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREAS.

	100	Total		of cure scharge.	No.	
	Number of children seen during 1970.	attendances made by these children.	Full binocular vision.	Partial binocular vision or cosmetic improvement.	ceasing to attend or unsuitable.	No. still on treatment 31st Dec., 1970.
Cases carried over from 1969	222	866	85	32	24	81
Cases referred in 1970	244	764	79	16	39	122
TOTAL	466	1,630	164	48	63	203

TABLE 7.

# ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICE. AFTER CARE CLINICS.

	Clinic.	When held.	Physiotherapists.
SUTTON COLDFIELD M.B.	49, Holland Street.	Tuesday p.m. Thursday p.m.	Mrs. C. M. WILLIAMS.
NUNEATON M.B	Riversley Park Clinic.	Monday a.m. Tuesday p.m. Friday p.m. (except second in month)	Sisters from Warwick- shire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill.
ATHERSTONE/BEDWORTH AREA.	Atherstone Health Clinic.  Exhall Grange School.	Tuesday p.m.  As required.	Sisters from Warwick- shire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill. Miss A. D. Adnitt
CENTRAL ÅREA	Kenilworth Health Clinic. Brunswick Health Clinic, Leamington Spa. Lillington Health Clinic. Southam Health Clinic. Warwick Health Clinic, Cape Road, Warwick.	Monday p.m. Tuesday a.m. Thursday a.m. Wednesday a.m. (1st & 3rd) Friday a.m.	Mrs. S. Cooper.
SOUTHERN AREA	Stratford Health Clinic.	Thursday a.m.	Sisters from Warwick- shire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill.

# TABLE 8.

# ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS.

TAMWORTH.	SOLIHUIT.	<b>REDDITCH.</b>	COVENTRY.	BIRMINGHAM.	SOUTHERN AREA.	CENTRAL AREA.	NORTH-WESTERN AREA.	EASTERN AREA.	ATHERSTONE/ BEDWORTH AREA.	NUNEATON M.B.	SUTTON COLDFIELD M.B.	10
Hospital Recreation Room, Tamworth Hospital, Hospital Lane, Tamworth.	Red Cross House, Blossomfield Road, Solihull.	Smallwood Hospital, Redditch.	Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Stoney Stanton Road.	Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, 80, Broad Street, Birmingham.	The Hospital, Stratford-upon-Avon.	Health Clinic, Crown Way, Lillington, Leamington Spa. Health Clinic, Cape Road, Warwick.	Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill.	Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.	Exhall Grange School Clinic.	Riversley Park Clinic, Nuneaton.  Manor Hospital, Nuneaton.	Sutton Coldfield Hospital.	Address of Clinic.
Tuesday a.m.	2nd Tuesday p.m. (every two months) 1st Thursday p.m. (every two months)	Tuesday a.m.	Monday p.m.	Daily.	Tuesday a.m. (alt. weeks). Tuesday p.m. Thursday a.m. Friday a.m. (2nd and 4th in month).	Monday a.m. (alt. weeks). Tuesday p.m. (1st and 3rd in month). Friday a.m. (1st and 3rd in month).	Monday (once every 3 months).	Monday a.m.	By arrangement.	Friday p.m. (last in month). Tuesday and Friday p.m.	Friday a.m.	When held.
Mr. A. INNES.	Mr. W. H. SCRASE. Mr. C. P. COTTRILL.	Mr. J. A. James.	Mr. J. H. PENROSE.	Various.	Mr. R. F. N. DUKE. Mr. E. J. GALLAGHER.	Dr. R. W. PATTERSON Mr. E. J. GALLAGHER.	Mr. F. G. ALLAN. Mr. A. INNES.	Mr. I. K. Sharp.	Mr. J. H. PENROSE.	Mr. J. H. PENROSE. Mr. S. L. PATON.	Mr. T. R. BEATSON.	Surgeon. (Regional Hospital Board)
Sisters from Warwickshire Ortho- paedic Hospital, Coleshill.	}R.H.B.	R.H.B.	R.H.B.	R.H.B.	Sisters from Warwickshire Ortho- paedic Hospital, Coleshill.	Mrs. S. Cooper.	Sisters from Warwickshire Ortho- paedic Hospital, Coleshill.	R.H.B.	Miss H. D. ADNITT.	Sisters from Warwickshire Ortho- paedic Hospital, Coleshill. R.H.B.	R.H.B.	Physiotherapists.

