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Southwick U.D.

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Comprising—

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Chichester City	Dr. W. DICK	Steyning No. 1	Dr. F. H. SQUIRE
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	2 Dr. D. A. LANGHORNE	3	Dr. H. R. G. VANDER BEKEN (Died 22/11/34)
	3 Dr. C. V. BULSTRODE		Dr. G. P. SMITH (Temporary 23/11/34)
Westhampnett No. 1	Dr. P. C. BARFORD	4	Dr. C. W. WHEELER- BENNETT
	Dr. J. H. H. GOUGH		
	2 Dr. A. H. BOSTOCK	Midhurst Area.	
	3 Dr. C. V. BULSTRODE	Midhurst No. 2	Dr. D. C. DRUITT
	4 Dr. A. B. COLLINS	3	Dr. M. FAWKES
	5 Dr. R. O. SWAINE	4	Dr. G. MARTIN
		5	Dr. E. S. JOHNSON
		Petworth No. 1	Dr. R. B. HEYGATE
		2	} Dr. A. E. KERR
		3	
		4	Dr. H. A. WHYTE- VENABLES
		Worthing and East Preston Area.	
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		2	(a) Dr. G. B. BROWN Dr. H. WIGGINS
		3	(a) Dr. C. E. LAST (b) Dr. F. H. ALEXANDER
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		2	Dr. A. J. HEAD

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SMITH, H. G.
HOTHAM, C.

Horsham Area:

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SASSE, C. E.
SEARS, L. E.

Midhurst Area:

DIKE, H. H.
WERRY, A. F.

Worthing Area:

HARDING, H. G.
LINFIELD, A. F.
TUMMAN, H. J.

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Area	Name	Address	Tel. No.
Chichester City	HOTHAM, C.	Southbourne, Emsworth, Hants	Emsworth 278
East Preston	HARDING, H. G.	27 Maxwell Road, Littlehampton	Littlehampton 460
Horsham	SASSE, C. E.	8 Norfolk Terrace, Horsham	Horsham 368
Midhurst and Rogate	WERRY, A. F.	7 Little Ashfield, Midhurst	Midhurst 37
Petworth and Thakeham	DIKE, H. H.	Meadow Cottage, North Mead, Petworth	Petworth 145
Shoreham-by-Sea and Southwick	DOWN, A. G.	30 East Street, Shoreham-by-Sea	Shoreham 52
Steyning	DAVY, H. J.	Reeve House, Henfield	Henfield 79
Westbourne	HOTHAM, C.	Southbourne, Emsworth, Hants	Emsworth 278
Westhampnett	SMITH, H. G.	Oak Villa, Longford Road, Bognor Regis	Bognor Regis 453
Worthing	GRAVILLE, N. F.	8 Ashdown Road, Worthing	Worthing 1482

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1934, by the COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Area in acres, including inland water, is as follows:—

AREA.

URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	24636
RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	377429
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY	..	..	..	<u>402065</u>

POPULATION.

The resident population of the Administrative County for the year 1934 was estimated by the Registrar-General to be as follows:—

URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	129300
RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	108950
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY	..	..	..	<u>238250</u>

In Table I (page 5) is shown the Estimated Population for each Sanitary District.

CENSUS POPULATIONS.

	1901	1911	1921*	1931
URBAN DISTRICTS	.. 70223	83590	90044	114800
RURAL DISTRICTS	.. 81053	92718	94830	108195
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY	<u>151276</u>	<u>176308</u>	<u>184874</u>	<u>222995</u>

*As amended by Registrar-General.

INHABITED HOUSES (CENSUS, 1931).

	Urban Districts.	Rural Districts.	Administrative County.
Number of Inhabited Houses	.. .. 27345	27680	55025
Number of families or separate occupiers	.. .. 29607	28198	57805

Rateable Value of County £2,038,625

Product of Penny Rate—1934-35

For General County Purposes £8,265
 For Special County Purposes (including Maternity and Child Welfare) £5,977

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Agriculture, fruit growing, market gardening, etc., are the important industries in the County, and the seaside towns attract a large number of visitors during the season. Inland, many parts of the County are residential in character.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1934.

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
Live Births:—				
Legitimate	3032	1508	1524	} Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 13.40
Illegitimate	162	82	80	
Still Births	106	64	42	Rate per 1000 total (live and still births) 32.12
Deaths	2983	1461	1522	Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 12.52

Deaths from Puerperal causes:—

	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births</i>
Puerperal sepsis	5	1.51
Other puerperal causes	8	2.42
Total	13	3.94

Death rate of infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1000 live births	39
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	36
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	105

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 7

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) 11

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 8

VITAL STATISTICS.

Table I below gives the chief vital statistics of each Sanitary District, of the total Urban Districts, the total Rural Districts and Administrative County.

TABLE I.—VITAL STATISTICS, 1934.

Sanitary District.	Estimated Population to middle of 1934	No. of Births	Birth Rate	Illegitimate Births	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	Deaths under 1 year	Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 births	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death Rate	Cancer Death Rate
Urban Districts:—										
Arundel (M.B.)	2500	24	9.60	1	27	10.80	—	—	—	2.40
Bognor Regis	17990	225	12.50	14	215	11.95	14	62	0.61	1.78
Chichester (M.B.)	15590	236	15.13	15	173	11.09	7	30	0.32	1.67
Horsham	14180	179	12.62	8	163	11.49	4	22	0.28	2.68
Littlehampton	10610	159	14.98	14	145	13.66	9	57	0.66	1.60
Shoreham-by-Sea	9524	125	13.12	13	111	11.65	9	72	0.31	1.68
Southwick	7326	93	12.69	4	93	12.69	6	65	0.41	2.32
Worthing (M.B.)	51580	595	11.53	26	756	14.65	12	17	0.56	2.58
Total Urban Districts	129300	1636	12.65	95	1683	13.01	61	37	0.48	2.20
Rural Districts:—										
Chanctonbury	16220	238	14.67	10	221	13.62	15	63	0.55	2.16
Chichester	30430	482	15.83	26	368	12.09	12	25	0.56	1.84
Horsham	21970	297	13.52	11	237	10.79	6	20	0.32	1.68
Midhurst	14510	195	13.44	6	170	11.71	10	51	0.41	1.65
Petworth	8320	116	13.94	5	104	12.50	3	26	0.48	2.88
Worthing	17500	230	13.14	9	200	11.42	19	83	0.46	1.31
Total Rural Districts	108950	1558	14.30	67	1300	11.93	65	42	0.47	1.82
Administrative County	238250	3194	13.40	162	2983	12.52	126	39	0.47	2.03

BIRTH RATE.

The Birth Rate in the Rural Districts continues to be slightly higher than in the Urban Districts.

BIRTH RATES: Urban Districts, 12.65. Rural Districts, 14.30. Administrative County, 13.4.

TABLE II, showing number of Births and Birth Rates for years 1920-1934, for Urban and Rural Districts, Administrative County and England and Wales.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Urban Districts—															
No. of Births	1806	1514	1345	1257	1276	1313	1317	1359	1399	1386	1474	1522	1477	1464	1636
Birth Rate	20.9	16.8	14.9	13.8	13.7	13.9	13.3	13.2	13.4	12.7	13.4	13.7	12.8	11.9	12.65
Rural Districts—															
No. of Births	2029	1700	1612	1588	1533	1560	1615	1558	1548	1514	1491	1612	1548	1471	1558
Birth Rate	22.9	17.9	16.8	16.4	15.6	15.7	15.6	14.8	14.5	14.5	14.2	15.3	14.1	13.6	14.30
Admin. County—															
No. of Births	3835	3214	2957	2845	2809	2873	2932	2917	2947	2900	2965	3134	3025	2935	3194
Birth Rate	21.9	17.3	15.9	15.1	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.1	14.0	13.6	13.8	14.5	13.4	12.7	13.40
England & Wales—															
Birth Rate	25.4	22.4	20.6	19.7	18.8	18.3	17.8	16.7	16.7	16.3	16.3	15.8	15.3	14.4	14.8

DEATH RATE.

DEATH RATES: Urban Districts, 13.01. Rural Districts, 11.93. Administrative County, 12.52.

TABLE III, showing number of Deaths and Death Rates for Years 1920-1934, for Urban and Rural Districts, Administrative County and England and Wales.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Urban Districts—															
No. of Deaths ..	1048	1143	1157	1042	1248	1111	1241	1290	1308	1518	1401	1508	1629	1680	1683
Death Rate ..	12.2	12.7	12.7	11.4	13.4	11.7	12.5	12.6	12.5	14.0	12.8	13.6	14.1	13.7	13.01
Rural Districts—															
No. of Deaths ..	971	1042	1096	953	1094	1175	1122	1156	1169	1300	1172	1300	1290	1283	1300
Death Rate ..	10.9	10.9	11.4	9.8	11.1	11.8	10.9	11.1	11.0	12.5	11.2	12.3	11.7	11.9	11.93
Admin. County—															
No. of Deaths ..	2019	2185	2253	1995	2342	2286	2363	2446	2477	2818	2573	2808	2919	2963	2983
Death Rate ..	11.5	11.8	12.1	10.6	12.2	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.8	13.3	12.0	13.0	13.0	12.8	12.52
England and Wales—															
Death Rate ..	12.4	12.1	12.9	11.6	12.2	12.2	11.6	12.3	11.7	13.4	11.4	12.3	12.0	12.3	11.8

The Causes of Death are shewn in Table V (p. 8), the most important being Heart Disease (750), Cancer, Malignant Disease (484), (see also Table IV below), Cerebral Haemorrhage (201), Pneumonia (134), Pulmonary Tuberculosis (113), (see also Table XVII, p. 25), Bronchitis (103), Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth (71).