#### TABLE 9.

### SPEECH THERAPY.

#### CLINICS.

185 255	Clinic	Address	THE THE	When held
SUTTON COLDFIELD M.B.	Langley	Special School	Monday Wednesday	9 a.m.—12 noon 9 a.m.—12 noon
	St. Nicholas	Upper Clifton Road	Monday Tuesday	1.30 p.m4.30 p.m.
	Mere Green	Health Clinic	Tuesday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Boldmere	Health Clinic	Monday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
			Wednesday	9.30 a.m12.30 p.m
	Falcon Lodge	Health Clinic	Tuesday	9 a.m.—12 noon
NUNEATON M.B.	Riversley Park	Health Clinic	Monday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.n
	85 FE 9 20E		Thursday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
			Thursday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.n 1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
i.i.	Stockingford	Health Clinic	Tuesday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.n
	The second secon			1.30 p.m4.30 p.m.
	Red Deeps	E.S.N. School	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon
			Friday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon
ATHERSTONE AND	Exhall Grange	Special School	Friday	1.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
BEDWORTH AREA				
EASTERN AREA	Rugby Hillmorton	Health Clinic	Monday	9.00 a.m.—12 noon
	Rugby, Temple Street	Health Clinic	Monday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
		0.1 . 110.5	Wednesday	9.00 a.m.—12 noon
	Rugby R.D.	School Visits	Tuesday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Rugby, Tyntesfield	Special School	Thursday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m 1.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
	Rugby, Bilton	Health Clinic	Friday	9.00 a.m.—12 noon
	Rugoy, Billon	Treatin Cinic	Triday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Brinklow	Primary School	Tuesday	9.00 a.m.—12 noon
North-Western	Chelmsley Wood	Health Clinic (Crabtree Drive)	Tuesday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
AREA	Coleshill	Health Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
CENTRAL AREA	Leamington Spa	62 Holly Walk	Monday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
		The state of the s	-	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Brunswick Street	Health Clinic	Tuesday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Tillington	Health Clinic	Friday Tuesday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. 9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
	Lillington	Health Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
	THE PART OF THE PARTY	SHEET CHRONAUN DO	Trediteduty	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Kenilworth	Health Clinic	Friday	9.30 a.m12.30 p.m
	Warwick	Health Clinic	Monday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
			Tuesday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon
	St. Michael's	Special School	Monday	1.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
	Warwick R.D.	School Visits Various Schools	Friday Tuesday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m 9.00 a.m.—12 noon
	Southam R.D.	Various Schools	Thursday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon
	b b b b b	Ann and the second	Thursday	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
SOUTHERN AREA	Stratford-on-Avon	Health Clinic	Monday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
SOUTHERN AREA	Defaulti-til-Attell	Atomin Cinic	Literaly	1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	191	132	Wednesday	9.30 a.m12,30 p.m
			Friday	9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
		** 11 000		1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Alcester	Health Clinic	Monday	10.0 a.m.—12 noon
	Studley	Health Clinic	Tuesday	2 p.m.—4.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	Studley Stratford R.D. and	Various Schools	Tuesday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon
	Alcester R.D.	Turious believes	Lucounty	1.30 p.m4.30 p.m.
	THEORET TAILS		Thursday	9,30 a.m.—12 noon
	Marie Corelli	E.S.N. School	Thursday	1.30 p.m4.30 p.m.

TABLE 10. NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SPEECH THERAPY CLINICS.

	Sutton Coldfield M.B.	Nun- eaton M.B.	Ather- stonej B worth Area.	Eastern Area.	North- Western Area.	Central Area.	Southern Area.	Special Schools.	1970 Totals.	1969 Totals.
No. of sessions	225	132	PIE	184	69	415	471	231	1,727	2,144
Children attending at 1st January, 1970	29	-	-	35	-	67	59	35	225	361
First attendances in 1970	93	56	_	56	18	135	74	33	465	440
1970 having been under observation in a previous year	66	46	_	39	22	102	23	28	326	306
Children treated dur- ing 1970 Total	188	102	_	130	40	304	156	96	1,016	1,107
Total attendances	1,235	507	-	990	346	1,848	2,318	1,242	8,486	10,870
Discharged in 1970:— (a) Treatment completed	75	16	_	26	6	81	72	17	293	318
(b) Ceased attending	6	3	-	15	5	11	21	7	68	125
Placed under observation	82	54	_	56		116	10	40	358	305

TABLE 11. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933.