CANCER.

The Mortality from this disease is referred to in the following Table:—

TABLE IV.—Showing Deaths and Death Rates from Cancer in the Urban and Rural Districts and the Administrative County for years 1920-1934, and corresponding Death Rate for England and Wales:

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Urban Districts—															
No. of Deaths ..	143	169	159	143	208	141	205	187	196	213	224	227	215	262	285
Death Rate ..	1.66	1.88	1.75	1.57	2.24	1.49	2.07	1.82	1.87	1.96	2.04	2.04	1.86	2.13	2.20
Rural Districts—															
No. of Deaths ..	116	150	131	152	123	158	146	145	160	167	160	175	187	170	199
Death Rate ..	1.30	1.58	1.37	1.57	1.26	1.59	1.41	1.39	1.50	1.60	1.52	1.65	1.70	1.56	1.82
Admin. County—															
No. of Deaths ..	259	319	290	295	331	299	351	332	356	380	384	402	402	432	484
Death Rate ..	1.48	1.72	1.56	1.57	1.73	1.55	1.74	1.12	1.69	1.78	1.79	1.86	1.78	1.86	2.03
England and Wales—															
Death Rate ..	1.16	1.21	1.22	1.26	1.29	1.33	1.36	1.37	1.42	1.43	1.45	1.48	1.51	1.52	1.56

*—The Mortality for the year 1920 relates to civilians only.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following Table shows for each Sanitary District the causes of death during the year 1934:—

TABLE V.—Showing for each District the Causes of Death during the year 1934.

Causes of Death	Arundel M.B.	Bognor Regis U.D.	Chichester M.B.	Horsham U.D.	Littlehampton U.D.	Shoreham-by-Sea U.D.	Southwick U.D.	Worthing M.B.	Chancetonbury R.D.	Chichester R.D.	Horsham R.D.	Midhurst R.D.	Petworth R.D.	Worthing R.D.	Totals
Typhoid and paratyphoid Fevers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	1	—	7
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	4
Whooping Cough	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	11
Diphtheria	—	2	1	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3	14
Influenza	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	7	2	4	10	2	—	1	30
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	11	5	4	7	3	3	29	9	17	7	6	4	8	113
Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	4	1	4	1	5	—	3	3	1	—	1	23
Syphilis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes															
Dorsalis	—	1	2	—	2	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	9
Cancer, Malignant Disease	6	32	26	38	17	16	17	133	35	56	37	24	24	23	484
Diabetes	1	2	4	1	4	—	1	14	5	7	3	1	2	2	47
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	—	16	20	6	9	8	6	47	12	26	26	9	4	12	201
Heart Disease	9	58	30	44	34	19	14	185	72	103	62	36	28	56	750
Aneurysm	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	5	12	12	6	13	5	2	47	6	13	8	11	5	9	154
Bronchitis	—	3	10	7	5	3	6	21	4	16	6	8	2	12	103
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	7	11	5	6	6	1	36	12	22	9	9	2	7	134
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	1	1	3	2	2	—	6	—	3	4	2	—	1	25
Peptic Ulcer	—	5	—	2	—	1	2	10	1	1	1	1	—	2	26
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	4	8
Appendicitis	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	6	1	4	4	2	1	2	32
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	3	3	2	—	1	—	—	14
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	—	1	2	—	3	1	—	4	4	—	1	—	—	3	19
Other Digestive Diseases	1	3	4	3	3	4	2	25	1	8	6	3	4	2	69
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	10	8	8	3	5	2	27	11	14	6	10	4	4	113
Puerperal Sepsis	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	5
Other Puerperal Causes	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	2	8
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth,															
Malformations, etc.	—	9	3	3	3	4	5	6	9	7	5	6	2	9	71
Senility	—	8	8	2	7	7	6	32	7	7	6	12	1	5	108
Suicide	—	4	1	2	1	—	6	9	—	3	3	2	4	2	37
Other Violence	—	9	6	6	1	6	6	27	6	15	7	8	1	7	105
Other defined diseases	1	13	14	11	17	9	9	66	16	25	17	12	13	18	241
Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	27	215	173	163	145	111	93	756	221	368	237	170	104	200	2983

The following Table gives the Causes of Death at different periods of life in the Administrative County during the year 1934:—

TABLE VI.—CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY—1934.

Causes of Death	All Ages	Under 1 year	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75 and up
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Measles	7	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	4	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	11	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	14	—	—	2	7	2	2	—	—	1	—	—
Influenza	30	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	5	3	6	11
Encephalitis lethargica	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	113	—	—	—	1	15	26	22	21	23	5	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases	23	3	4	4	3	3	—	2	2	1	1	—
Syphilis	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	2	—	—
Cancer, Malignant Disease	484	—	—	1	1	3	6	14	49	96	175	139
Diabetes	47	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	5	6	20	13
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	201	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	10	24	75	89
Heart Disease	750	2	—	—	1	7	12	14	48	104	241	321
Aneurysm	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2
Other Circulatory Diseases	154	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	22	49	77
Bronchitis	103	3	1	1	—	1	2	3	2	7	20	63
Pneumonia (all forms)	134	13	5	—	4	4	4	8	18	21	31	26
Other Respiratory Diseases	25	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	—	7	11
Peptic Ulcer	26	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	10	3	4
Diarrhoea, etc.	14	7	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Appendicitis	32	—	—	1	2	2	9	1	5	8	3	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	5	2	1
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	3	9
Other Digestive Diseases	63	2	—	1	2	1	4	2	7	15	15	14
Acute & Chronic Nephritis	113	2	—	1	2	2	1	6	10	16	39	34
Puerperal Sepsis	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	8	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	71	69	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Senility	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	105
Suicide	37	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	11	8	4	3
Other Violence	105	2	1	1	6	15	11	10	10	7	13	29
Other Defined Diseases	241	11	3	3	10	3	12	12	32	41	59	55
Causes Ill-defined or Unknown	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	2983	126	20	21	45	64	109	114	264	432	778	1010

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

ZYMOTIC MORTALITY, 1934.

In Table VII below is given the number of deaths from Zymotic diseases in each Sanitary District. The aggregate number of deaths in the administrative county was 45, and the death rate 0.19 per thousand of the population. The aggregate number of deaths in the Urban Districts was 18, and in the Rural Districts 27, the respective rates being 0.14 and 0.25 per thousand of the population.

TABLE VII.—Number of Deaths from Zymotic Diseases in each Sanitary District.

	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria and Group	Diarrhoea	Small-Pox	Total	Death Rate
Urban Districts—									
Arundel (M.B.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bognor Regis	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	4	0.22
Chichester (M.B.)	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	0.13
Horsham	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	0.07
Littlehampton	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	4	0.38
Shoreham-by-Sea	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	4	0.42
Southwick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worthing (M.B.)	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	0.06
Rural Districts—									
Chanctonbury	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	3	0.18
Chichester	—	4	2	—	1	—	—	7	0.23
Horsham	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	0.09
Midhurst	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	0.14
Petworth	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	0.24
Worthing	—	—	1	3	3	4	—	11	0.63
Total Urban Districts	1	2	—	5	8	2	—	18	0.14
Total Rural Districts	—	5	4	6	6	6	—	27	0.25
Administrative County	1	7	4	11	14	8	—	45	0.19

The following Table VIII summarises the deaths from Zymotic Diseases during the past ten years:—

TABLE VIII.—Zymotic Diseases Mortality—1925-1934.

	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria and Group	Diarrhoea	Small-Pox	Total	Death Rate
1925	3	3	5	16	3	6	—	36	0.17
1926	1	2	3	12	8	4	—	30	0.14
1927	—	4	1	11	9	5	—	30	0.14
1928	2	17	1	3	17	10	2	52	0.24
1929	4	1	—	8	7	8	—	28	0.13
1930	—	6	5	5	9	11	—	36	0.17
1931	—	1	1	8	6	11	—	27	0.12
1932	2	5	7	18	9	9	—	50	0.22
1933	—	5	6	9	6	11	—	37	0.16
1934	1	7	4	11	14	8	—	45	0.19
Total	13	51	33	101	88	83	2	371	—
Average for ten years	1.3	5.1	3.3	10.1	8.8	8.3	0.2	37.1	0.17

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Table IX below shows the distribution of notifiable diseases throughout the County:—

It will be noted that there is again a considerable increase in notifications of Scarlet Fever but, as will be noted from Table VII, the mortality remains low, there being no deaths from this disease in the Urban Districts, where the incidence was highest, and only four deaths in the Rural Districts.

TABLE IX.—Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1934.

	Small-pox	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Scarlet Fever	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Polomyelitis	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Encephalitis Lethargica	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other forms of Tuberculosis	Malaria	Dysentery	Pneumonia	TOTAL	Total cases removed to Hospital
Urban Districts:—																		
Arundel (M.B.) ..	—	1	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	24	3
Bognor Regis ..	—	23	5	120	—	3	3	—	—	—	3	10	3	—	—	3	173	119
Chichester (M.B.) ..	—	19	17	39	—	1	3	—	—	—	2	12	4	—	1	25	123	62
Horsham ..	—	11	—	40	1	—	—	—	1	1	3	2	2	—	—	2	61	31
Littlehampton ..	—	5	5	20	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	4	—	—	17	60	11
Shoreham-by-Sea ..	—	16	11	98	—	17	42	—	—	1	3	2	3	—	—	19	212	50
Southwick ..	—	2	7	15	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	4	35	7
Worthing (M.B.) ..	—	31	13	320	2	1	16	—	—	—	3	44	5	3	—	32	470	288
Rural Districts—																		
Chanctonbury ..	—	1	2	15	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	4	34	8
Chichester ..	—	14	17	164	—	1	8	—	—	—	2	16	4	—	—	27	253	138
Horsham ..	—	53	5	53	1	1	—	1	—	1	7	8	—	—	—	6	136	84
Midhurst ..	—	3	—	37	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	2	53	21
Petworth ..	—	3	2	14	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	3	31	6
Worthing ..	—	39	3	75	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	13	1	—	—	9	143	41
Totals—																		
Urban Districts ..	—	108	60	667	3	22	68	—	—	2	13	83	21	3	1	107	1158	571
Rural Districts ..	—	113	29	358	1	8	15	1	1	—	3	53	17	—	—	51	650	298
Admin. County ..	—	221	89	1025	4	30	83	1	1	2	16	136	38	3	1	158	1808	869

In addition 16 cases of Chicken Pox were notified in Shoreham-by-Sea U.D.

During the previous five years an average of 1,146 Infectious Cases were notified in the County, of which an average of 432 cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals.

SMALLPOX.

No cases of Smallpox occurred in the County during the year.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL AND SMALLPOX HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

The Isolation Hospital and Smallpox Hospital accommodation is as set out in detail in my Annual Report for 1930; no accommodation exists in any of the Sanitary Districts in the Northern Combined Sanitary District, arrangements being made with neighbouring authorities to admit cases into their Isolation Hospitals at agreed charges for maintenance.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Tuberculosis—

Name of Institution	Address	Supported wholly by County Council	Number of Beds
Aldingbourne House	Near Chichester	Yes	69
*Swandean Hospital	Durrington, near Worthing	Yes	12

* Infectious Diseases Hospital provided by the Worthing Corporation, to which the County Council have been permitted to add and maintain a Tuberculosis Block for acute and advanced cases of both sexes.

Mental Hospital.

The West Sussex County Mental Hospital at Chichester provides accommodation for 1045 patients (379 males and 666 females.)

Reference is also made to Hospital Treatment provided in various Hospitals in the Sections of this Report dealing with Tuberculosis, Maternity and Child Welfare, Orthopaedic and Venereal Diseases.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

The General Hospital accommodation may be regarded as convenient and adequate for the needs of the County. In most districts there are Ambulance facilities, as shown on page 13.

The Public Assistance Committee has made arrangements for cases to be treated in the General and Cottage Hospitals at agreed rates of maintenance. The West Sussex Education Committee and the Midwives, Maternity and Child Welfare Committee have made arrangements with all the Hospitals in the County for the treatment of children suffering from enlarged tonsils and adenoids, at agreed rates. The Public Health and Housing Committee has an agreement with Worthing Hospital for the use of the Out-Patient Department as a Tuberculosis Dispensary and Venereal Diseases Clinic.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

The following Statement shows the Clinics and Treatment Centres provided by the County Council:—

List of Clinics and Treatment Centres provided by the County Council.

Address	Nature of Accommodation			
	T.B. Dispensary	School Clinic	M. & C.W. Centre	V.D. Clinic
Arundel—				
Granville House, Maltravers Street	Yes	Yes	*Yes	—
Bognor Regis—				
Parochial Hall	—	—	Yes	—
Council Schools, Lyon Street	—	Yes	—	—
Chichester—				
Chapel Street	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
Horsham—				
Tan Cottage, Brighton Road	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
Littlehampton—				
20a, South Terrace	—	—	*Yes	—
East Street Girls' School	—	Yes	—	—
St. Catherine's R.C. School	—	Yes	—	—
Shoreham-by-Sea—				
Town Hall	—	—	Yes	—
Infants' Council School	—	Yes	—	—
Southwick—				
Town Hall	—	—	Yes	—
Worthing—				
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road	Yes	Eye Clinic	—	Yes

* The M. and C.W. Centre is provided by the Duchess of Norfolk.

In addition, Dental Treatment is carried out at a number of Schools and Temporary Centres and a number of M & C.W. Centres are held in Village Halls, etc. For complete list of M. & C.W. Centres see page 16.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The following Statement shows the Ambulance Facilities in the County:—

	(a) For Infectious Cases.	(b) For Non-Infectious Cases and Accidents.
Urban Districts—		
Arundel (M.B.)	Ambulance of Authority providing accommodation.	Littlehampton St. John Ambulance.
Bognor Regis	Motor Ambulance provided by Local Authority.	Motor Ambulance provided by Local Authority.
Chichester (M.B.)	Motor Ambulance provided by City Council.	Two Motor Ambulances—British Red Cross Society.
Horsham	Motor Ambulance provided jointly with Horsham Rural District.	Two Motor Ambulances maintained by Police and St. John Ambulances.
Littlehampton	Horse Ambulance provided by Local Authority.	Littlehampton St. John Ambulance.
Shoreham-by-Sea	Ambulance of Authority providing accommodation.	Police Ambulance.
Southwick	Ditto.	Ditto.
Worthing (M.B.)	Motor Ambulance provided by Local Authority.	Two Motor Ambulances maintained by Police and St. John Ambulance.
Rural Districts—		
Chanctonbury	Ambulance of Authority providing accommodation.	Police Ambulance.
Chichester	Horse ambulance provided by Local Authority	Chichester Red Cross Ambulances.
Horsham	Motor Ambulance provided jointly with Horsham Urban District.	St. John Ambulance, Crawley.
Midhurst	Ambulance of Authority providing accommodation.	Chichester Ambulances provided by British Red Cross Society.
Petworth	Ditto.	Police Motor Ambulance.
Worthing	Ditto.	Littlehampton St. John Ambulance. Lancing St. John Ambulance (serving the parishes of Lancing, Sompting and Coombes).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1929.

No formal declaration has been made under the Local Government Act, 1929, but the closest co-operation exists between the Public Assistance Committee and the other Committees of the County Council discharging functions under some of the special Acts set out in Section 5 (1). The Midwives' Maternity and Child Welfare Committee is responsible for the majority of the maternity cases requiring hospital treatment; the Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective deals with a very large proportion of the mental defectives; the Public Health and Housing Committee deals with practically all cases of tuberculosis requiring institutional treatment; whilst, with rare exceptions, assistance to the blind is given through the West Sussex Association for the Blind.

Poor Law Institutions.—The alterations and improvements at East Preston and Horsham Institutions have been completed and the work at Midhurst Institution is nearing completion.

Special accommodation for the Infirm, with Wards, Lavatories, and Day Rooms, on the same floor, usually the ground floor, has been provided on the House side.

The following statement shews the accommodation which will be available at these three Institutions: (Abbreviations: M.—Men. W.—Women. C.—Children. T.—Total.)

Institution.	NUMBER OF BEDS.														
	Sick.				Infirm.			Other.				Grand Total.			
	M.	W.	C.	T.	M.	W.	T.	M.	W.	C.	T.	M.	W.	C.	T.
East Preston	24	109	4	137	66	44	110	40	32	12	84	130	185	16	331
Horsham	63	45	—	108	—	38	38	10	61	19	90	73	144	19	236
Midhurst	—	—	—	—	31	—	31	100	—	—	100	131	—	—	131
Grand Total	87	154	4	245	97	82	179	150	93	31	274	334	329	35	698

The Chichester and Thakeham Institutions provide the following accommodation:—

Institution	Number of Beds.														
	Sick.				Infirm.			Other.				Grand Total.			
	M.	W.	C.	T.	M.	W.	T.	M.	W.	C.	T.	M.	W.	C.	T.
Chichester	9	23	—	32	—	—	—	6	27	8	41	15	50	8	73
Thakeham	17	12	—	29	—	—	—	30	8	—	38	47	20	—	67
Grand Total	26	35	—	61	—	—	—	36	35	8	79	62	70	8	140

Southlands Hospital (East Sussex County Council): About 125 beds are retained at this Institution.

Boarded-out Children.—Arrangements have been made for children boarded-out by the Public Assistance Committee to be visited by the Health Visitors once every six weeks, or more frequently, if necessary. At each routine visit the Health Visitor inspects the sleeping accommodation of the child and also reports on the condition of the child, home conditions, home training, etc. No adverse reports were received; in several instances physical defects detected in children were appropriately dealt with.

The number of children under supervision on the 31st December, 1934, was 61.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 126 deaths of infants under one year, which is equivalent to an Infant Mortality Rate of 39 per 1,000 births, as compared with the rate of 48 for the previous year.

TABLE X.—Showing Infant Mortality Rates for Urban Districts, Rural Districts, Administrative County and England and Wales, for the years 1920-1934.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Urban Districts ..	47	62	49	48	46	46	42	43	44	46	43	42	51	51	37
Rural Districts ..	51	38	50	41	41	51	48	58	39	51	34	46	56	46	42
Administrative County ..	49	49	49	43	43	49	45	51	41	49	38	44	54	48	39
England and Wales ..	80	83	77	69	75	75	70	69	65	74	60	66	65	64	59

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

There were 162 illegitimate births (5.07 per cent. of the total births), and the infant mortality rate among illegitimate children was 105 per thousand births, as compared with a rate of 36 for legitimate children.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS (EXTENSION) ACT, 1915.

The following figures do not include the Borough of Worthing, which is a separate Maternity and Child Welfare Authority:—

BIRTHS NOTIFIED: (1) Live Births, 2,492; (2) Still Births, 82; Total, 2,574.

BIRTHS NOTIFIED BY: (1) Midwives, 1,824; (2) By Doctors and Parents, 750.

In the Borough of Worthing 507 births were notified by Midwives and 72 by Doctors and Parents.

ANTE-NATAL WORK AND HEALTH VISITING.

Ante-Natal Work.—As is shewn in Table XI the Ante-Natal work of the Nurses continues to increase. The attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics given in Table XII remain low except at the Chichester and Horsham Clinics.