No. OF CHILDREN EXAMINED UNDER EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BYELAWS.

THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	Number of children examined.	Number granted certificates.	Number refused certificates.
Sutton Coldfield M.B.	 194	194	diene por series
Nuneaton M.B	 132	132	-
Atherstone/Bedworth			
Area	 161	161	
Eastern Area	 252	252	-
North-Western Area	 78	78	- T
Central Area	 286	286	_
Southern Area	 227	227	2000 -
Total 1970	 1,330	1,330	- 18
Total 1969	 1,277	1,273	4

# DENTAL SERVICE. STAFF AND CLINICS.

At 31st December, 1970.

	131	Surgeries in use.		Dental Officers.		Dental Auxiliaries.			
	18	Fixed. Mobile.		Whole- time. Part- time.		Whole- time. time.		Available Sessions per week.	
Sutton Coldfield M.B		4	_	1	5			32	
Nuneaton M.B		3	1	1	3			32 23	
Atherstone/Bedworth Area		3	1	_	3			18†	
Eastern Area		4*	_	-	4	_		18	
North-Western Area		4	2	1	5	1		35	
Central Area		6*	1	2	9			43†	
Southern Area		4*	1	2	2	-	1	18 35 43‡ 32	
Total		28	6	7	31	1	1	201	

- \* Includes two surgeries in one building.
- † Includes two sessions by Principal Dental Officer.
- ‡ Includes three sessions by Principal Dental Officer.

#### TABLE 13.

## DENTAL SERVICE.

#### INSPECTIONS.

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Anny Anny	Number of Inspection Sessions.	First Inspection at School	First Inspection at Clinic.	Number of (A) & (B) Found to Require Treatment.	Number of (A) & (B) Offered Treatment.	Pupils Re- inspected at School and Clinic.	Number of (E) Found to Require Treatment.	
		A	В	С	D	Е		
Sutton Coldfield M.B. Nuneaton M.B.	153.0 92.0	5,381 1,917	1,858 1,242	4,034 2,032	3,363 1,895	1,197 343	946 217	
Bedworth Area Eastern Area	101.6 40.4	4,778 1,195	677 1,404	3,615 1,887	3,152 1,783	330 228	207 133	
North-Western Area Central Area Southern Area	168.2 268.6 161.3	7,459 10,491 6,463	1,315 1,794 1,149	4,425 6,824 4,245	3,921 5,490 3,304	575 1,852 1,110	191 863 522	
COUNTY TOTAL 1970	985.3	37,684	9,439	27,062	22,908	5,635	3,079	
COUNTY TOTAL 1969	809.9	31,367	9,144	24,071	20,466	4,276	2,577	

TABLE 14.

TREATMENTS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Orthodontic appliances supplied Dentures supplied	Permanent teeth extracted Deciduous teeth extracted General anaesthetics	Permanent teeth filled Deciduous teeth filled Teeth otherwise conserved	First Visits  Subsequent Visits  Total Visits  Additional courses of treatment commenced  Courses completed	Treatment Sessions
97	508 1,235 658	4,094 1,354 676	2,486 4,952 7,438 1,173 3,200	Sutton Coldfield M.B.
10 12	336 1,012 130	2,692 1,139 86	1,469 3,387 4,856 1,125	Nuneaton M.B.
∪ <sub>1</sub> ∞	348 866 423	3,103 349 23	1,615 2,189 3,804 182 1,412	Atherstone/ Bedworth Area.
29 19	427 1,191 637	1,458 655 71	1,215 1,797 3,012 87 891	Eastern Area.
7	372 1,403 645	2,209 1,277 191	1,698 2,966 4,664 84 1,580	North- Western Area.
52 10	558 2,019 607	3,559 1,390 549	2,726 3,869 6,595 471 2,762	Central Area.
95 19	586 1,385 443	3,327 1,806 29	2,049 4,787 6,836 151 2,168	Southern Area.
298 75	3,135 9,111 3,543	20,442 7,970 1,625	13,258 23,947 37,205 2,323 13,138	Total 1970 6,991
292 79	3,166 8,031 3,148	19,908 7,474 1,860	12,559 23,529 36,088 2,055 12,206	Total 1969 6,975

REGISTERED HANDICAPPED PUPILS, 1970.