TABLE XI.—Showing Number of Visits to Expectant Mothers, 1930-1934

	No. of Ante-Natal Visits by Nurse.		No. of Cases attended.		Total Births (County).
	1st Visits.	Total Visits.	As Midwife.	As Maternity Nurse (Doctors' Cases).	
1930	1742	7898	1607	735	2965
1931	1859	8715	1586	675	3134
1932	1834	9270	1851	779	3025
1933	1753	9418	1701	689	2935
1934	1868	10567	1830	850	3194
Total	9056	45868	8575	3728	15253

Health Visiting.—It is the routine practice of the Health Visitor to visit children four times during the first year of life, twice a year during the second and third years of life, and once a year during the fourth and fifth years of life, but actually many more visits are paid, especially to children showing any departure from normal health or progress. A large proportion of the children are attended at birth by the Health Visitor in her capacity as Midwife or Maternity Nurse, but for the purpose of Health Visiting her first visit is recorded on the 14th day or thereabouts. During the year 1934, 33,459 health visits were recorded as follows:

Number of Visits to Infants under one year—(1) First visits, 2,430 (2) Total visits, 16,550.

Total Number of Visits to Children aged 1 to 5 years—16,909.

The following table gives the number of Centres working in the County at the end of the year, the days and hours of attendance, the numbers who attended for the first time, and the average attendance per session:—

TABLE XII.—Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the County (1934).

Address	Weekly or fortnightly Sessions	Day and time of Meeting	Average Attendance per Session		Number who attended for the first time		Present Arrangements for Medical Supervision
			Expectant Mothers	Children	Expectant Mothers	Children	
*Aldwick & Pagham: Welfare House, The Parish Hall, Aldwick	Weekly ..	Tuesday, 2.30		16	5	20	<i>Doctor Attends—</i> Weekly
*Arundel: Granville House, Maltravers Street	Weekly ..	Tuesday, 2 ..	1	28	10	50	First Tuesday in every month Weekly
Bognor Regis: Parochial Hall ..	Ditto ..	Thursday, 2.30	1.3	63	35	139	First Thursday in every month Weekly
Camelsdale: Village Hall	Ditto ..	Ditto	2	22	—	33	First Thursday in every month Weekly
Chichester: Chapel Street ..	Ditto ..	Friday, 2.30 ..	—	69	—	180	First Wednesday in every month Weekly
(a) Ditto	Special ..	Wednesday, 2.30	—	—	57	—	First Wednesday in every month
Crawley: Congregational Church Rooms	Fortnightly	Tuesday, 2.30	11	39	7	50	Fortnightly
Horsham: Tan Cottage, Brighton Road ..	Weekly ..	Friday, 2.30 ..	0.8	59	—	138	Weekly
(b) Ditto	Fortnightly	Tuesday, 2.30	—	—	64	—	Fortnightly
Lancing: Girl Guides' Hall, Penhill Road ..	Fortnightly	Friday, 2.30 ..	7.6	37	—	85	Fortnightly
*Littlehampton: 20a South Terrace ..	Weekly ..	Thursday and Friday, 2.30 ..	—	35	41	154	First Thursday every month and alternate Fridays
Midhurst: Petersfield Road ..	Weekly ..	Tuesday, 2.30	—	38	—	50	Fortnightly
Milland and Rake Women's Institute, Rake	Monthly	Second Wednesday in month, 2.30	0.4	15	3	12	Monthly
Northchapel: Old School	Monthly	First Thursday in month, 2.30	0.3	11	2	8	Monthly
Petworth: High Street	Fortnightly	Friday, 2.30 ..	—	82	1	45	Fortnightly
Pulborough: Church Room	Monthly	First Tuesday in month, 2.30	2.6	9	17	19	Monthly
Shoreham: Town Hall	Weekly ..	Thursday, 2.30	—	43	—	123	Fortnightly
(c) Ditto 52, Rosslyn Road ..	Fortnightly	Wednesday, 2.30	5	—	15	—	Fortnightly
Southwick: Town Hall	Weekly ..	Tuesday, 2.30	—	26	—	55	Fortnightly
Storrington: Girl Guides' Hall, Brown's Lane ..	Fortnightly	Thursday, 2.30	2.7	37	40	61	Fortnightly
Yapton: Village Hall	Fortnightly	Tuesday, 2 ..	—	33	—	34	Monthly

*Voluntary Centres.

- (a) Eleven Special Sessions for Ante-Natal Work were held during the year.
 (b) Twenty-six Special Sessions for Ante-Natal Work were held during the year.
 (c) Three Special Sessions for Ante-Natal Work were held during the year.

SUPPLY OF MILK FOR EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS AND FOR INFANTS.

During the financial year, 102 families were supplied with 356 orders for 9,745 pints of fresh milk, and, in addition, 3,848 lbs. of dried milk were distributed free, whilst 7,551 lbs. were sold, the approximate receipts being £620. The cost of the free milk, fresh and dried, was approximately £392.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

The following statement summarises treatment provided during the year:—

Name of Institution	Receiving Treatment at beginning of Year	Number of			Still in at end of Year	Average number of days treatment. Completed Cases
		Admissions	Discharges	Deaths		
(a) Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton	3	35	36	1	1	14
(b) Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea	31	138	151	2	16	22
(c) Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton ..	—	2	2	—	—	16
(d) General Hospitals (Nose and Throat cases)	—	20	20	—	—	3
(e) St. Thomas' Babies Hostel, London	—	1	1	—	—	97

During the past 5 years an average of 38 cases received treatment at the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton, and during the past 5 years an average of 99 cases received treatment at Southlands Hospital.

In the City of Chichester and neighbourhood, emergency cases are generally referred by Medical Practitioners to the Royal West Sussex Hospital.

MIDWIVES ACTS, 1902, 1918 and 1926.

Midwives Practising in the County.—During the year, 189 Certified Midwives notified their intention to practise. Twenty-two of these Midwives left the County during the year, eleven notified for temporary duty, four ceased to practise, three acted as Maternity Nurse only, three acted once only. Excluding fifteen Midwives who resided without the County and were inspected by other Authorities, there remained at the end of the year 131 Midwives requiring inspection, of whom 130 were trained and one was a bona-fide Midwife.

Inspections.—Quarterly visits were paid by the County Inspector of Midwives, and 158 routine visits of inspection and 21 special visits were made during the year.

Notifications by Midwives.—During the year 897 notifications were received as follows:—

Medical help for Mother	582
Medical help for the Child	97
Notifications of death of Mother	2
Notifications of death of Child	15
Notifications of still-birth	32
Notifications of having laid out a dead body	50
Notifications of liability to be a source of infection	71
Notifications of artificial feeding	48
	897

The 582 notifications of sending for medical help for mother received during the year included a number of cases where ante-natal treatment was required, and were as follows:—

Injury to perineum	223	Phlebitis	9
Prolonged labour	103	Illness of Mother	9
Rise of temperature	37	Malpresentation	7
Albuminuria	23	Excessive vomiting	5
Post-partum haemorrhage	19	Persistent occipito posterior	3
Presentation undiagnosed	19	Contracted pelvis	3
Retained placenta or membranes	18	Placenta praevia	3
Miscarriage and threatened miscarriage	18	Post maturity	3
Breech and complicated breech	18	Epileptic fits	3
Ante-partum haemorrhage	16	Inflammation of breast	2
Oedema of face, legs and feet	10	Vaginal discharge	1
Dangerous varicose veins	9	Other causes	21
			582

The 97 notifications of sending for medical help for child received during the year were as follows:—

Dangerous feebleness	27	Haemorrhage from umbilicus (2)	
Discharging eyes	24	Nose (1), Mouth (1)	4
Malformation and injury	10	Convulsions	3
Cyanosis	7	Phimosis	1
Skin eruption (rash)	5	Other causes	8
Stillbirth	4		
Illness of child	4		
			97

FEE TO DOCTORS CALLED IN BY MIDWIVES.

During the financial year ended 31st March, 1935, fees amounting to approximately £949 were paid to Medical Practitioners in 647 instances. Contributions amounting to approximately £426 were received in respect of 459 cases. In 59 instances, fees amounting to approximately £51 were paid direct by patients to Doctors.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM REGULATIONS, 1926.

Early information is received on cases where a midwife is in attendance and information on other cases is received by telephone from the District Medical Officer of Health by whom the notification is received. In all cases, the Doctor in attendance is consulted and, when required, a Special Nurse is provided, otherwise the local Nurse deals with the case. During the year 1934, 16 notifications of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were received, and the following Statement summarises the cases which have occurred during the past five years:—

STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES OF OPTHALMIA NEONATORUM, 1930-34.

Year	Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	Notified	Treated					
		At Home	In Hospital				
1930	18	13	5	17	—	1	—
1931	12	9	3	11	1	—	—
1932	21	13	8	21	—	—	—
1933	16	8	8	16	—	—	—
1934	16	9	7	16	—	—	—

BIRTH CONTROL.

Towards the latter part of the year, arrangements were made with the Brighton Corporation for the attendance of suitable cases at the Brighton Contraceptive Clinic, held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month at Royal York Buildings, Old Steine, Brighton.

In accordance with Circular 1408, issued by the Ministry of Health on 31st May, 1934, advice and treatment are available for married women in whose cases pregnancy would be detrimental to health when there is organic disease such as tuberculosis, heart disease, diabetes, chronic nephritis, etc., in which childbearing is likely seriously to endanger life.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

During the year 1934, 13 deaths of mothers occurred as follows:—

Puerperal Sepsis, 5; Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy, 8.

The mortality rate was equal to 4.1 per thousand births as compared with rates of 4.4 in 1933 and 6.3 in 1932. The rates in the Urban and Rural Districts were 2.4 and 5.8 respectively, as compared with rates of 5.4 and 3.4 the previous year.

The following table summarises the maternal deaths and rates during the past ten years:—

TABLE XIII.—MATERNAL MORTALITY AND RATES PER 1,000 BIRTHS—1925-1934.

YEAR	URBAN		RURAL		ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY		TOTAL
	Puerperal Sepsis	Other Accidents	Puerperal Sepsis	Other Accidents	Puerperal Sepsis	Other Accidents	
	Rate per No. 1000 Births	Rate per No. 1000 Births	Rate per No. 1000 Births	Rate per No. 1000 Births	Rate per No. 1000 Births	Rate per No. 1000 Births	
1925	2 (1.5)	1 (0.7)	3 (1.9)	3 (1.9)	5 (1.7)	4 (1.3)	9 (3.1)
1926	1 (0.7)	1 (0.8)	1 (0.6)	4 (2.4)	2 (0.7)	5 (1.7)	7 (2.4)
1927	1 (0.7)	5 (3.7)	5 (3.2)	3 (1.9)	6 (2.1)	8 (2.7)	14 (4.8)
1928	2 (1.4)	2 (1.4)	1 (0.6)	6 (3.9)	3 (1.0)	8 (2.7)	11 (3.7)
1929	2 (1.4)	2 (1.4)	2 (1.3)	4 (2.6)	4 (1.4)	6 (2.0)	10 (3.4)
1930	1 (0.7)	6 (4.0)	3 (2.0)	1 (0.6)	4 (1.3)	7 (2.4)	11 (3.7)
1931	2 (1.3)	6 (3.9)	3 (1.8)	2 (1.2)	5 (1.5)	8 (2.5)	13 (4.1)
1932	5 (3.4)	6 (4.1)	4 (2.6)	4 (2.6)	9 (3.0)	10 (3.4)	19 (6.3)
1933	5 (3.4)	3 (2.0)	2 (1.4)	3 (2.0)	7 (2.4)	6 (2.0)	13 (4.4)
1934	2 (1.2)	2 (1.2)	3 (1.9)	6 (3.9)	5 (1.6)	8 (2.5)	13 (4.1)
Totals	23 (1.6)	34 (2.4)	27 (1.7)	36 (2.3)	50 (1.8)	70 (2.3)	120 (4.0)

The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee has still under consideration measures to be adopted with the object of securing a reduction in the maternal mortality.

PUERPERAL FEVER AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA REGULATIONS, 1926.

These Regulations came into force on 1st October, 1926, and made notifiable any febrile condition occurring in a woman within 21 days after childbirth or miscarriage.

Any febrile disturbance causing a temperature of 100.4 F. or more, sustained during a period of 24 hours or recurring during that period, must be notified forthwith, although the Doctor may be uncertain as to the cause of the febrile symptoms. By notifying the case as suffering from "Puerperal Pyrexia"—the form used in the regulations for the notifiable febrile disturbance (see above)—the Medical Practitioner at once introduces certain safeguards against the spread of infection and he makes available to his patient any special services that may be provided by the Maternity and Child Welfare Authority of the area in which the patient is residing.

With the approval of the Ministry of Health, the following special arrangements have been made by the County Council:—

1. **Consultations.**—Any Medical Practitioner may obtain a second opinion on his case. The County Council, after consultation with the British Medical Association (Sussex Branch), have appointed the following Consultants:

DR. A. H. BOSTOCK, Southfields, Chichester. Tel. No. Chichester 340.
 MR. W. A. BOWRING, Furze Hill, Hove. Tel. No. Hove 4202.
 DR. E. C. BRADFORD, Laneside, Horsham. Tel. No. Horsham 196.
 DR. P. C. COLE, Broadwater Lodge, Broadwater Street East, Worthing. Tel. No. Worthing 309.
 DR. LILIAN JEFFRIES, 10 Adelaide Crescent, Hove, Tel. No. Hove 3414.
 MR. H. J. MCCURRICH, 19 Palmeira Avenue, Hove. Tel. No. Hove 1688.
 MR. H. SEYMOUR, 17 First Avenue, Hove. Tel. No. Hove 4867.

2. **Bacteriological Examinations.**—DR. L. R. JANES, Pathologist, Stephen Ralli Memorial, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, has been appointed to undertake this work.

3. **Hospital Treatment.**—An agreement has been entered into with the Brighton Corporation for the treatment of cases at the Brighton Sanatorium.

4. **Special Nurses.**—Arrangements are made with the County Nursing Association for the supply of Special Nurses as in former years.

5. **Other Investigations.**—The County Inspector of Midwives makes special inquiries into cases of Pyrexia. Special inquiries are also made into all maternal deaths, the Inquiry Form issued by the Ministry of Health being used by the County Medical Officer for this purpose.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

In Circular 722 issued by the Ministry of Health, dated 9th August, 1926, the opinion is expressed that it will ultimately be desirable to replace the term "Puerperal Fever" by the term "Puerperal Pyrexia." Puerperal Fever is not a definite disease such as Scarlet Fever, and often the condition cannot be accurately diagnosed in the early stages when a slight rise of temperature may be the chief symptom.

Under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, Puerperal Fever has been for a number of years a notifiable disease, but in practice only the severe, generally fatal, cases have been notified owing to difficulties arising in the diagnosis of this condition.

The following statement gives the number of cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia notified during the year. The figures for the Borough of Worthing, which is an independent Authority for Maternity and Child Welfare, are shown separately:—

Statement showing number of cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia notified during the year.

	Number of cases notified		
	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Total
Administrative County (Less Worthing M.B.)	18 (1)	50 (2)	68 (3)
Worthing M.B.	1	16 (1)	17 (1)
Total Administrative County	19 (1)	66 (3)	85 (4)

The figures in brackets record Fatal Cases dying on or before 31st December, 1934.

The above figures do not include notifications received from Southlands Hospital relating to East Sussex and Hove.

The following statement indicates the distribution of the notified cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia, distinguishing between cases treated at home and those treated at Hospitals, Maternity Homes, etc.

	Number of Cases				
	Patients confined at their own Homes and			Patients confined at Maternity Homes	Patients confined at Hospital
	Nursed at Home	Removed to Hospital before notification	Removed to Hospital after notification		
Administrative County (less Worthing M.B.) ..	16	4	19 (2)	1	28 (1)
Worthing M.B.	3	1 (1)	11	2	—
Total Administrative County	19	5 (1)	30 (2)	3	28 (1)

The figures in brackets record fatal cases dying on or before 31st December, 1934.

NURSING HOMES REGISTRATION ACT, 1927.

This Act came into force on the 1st July, 1928, when Part II of the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, 1926, was repealed.

During the year, eight applications for registration, including three for re-registration on change of proprietor or address, were received, and in every instance registration was granted.

At the end of the year, there were 54 Nursing Homes, containing accommodation of 392 beds, as follows:

For Maternity cases only	12
„ Maternity, Medical and Surgical Cases	16
„ Maternity, Medical and Convalescent Cases	2
„ Maternity and Medical Cases	5
„ Medical and Convalescent Cases	14
„ Mental Cases	3
Rest Homes and Nursery Homes	2
	—
	54
	—

These Nursing Homes are situated at: Apuldram (1), Arundel (2), Barnham (1), Beeding (1), Bognor Regis (8), Crawley (1), Brooks Green (1), Easebourne (1), Ferring (1), Horsham (3), Ifield (1), Lancing (1), Littlehampton (3), Midhurst (1), Middleton (1), Petworth (1), Shoreham-by-Sea (2), Southwater (1), Southwick (1), Steyning (1), and Worthing (21).

No Orders have been made refusing or cancelling Registration, and no Applications for Exemption have been received.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

The functions under Part I of the Children Act, 1908, were transferred to Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities on the 1st April, 1930, in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1929.

Important amendments to Part I of this Act have been made in Part V and the Second and Fourth Schedules of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1932, which came into force on the 1st January, 1933. The age of nurse children is raised from seven to nine years and notification has to be given before the children are received, that is to say, in the case of the first child not less than seven days before reception and in the case of any other child not less than 48 hours before reception. There are also important time limits in regard to the notification of:

- Change of residence (at least seven days before removal).
- Transference of child (within 24 hours).
- Death of child (within 24 hours).

The Health Visitors are authorised to exercise as Infant Protection Visitors, the powers of visiting and inspecting the children and the premises in which they are kept. Cases are visited once a Quarter, or more frequently, if necessary, and reports submitted to the County Medical Officer.

The following statement shews the number of children registered and the number of children removed from the register for various reasons during the year 1934:—

Number of cases on Register on 31/12/33	226
Number of new cases	274
	— 500
Removed from Register:	
Returned to Parents or Guardians	230
Attained nine years of age	21
Transferred to care of Public Assistance Committee	8
Legally Adopted	2
Died	10
Placed with Foster-mothers in other areas	6
Left County with Foster-mothers	12
	— 289
Number of Cases on Register on 31/12/34	211
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Number of Foster-mothers on Register on 31/12/34	118
	—

ORTHOPAEDIC SCHEME.

The following statements summarise the Orthopaedic work during 1934:—

CLINICS ATTENDED BY ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON.

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Cases seen			Total Attendances
		New	Old	Total	
Arundel	6	46 (13)	58 (13)	104 (26)	172 (44)
Chichester	6	94 (17)	76 (15)	170 (32)	262 (47)
Horsham	4	37 (8)	67 (11)	104 (19)	183 (36)
Shoreham-by-Sea	3	37 (8)	43 (8)	80 (16)	103 (22)
*Worthing	4	41 (19)	66 (17)	107 (36)	164 (49)
	23	255 (65)	310 (64)	565 (129)	884 (198)

Figures in brackets refer to children under school age and are included in totals.