TABLE 15.

At home or in hopsital or private school L 14 UNDER REVIEW M 20 In unit, on trial or able to manage in ordinary school 19 14 73 28 168 Z 27 12 105 25 291 51 0 II. Home Z Recommend-ed special class in ordinary school 00 L Z 10 10 EDUCATIONAL PROVISION on general waiting list investigation H 26 or Z 125 57 L On waiting list for particular school 62 2 Z RECOMMENDED SPECIAL SCHOOL 01 59 H 23 refuse Parents Z 15 25 Total 1080 4 45 63 105 28 1401 IN SPECIAL SCHOOL, 31/12/70 Non-War-wickshire 10 100 12 H 34 182 Z 27 48 12 59 14 Warwick-shire 456 12 426 L 25 596 33 663 Z Total 100 80 1478 114 325 104 33 14 2301 140 56 9 193 9 5 During 1970 H Year of Ascertainment 244 72 5 2 9 22 2 Z 3 21 466 102 1147717 4 9 5 38 23 Before 1970 21 = 200 20 63 175 00 19 Z 10 54 13 Physically Handicapped Educationally Sub-Normal TOTALS Partially Hearing Maladjusted ... Partially Sighted Speech Defects Blind ... Epileptic Delicate Deaf Ą. Ď. O. Ö H 'n щ H. B.

TABLE 16.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED HANDICAPPED PUPILS IN EACH AREA at 31st December, 1970.

Recorded as unsuitable for education under Section 57 of the Education Act	Тотал	Blind Partially Sighted Deaf Partially Hearing Educationally Sub-normal Epileptic Maladjusted Physically Handicapped Speech Delicate	CATEGORY.	Number of school children (excluding nursery school and special school children).	To wait of the last of the las	
	30	4 5 1 2	19			
6			1970 T	15,608	Sutton Coldfield M.B.	
29	182	13 13 13 13	Total		М.	
ω	71	7211 345	1970	10,746	Nuneaton M.B.	
53	350	1 3 11 11 11 11 41 41 3	Total	746	aton B.	
Us.	65	1 4 3 3 6 2 1 2 2	1970	15	Ather Bed	
55	399	13 13 18 273 10 7 59	Total	15,093	Atherstone/ Bedworth Area.	
5	57	1-14812211	1970	14	Ea A	
82	251	2 8 8 12 183 4 4 15 20 20 3	Total	14,309	Eastern Area.	
7	2	3   8 -   8	1970	14	We A	
4 8 8 4	358	3 5 5 208 208 49 49 38	Total	14,308	North- Western Area.	
6	98	1   8 4   8 3 2 5	1970	21	20	
88	542	3 31 2 20 20 335 4 4 39 89 2	Total	21,391	Central Area.	
s e	52	1 3   4       1	1970	12	Som	
22	219	134 134 14 15 15	Total	12,339	Southern Area.	
37	437	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 8	1970	10		
383	2,301	18 80 104 1,478 33 114 325 14	Total	103,794	Total 1970	
372	2,067	15 78 12 100 1,302 105 303 112	Total	98,662	Total 1969	
364	1,978	10 74 14 96 1,236 30 99 304 99	Total	94,099	Total 1968	

TABLE 17. WARWICKSHIRE SPECIAL SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING HOSPITAL SCHOOLS)