*With the approval of the Worthing Education Committee four special Clinics were held at the Worthing School Clinic, for children living near Worthing.

INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT.

	Name of Institution	Receiving treatment at beginning of year	Number of			Still under treatment at end of year
			Admissions	Discharges	Deaths	
Tuberculous Cases	Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital, Alton	10 (2)*	6 (3)	4 (1)	—	12 (3)
	Royal National Orthopaedic Hosp., Stanmore	—	1	1	—	—
Non-Tuberculous Cases	Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital, Alton	10 (2)	7 (3)	5 (1)	—	12 (3)
	Royal National Orthopaedic Hosp., Stanmore	1	1	1	—	1
		4	20 (5)	17 (3)	—	7 (2)
	Grand Totals	15 (2)	28 (8)	23 (4)	—	20 (5)

Figures in brackets refer to children under school age and are included in totals.

* One child became of school age during 1934.

CASES TREATED BY ORTHOPAEDIC NURSE.

Total No. of Cases	No. of New Cases	No. of Attendances	No. of Different Places Visited
237 (37)	113 (14)	3107 (436)	36 (26)

Figures in brackets refer to children under school age and are included in totals.
20 children under school age were supplied with splints and one child with Tin Shoes.

DISEASES OF THE EAR.

Reference was made in my Annual Report for 1930 to the arrangements which had been completed for the treatment of children suffering from diseases of the ear, and the following Table summarises the work done and treatment carried out during the year 1934:—

Clinic	No. of Clinics held	No. of Cases	No. of Attendances	Operative Treatment		Tonsils and Adenoids removed	Total Discharged
				Mastoid Operation	Paracentesis		
Chichester ..	11	83 (1)	120 (1)	1	—	31	29
Sussex Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton ..	7	70 (2)	85 (2)	6	9	19 (1)	11
	18	153 (3)	205 (3)	7	9	50 (1)	40

Figures in brackets refer to children under school age and are included in totals.

COUNTY NURSING SERVICE.

At the end of the year, the West Sussex County Nursing Association employed a staff consisting of County Superintendent, Deputy County Superintendent, Assistant County Superintendent and three whole-time Health Visitors engaged partly for Public Health Work and partly for emergency work, which includes the nursing of cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Septic Lying-in Cases and the relief of Nurse Midwives in illness or exceptional stress of work. There were also 73 affiliated District Nursing Associations employing 107 Nurses (including the Worthing District Nursing Association, employing four Queen's Nurses). Grant was paid by the County Council in respect of the whole-time staff and 96 Nurses employed by the District Nursing Associations.

In addition, grants of approximately £550 per annum are made to the County Nursing Association towards the cost of training the Midwives and towards the cost of Post-Graduate Courses for Midwives. During the past eight years an average of six nurses have attended Post-Graduate Courses.

TUBERCULOSIS.

TABLE XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1912 and 1924.

SUMMARY of Primary Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1934, to the 31st December, 1934.

Notifications on:	Form "A"											Total & Up (Primary)
	0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	
	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	65	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis:												
Males	—	1	1	1	6	6	20	16	9	8	7	75
Females	—	—	2	2	4	16	12	11	9	5	—	61
	—	1	3	3	10	22	32	27	18	13	7	136
Other Forms of Tuberculosis: (Non-Pulmonary)												
Males	—	4	7	2	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	18
Females	1	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	—	3	20
	1	8	9	4	3	4	3	1	2	—	3	38

The following NFW cases of Tuberculosis came to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, otherwise than by Notification on Form "A," in addition to the primary cases shown in the above Table:

	Age Periods											Total
	0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	
	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	65	
Pulmonary Males	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	9	6	2	—	25
Pulmonary Females	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	5	1	2	—	16
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	2	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	1	—	8
Non-Pulmonary Females	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	7

The following Statement shows the number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining on the Registers of Notification, kept by the District Medical Officers in the County, on the 31st December, 1934:

Total Cases	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1421	499	523	1022	197	202	399

The following Statement shows the number of primary Notifications of Tuberculosis during the past five years:—

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	172	190	172	151	136
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	85	62	42	55	38
Total, all Forms	257	252	214	206	174

AVERAGE ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS (FIVE YEARS—1930-1934).

Pulmonary	164	Other	56	All Forms	221
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TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Statement shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified in the County and the number of deaths which have occurred in the area during 1934:—

Age Periods	New Cases *				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
1	1	—	6	5	—	—	2	4
5	1	2	8	3	1	—	2	—
10	1	3	2	4	—	—	2	—
15	7	4	3	3	2	6	—	1
20	6	19	1	3	5	5	2	1
25	27	16	4	1	9	14	—	1
35	25	16	—	1	17	8	2	—
45	15	10	1	2	11	7	1	1
55	10	7	1	—	20	3	—	—
65 and upwards ..	8	—	—	3	5	—	—	1
Totals	101	77	26	27	70	43	11	12

* Includes all primary notifications and NEW cases coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY.

Tuberculosis in its various forms accounted for 136 deaths, the death-rate being 0.57 per 1,000 population, as compared with 0.61 per 1,000 population in 1933. 4.6 per cent. of the total mortality from all causes was due to tuberculosis, as compared with 4.8 per cent. last year.

TABLE XV.—Showing number of deaths at different periods of life in the Administrative County Urban Districts and Rural Districts:—

A.—Tuberculosis of respiratory system.

		0	1	2	5	15	25	45	65	75
All ages		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	&
		1	2	5	15	25	45	65	75	up
Urban Districts	62	—	—	—	—	9	28	23	2	—
Rural Districts	51	—	—	—	1	6	20	21	3	—
Administrative County	113	—	—	—	1	15	48	44	5	—

B.—Other Tuberculous Diseases.

		0	1	2	5	15	25	45	65	75
All ages		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	&
		1	2	5	15	25	45	65	75	up
Urban Districts	15	1	2	4	2	3	1	2	—	—
Rural Districts	8	2	2	—	1	—	1	1	1	—
Administrative County	23	3	4	4	3	3	2	3	1	—

From Table XVI p. 27 it will be noted that 99 per cent. of the deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred after the age of 15 years—the most fatal period being between the ages of 25 and 45 years.

TABLE XVI.--Showing the number and percentage of deaths at various ages from Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis during the year 1934:—

	Total all ages	Number and Percentage		
		0-5 years	5-15 years	15 years and over
Pulmonary Tuberculosis:				
Urban Districts	62	—	—	62 (100%)
Rural Districts	51	—	1 (2%)	50 (98%)
Administrative County	113	—	1 (0.9%)	112 (99.1%)
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:				
Urban Districts	15	7 (46.7%)	2 (13.3%)	6 (40.0%)
Rural Districts	8	4 (50%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (37.5%)
Administrative County	23	11 (47.9%)	3 (13.0%)	9 (39.1%)
All Forms of Tuberculosis:				
Urban Districts	77	7 (9.1%)	2 (2.6%)	68 (88.3%)
Rural Districts	59	4 (6.8%)	2 (3.4%)	53 (89.8%)
Administrative County	136	11 (8.1%)	4 (2.9%)	121 (89.0%)

Pulmonary Tuberculosis—From Table XVII it will be noted that this disease was the cause of 113 deaths (as compared with an average of 114 deaths during the past ten years), i.e. 83.1% of all deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis, giving a death rate for the County of 0.47 per 1,000 population, as compared with 0.52 per 1,000 in the preceding year.

TABLE XVII.--The following Table shows the number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis from 1925 to 1934:

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Urban Districts ..	54	58	53	63	61	68	72	63	74	62
Rural Districts ..	65	52	53	57	53	54	39	51	46	51
Admin. County ..	119	110	106	120	114	122	111	114	120	113
Death-rate per 1,000 living	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.52	0.47

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

It was not necessary to take any formal action under these Regulations during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925--SECTION 62

No cases have been dealt with under this Section during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

(i) LIST OF DISPENSARIES, etc.

Address	Day and Time of Dispensary	Tuberculosis Officer	Nursing Assistance	Areas Served
*Arundel Dispensary, Granville House, Maltravers Street	Friday, 11 a.m.	Dr. W. Templeton	Wholetime Nurse employed by County Nursing Association	{ Arundel M.B. Littlehampton U.D. Chanctonbury R.D. (part) Worthing R.D. (part)
Chichester Dispensary, Chapel Street	Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.	Ditto	Ditto for Dispensary and School	{ Bognor Regis U.D. Chichester M.B. Chichester R.D. Midhurst R.D. Petworth R.D. (part)
Horsham Dispensary, Tan Cottage, Brighton Road	Thursday, 11 a.m.	Ditto	Queen's Nurse—Horsham	{ Horsham U.D. Chanctonbury R.D. (part) Horsham R.D. Petworth R.D. (part)
Worthing Dispensary, Out-patient Dept., The Hospital, Lyndhurst Road	Monday, 10.30 a.m.	Ditto	Wholetime Health Visitor employed by Worthing Corporation	{ Worthing M.B. Chanctonbury R.D. (part) Shorcham-by-Sea U.D. Southwick U.D. Worthing R.D. (part)

* This Dispensary is held monthly, and more frequently if found necessary.

(ii.)—Return showing the work of the Dispensaries during the year 1934.

Diagnosis	Pulmonary				Non-Pulmonary				Total				Grand Total
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
A.—New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts):													
(a) Definitely tuberculous ..	64	49	—	2	5	5	9	7	69	54	9	9	141
(b) Diagnosis not completed ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	1	2	14
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	80	81	53	281
B.—Contacts examined during the year:—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
(b) Diagnosis not completed ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	19	11	40
C.—Cases written off the Dispensary Register as:—													
(a) Recovered	10	9	4	2	4	3	1	5	14	12	5	7	38
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	94	103	64	332
D.—Number of Cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st:—													
(a) Definitely Tuberculous ..	311	262	24	23	42	48	59	46	353	310	83	69	815
(b) Diagnosis not completed ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	4	1	2	14

1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st	803	2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years	33
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme, and cases "lost sight of"	28	4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes)	86
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts)	1964	6. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on the 31st December	81
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners: (a) Personal	95	8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations)	121
(b) Other	232		
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes	1780	10. Number of: (a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined	105
		(b) X-Ray examinations made in connexion with Dispensary work	181
11. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A(a) and A(b) above	2	12. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on Dec. 31st.	322

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Name of Institution	No. of Beds	Type of Case Treated	Names of Medical Officers
1. Aldingbourne House	69	Observation and Sanatorium	{ Dr. R. D. Smedley, County Medical Officer Dr. W. Templeton, Tuberculosis Officer Dr. H. G. Humphrey Butcher (temp. part-time Medical Officer) Dr. J. B. Collins, Visiting Physician (emergency cases) Dr. R. H. Wilshaw, Medical Officer of Health, Worthing
2. Swandean Hospital	12	Acute & Advanced	
*3. Other Institutions	Beds are retained as required	Cases requiring Surgical and Light treatment	

* The accommodation reserved at Other Institutions during the year was as follows:

Name of Institution—	Average No. of Beds—
The Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester	0.8
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate	5
Lord Mayor 'Treloar Cripples' Hospital, Alton	13
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore	0.4
King George Sanatorium for Sailors, Bramshott	1

RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(A).--Return showing the Extent of Residential Treatment and Observation during the year in Institutions (other than Poor Law Institutions) approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

		In Institutions on Jan. 1st.	Admitted during the year	Discharged during the year	Died in the Institutions	In Institutions on Dec. 31st
Number of doubtfully Tuberculous cases admitted for observation	Adult males ..	4	14	13	—	5
	Adult females ..	3	13	14	—	2
	Children ..	6	11	11	—	6
	Total ..	13	38	38	—	13
Number of patients suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Adult males ..	16	80	57	14	25
	Adult females ..	27	59	54	11	21
	Children ..	5	—	3	—	2
	Total ..	48	139	114	25	48
Number of patients suffering from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Adult males ..	2	2	1	—	3
	Adult females ..	2	6	2	—	6
	Children ..	13	21	18	1	15
	Total ..	17	29	21	1	24
Grand Total	78	206	173	26	85	

In addition, 6 patients suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 5 patients suffering from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis received treatment during the year at Poor Law Institutions in the County.

(C)—Return showing the immediate results of treatment of definitely Tuberculosis patients discharged from Residential Institutions during the year 1934.

Classification on admission to the Institution	Condition at time of discharge	Duration of Residential Treatment in the Institution.												Total		
		Under 3 months			3—6 months			6-12 months			More than 12 months					
		M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.			
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Class T.B. minus.	Quiescent	3	4	—	4	6	—	3	3	1	—	—	2	26	
		Not Quiescent	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	Class T.B. plus Group 1.	Quiescent	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	
		Not Quiescent	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	Class T.B. plus Group 2.	Quiescent	2	5	—	1	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	13	
		Not Quiescent	4	5	—	3	7	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	26	
		Died in Institution ..	1	1	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	8	
	Class T.B. plus Group 3.	Quiescent	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	
		Not Quiescent	7	1	—	5	1	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	20	
		Died in Institution ..	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	7	
	Totals (Pulmonary) ..		22	17	—	20	21	—	14	12	1	3	3	2	115	
	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Bones and Joints.	Quiescent or Arrested ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	5	7
			Not Quiescent	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Died in Institution ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Abdominal.		Quiescent or Arrested ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		Not Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Organs.		Quiescent or Arrested ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		Not Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Peripheral Glands.		Quiescent or Arrested ..	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	
		Not Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		Died in Institution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Totals (Non-Pulmonary)		—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	2	1	—	7	16		

(D)—Return showing the results of observation of doubtfully Tuberculosis cases discharged during the year from Institutions approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Diagnosis on Discharge from Observation.	For Pulmonary Tuberculosis.						For Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.						Totals.		
	Stay under 4 Weeks.			Stay over 4 Weeks.			Stay under 4 Weeks.			Stay over 4 Weeks.					
	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.	M.	F.	Ch.
Tuberculous	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—
Non-Tuberculous ..	2	3	—	7	8	8	—	—	1	1	—	2	10	11	11
Doubtful	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	3	3	—	9	11	8	—	—	1	1	—	2	13	14	11

PUBLIC VACCINATION.

The functions under the Vaccination Acts were transferred to the County Council on 1st April, 1930, in accordance with Section 2 (b) of the Local Government Act, 1929, and are administered by the Public Health and Housing Committee.

The Vaccination Acts require that every child shall be vaccinated before attaining the age of six months, unless the child has already had Smallpox or exemption is claimed by the parents or guardians, before the child reaches the age of four months, by means of a statutory declaration of conscientious objection to vaccination. Also, vaccination may be postponed by medical certificate.

The Vaccination Acts of 1898 and 1907 have rendered exemption from vaccination an easy matter, and now only about 37 per cent. of children are vaccinated during infancy. In the County of West Sussex, 40 per cent. of the children born in 1933 were vaccinated as compared with 41 per cent. for the previous year.

A list of the Public Vaccinators and Vaccination Officers is given at the beginning of this Report.

The following Summary has been prepared from Returns made by the Vaccination Officers:—

Number of births notified by Registrars to Vaccination Officers during year ended 31/12/33	..	2857
.. Successfully Vaccinated	.. .. .	1155
.. Insusceptible of Vaccination	.. .. .	6
.. of Statutory Declarations of Conscientious Objections received	.. .. .	1360
.. Died Unvaccinated	.. .. .	102
.. of Vaccinations postponed by Medical Certificate	.. .. .	33
.. of Removals to other districts	.. .. .	83
.. Removed to places unknown	.. .. .	95
.. Unaccounted for on 31st January, 1935	.. .. .	23

Return showing the number of persons successfully vaccinated and re-vaccinated at the cost of the rates by the Medical Officers of the Poor Law Institutions and Public Vaccinators during the year ended 30th September, 1934:—

Numbers of Successful Primary Vaccinations of Persons:—			Number of Successful Re-vaccinations.
Under one year of age	One year and upwards	Total.	
938	41	979	34

VENEREAL DISEASES.

FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT.

Clinics.—Treatment, provided free of cost at the Clinics, is available to any resident in the County suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, Venereal Disease in its earlier and at all communicable stages. Patients may attend the Clinics on the advice of their Medical Attendant or on their own initiative.

The following Statement gives the days and hours of the various Clinics serving this County:—

Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Landport, Portsmouth. (This Clinic is intended to serve persons resident in the Western part of the County)—

Men—Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 5 to 7 p.m. Women—Mondays, 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing. (This Clinic is intended to serve persons resident in the Eastern part of the County)—

Men and Women—Wednesdays, Women, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Men, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Fridays, Women, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Men, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road, Kemp Town, Brighton—

Men—Mondays, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Women—Tuesdays, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursdays, 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Thursdays, 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Saturdays, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Saturdays, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A limited number of beds is reserved at the Hospitals for patients requiring In-patient Treatment on the recommendation of the Medical Officer in charge of the Clinic.

Complete secrecy as to the names and addresses of all patients is observed. This information is only required by the Medical Officer in charge of the Clinic for the purpose of communicating with the patients as to subsequent treatment, and in order to allocate the cost between the various Authorities having arrangements at the same Hospital.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF PATIENTS.

The County Council have authority, under certain circumstances, to defray the reasonable travelling expenses of patients attending the Clinics who are unable to bear the cost themselves.

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF SPECIMENS.

Specimens may be sent for pathological examination by any medical practitioner in the County. The examination and report are made without cost to either the doctor or the patient. Stamped outfits, with full directions for the collection of specimens are supplied free of charge, on application being made to the County Health Office.

SUPPLY OF DRUGS.

Arrangements are made for the supply of drugs to medical practitioners, but very few requests have been received.

TREATMENT OF CASES.

TABLE XVIII.—Showing the work done at the Clinics:—

	Sussex County Hospital, Brighton	Royal Portsmouth Hospital	Worthing Hospital	Total
Number of persons dealt with during the year for the first time and found to be suffering from:—				
Syphilis	16	3	29	48
Soft chancre	—	—	1	1
Gonorrhoea	12	10	20	42
Conditions other than venereal	34	7	55	96
Totals	62	20	105	187
Total number of attendances at Out-Patient Clinics	1433	257	3005	4695
Aggregate number of "In-Patient Days" ..	22	48	131	201
Number of doses of Salvarsan Substitute given	267	23	696	986
Number of Pathological Examinations ..	647	157	464	1031

WATER SUPPLY, DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Details regarding Water Supply, Drainage and Sewerage were given in my Annual Report for 1930.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Rural District Councils of Chanctonbury and Worthing have decided that, in future, the cost of water schemes should be a charge, not on the individual parish, but on the district as a whole.

Supplies in the Urban Districts were not, in any instance, seriously affected by the prolonged drought. In the Rural Districts the drought seriously affected supplies in the following districts:—

Chanctonbury R.D. Public supplies were provided in the parishes of Ashington, Amberley, Coldwaltham, Parham and Washington.