					On roll	Christme	is Term	, 1970
School.	Type.	Age range.		Accommo- dation.		ckshire dren.	from	ldren other orities.
			Day.	Res.	Day.	Res.	Day.	Res.
Exhall Grange	(a) Physically handi- capped, mixed (b) Partially sighted,	(a) Seniors	-	}300	_	14	-	30
Bedworth, St.	mixed Educationally subnor-	(b) All ages	-	500	-	37	-	222
Margaret's Grendon,	mal, mixed, day Educationally subnor-	5—16	130	-	116	-	1	-
Sparrowdale Kenilworth,	mal, mixed, day Maladjusted Senior	5—16	150	-	79	-	39	-
Millbrook Grange Nuneaton, Red	Girls, residential Educationally subnor-	8—16	-	35	3-1	10	-	15
Deeps Packwood	mal, mixed, day Educationally subnor-	5—16	210	-	199	_	-	-
River House Sutton Coldfield,	mal boys Maladjusted boys Educationally subnor-	10—16 8—16	=	60 55	_	50 34	_	2
Langley Tyntesfield	mal, mixed, day Educationally subnor-	5—16	170	_	149	-	10	-
	mal, mixed, res. and day	5—16	110	40	90	39	_	1
Warwick, St. Michael's Chelmsley Wood,	Educationally subnor- mal, mixed, day Educationally subnor-	5—16	190	-	176	0	2	-
Forest Oak Stratford-upon-Avon,	mal, mixed, day	5—16	170	-	74	=	3	-
Marie Correlli	mal, mixed, day	5—16	110	-	56	-	1	_
8	Total	-	1,240	490	939	184	56	271
Gresham, Leamington	Educationally subnormal, mixed, day	5—16	То о	pen Sur	nmer Ter	m 1971		
			-					
Drive, Rugby The Ridgeway,	mal, mixed, day Educationally subnor-	5—16	50		43	_	_	_
Montague Road, Warwick	mal, mixed, day	5—16	50	school	44	-	-	-
The Leyland, Leyland Road, Nuneaton	Educationally subnor- mal, mixed, day	5—16	50	t each	59	1000	_	_
The Longmoor, Coppice View, Sutton Coldfield	Educationally subnor- mal, mixed, day	5—16	50	Short stay facilities at each school for up to 12 children.	48	-	-	-
The Blythe, Packington Lane, Coleshill	Educationally subnormal, mixed, day	5—16	50	ort stay facilities a up to 12 children.	52	_	_	_
	Educationally subnor-			Ta	1			

TABLE 18.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN AGED 5-14 (INCLUSIVE).

ordina.	Make on Shirt	9/10	BE 47 BE 48 BE 49 & 50	B1-18 B19 & 20 B21 B23 B26-30 B31-33 B34-36 B38 & 39 B42 B46	Registrar General's Categories
Death rate per 1,000 population	Estimated mid-year population 5-14 inc.	Total All Causes	Motor vehicle accidents Other accidents Suicide and homicide	Infectious diseases  Malignant and other neoplasms  Diabetes  Anaemias  Diseases of heart and circulation  Non-tuberculous respiratory diseases  Diseases of stomach and bowel  Non-malignant diseases of kidney and prostate  Congenital malformations  Other defined and ill-defined diseases	Cause of Death
0.44	78,700	35.0	6.8 4.2 0.4	3.8 4.0 1.0 4.6 1.2 1.2 8.0	Average 1951-55
0.39	91,580	35.4	7.4 6.4 0.6	2.0 6.8 0.2 	
0.30	91,920	27.2	6.2 4.0 0.4	0.8 4.6 4.6 0.6 2.0 0.2 0.4 1.8 6.2	Average Average 1956-60 1961-65
0.37	93,520	34.4	10.2 5.2	1.0 6.2 0.4 0.4 0.4 3.4 0.2 0.2 1.8	Average 1966-70
0.33	85,600	28	10 3	41   2     6	1966
0.44	88,900	39	12 	711 21 241	1967
0.37	92,300	34	29	1	1968
0.36	97,500	35	10 7	18     4     4	1969
0.35	103,300	36	10	52     21   62	1970

TABLE 19. CHILD GUIDANCE.

Number of Children attending Clinics.

	1970				
	New Cases.	Old Cases.	Total.		
Local Authority Clinics	153	386	539		
Hospital Clinics	139	353	492		
Total	292	739	1,031		

#### TABLE 20.

#### SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE.

#### Information provided by the Education Department.

The average number of meals provided daily in the schools in 1970 was 72,648. Comparison with previous years is given below:—

	Year			rage no. of meals ided daily in schools
	1946	 	 	19,309
	1950	 	 	24,691
Including	1955	 	 	34,347
Solihull	1960	 	 	49,012
	1963	 	 	60,173
Excluding	1963	 	 	51,189
Solihull		 	 	55,489
	1970	 	 	72,648
	6			

The figure for 1970 represents approximately 76% of the children in attendance.