Extensions are to be provided for Thakeham and West Chiltington, and schemes for Woodmancote and Shermanbury were commenced early in 1935.

Chichester R.D. Chidham: Public supply provided.

Singleton: Two wells bored and pumps supplied.

Walderton and West Stoke: Water was carried by water barrel from Woodmancote Waterworks.

East Dean: Public supply from a deep well provided.

Boxgrove, Tangmere and Westhampnett: Bognor Regis Water Company mains are to be extended to these parishes.

North Mundham: Scheme for public supply has been proposed but has not yet been proceeded with.

Horsham R.D.

Broadbridge Heath, Slinfold and Warnham: Water was purchased from the Urban District and transported to these parishes.

Midhurst R.D.

New waterworks at Rotherfield were completed and supplies satisfactory.

South Harting: Temporary supply laid on from spring on the Little Green Estate.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Rural District Council of Worthing has decided that, in future, the cost of sewerage over and above a rate equal to 2/- on the whole parish be borne by a charge on the district as a whole.

The sewerage scheme for Lancing progressed during the year, the main pumping station is in working order, all sewerage now being pumped to the Worthing outfall.

HOUSING.

As will be seen from the following Table XIX. prepared from the Reports of the District Medical Officers of Health, 3482 houses were erected in the County during the year, as compared with 2982 during the previous year, as follows:—

Sanitary District.	Total number of New Houses Erected.	With State Assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923 or 1924.		Private Enterprise.
		(i) By Local Authority.	(ii.) By other Bodies or Persons.	
Urban Districts—				
Arundel (M.B.)	14	—	—	14
Bognor Regis	315	—	—	315
Chichester (M.B.)	120	—	—	120
Horsham	88	—	—	88
Littlehampton	127	—	—	127
Shoreham-by-Sea	204	—	—	204
Southwick	177	—	—	177
Worthing (M.B.)	1113	—	—	1113
Total Urban Districts	2158	—	—	2158
Rural Districts—				
Chanctonbury	147	—	—	147
Chichester	337	—	—	337
Horsham	152	26	—	126
Midhurst	63	—	—	63
Petworth	26	—	—	26
Worthing	599	18	—	581
Total Rural Districts	1324	44	—	1280
Total Administrative County	3482	44	—	3438

The following Table XX. shows the number of New Houses erected during the ten years from 1925-1934.

Year.	Total number of New Houses Erected.			With State Assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923 or 1924.						Private Enterprise.		
				(i) By Local Authority.			(ii.) By other Bodies or Persons.					
	Urban Dist.	Rural Dist.	Total	Urban Dist.	Rural Dist.	Total	Urban Dist.	Rural Dist.	Total	Urban Dist.	Rural Dist.	Total
1925	887	754	1641	120	109	229	258	170	428	509	475	984
1926	1021	1072	2093	224	342	566	519	299	818	278	431	709
1927	1045	1116	2161	269	359	628	365	331	696	411	426	837
1928	811	857	1668	195	55	250	162	171	333	454	631	1085
1929	875	767	1642	313	24	337	351	83	434	211	660	871
1930	923	1130	2053	26	102	128	1	11	12	896	1017	1913
1931	958	1174	2132	112	46	158	—	27	27	846	1101	1947
1932	939	1200	2139	60	52	112	—	1	1	879	1147	2026
1933	1766	1216	2982	92	12	104	—	—	—	1674	1204	2878
1934	2158	1324	3482	—	44	44	—	—	—	2158	1280	3438
Totals	11383	10610	21993	1411	1145	2556	1656	1093	2749	8316	8372	16688

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS, 1926-1931.

The operation of this Act has been extended until 1st October, 1936, and it is to be hoped that more use will be made of this Act in future, as undoubtedly there are many cottages in the County which need improvements, such as could be provided by using the provisions of this Act.

Under the approved Scheme the County Council is prepared to make grants limited to £100 for any one house, but no grant will be made where the estimated cost of repairs is less than £50.

The word "repairs" includes:—

Structural alterations and repairs, additions to premises, water supplies and drainage, sanitary conveniences and other like works, but not ordinary repair and upkeep.

All plans, etc., must be approved by the Local Sanitary Authority before a grant can be made.

When the landlord accepts a financial grant, the following conditions apply, viz.:—

1. The estimated value of the dwelling on completion must not exceed £400.
2. The dwelling when completed must be fit for habitation.
3. For 20 years, the tenants must be agricultural workers or persons receiving similar wages.
4. For 20 years, the maximum rent will be "normal agricultural rent," as determined by the County Council, increased by 3% on the owners share in the estimated expenditure on the works.

Since the Act came into operation grants amounting to £3477 have been paid in respect of 44 dwellings.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.

At the end of the year there were under observation the following cases of Mental Deficiency—

Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective—		Cases
Receiving Institutional Care	107	
Under Guardianship	56	
Under supervision of the West Sussex Association for the Care of the Mentally Defective	164	
	—	327
West Sussex Education Committee—		
Attending Special Schools	19	
In other Institutions	—	
In Public Elementary Schools	47	
Not at School	31	
	—	97
		424

The following Statement shows the number of cases receiving Institutional Treatment at the end of the year:—

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS:—

	Male	Female	Total
West Sussex—			
Horsham	—	14	14
East Preston	6	9	15
Midhurst	8	1	9
East Sussex—			
Chailey	12	4	16
Other Areas—			
Caterham Mental Hospital	1	—	1

OTHER INSTITUTIONS:—

Besford Court, Worcester	2	—	2
Dungates, Horeham Road, East Sussex	2	—	2
Girls' Village Home, Essex	—	2	2
House of Help, Bath	—	1	1
Dovenby Hall Colony, Carlisle	1	—	1
Royal Earlswood Institution, Redhill	5	1	6
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	—	2	2
St. Joseph's Home, Sudbury	—	1	1
St. Mary's Home, Alton	—	1	1
St. Teresa's Institution, Lewisham	—	3	3
Whittington Hall, Chesterfield	—	3	3
Dovecot Certified Institution, Liverpool	—	1	1
Coldeast Colony, Sarsibury, Near Southampton	—	25	25
Rampton State Institution, Retford, Notts.	2	—	2
	39	68	107

During the past five years the number of children notified by the West Sussex Education Committee to the Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective is as follows:—

	1930		1931		1932		1933		1934		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Ineducable Children—											
Feeble-minded	1	1	1	1	4	3	2	2	13	10	38
Imbeciles	4	2	3	1	4	3	5	1	3	1	27
Idiots	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
Moral Defectives	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Totals	5	6	5	2	8	6	7	3	18	12	72
Educable Children—											
Notified on leaving special school or under special circumstances ..	1	—	2	1	1	2	2	—	—	1	10
Grand Totals	6	6	7	3	9	8	9	3	18	13	82

There is still considerable difficulty in obtaining accommodation for cases requiring Institutional care, especially for children and high grade cases.

BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

This Act is administered by the Public Health and Housing Committee.

The Scheme of the West Sussex County Council, under Section 2 of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, provides that no person's name shall be added to the Register of Blind Persons, until he or she has been examined and certified to be blind within the meaning of the Act, and such examination, except in the case of persons over 70 years of age whose blindness is not in doubt, shall be carried out by a Medical Practitioner with special experience in ophthalmology.

The West Sussex Association for the Care of the Blind, with the help of the Worthing Society for Befriending the Blind, is responsible for the general supervision of the blind, and the Association gives great assistance in the ascertainment of blind persons residing in the County. The Education Committee deals with children of school age, and with older persons requiring special training in Institutions for the Blind.

The following statement shows the number of cases on the Register:—

31st March, 1922	202
“ “ 1927	255
“ “ 1932	308
“ “ 1935	330

Classified according to age there were in March, 1935:—

— cases under 5 years of age.			
11	“	5—16	“ “
1	“	16—21	“ “
9	“	21—30	“ “
15	“	30—40	“ “
47	“	40—50	“ “
59	“	50—60	“ “
78	“	60—70	“ “
110	“	over 70	“ “
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FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

Statement prepared by Inspector Huggett, shewing samples purchased under the above Act for Analysis by the Public Analyst during the year ended 31st December, 1934.

Description	Number of samples analysed	Result of analysis Genuine	Otherwise
New Milk	184	165	19*
Cream	7	7	—
Butter	16	16	—
Condensed Milk	2	2	—
Bottled Cream	1	1	—
Cornflour	1	1	—
Sausages	18	16	2**
Whiskey	14	14	—
Currants	2	1	1***
Raisins	3	—	3***
Tea	2	2	—
Vinegar	1	1	—
Candied Peel	1	1	—
Mince Meat	1	1	—
Tinned Peas	1	1	—
Glauber Salts	1	1	—
Camphorated Oil	2	2	—
Zinc Ointment	1	1	—
Boracic Ointment	1	1	—
	259	234	25

The average content of the samples of New Milk reported genuine by the Public Analyst was:—
Fat, 3.64%; Solids not fat, 8.95%; Total Solids, 12.59%.

- *7 samples .. Returned by Public Analyst as "slightly deficient." Retailers cautioned and later samples taken to ensure improvement.
- 2 samples .. It was found that the herd were producing sufficient milk for two churns. When the two were mixed the quality was much improved. The farmer was cautioned.
- 1 sample .. Circumstances prevailed which may have led to injustice to retailer. Cautioned.
- 4 samples .. Farmer prosecuted. Fined £15 4s. 6d. inclusive (See Annual Report, 1933—Proceedings pending).
- 2 samples .. Farmer prosecuted. Fined £3 11s. 0d. inclusive. Son prosecuted (Aiding and abetting) Fined £3 11s. 0d. inclusive.
- 3 samples .. Farmer prosecuted. Fined £15 5s. 0d. inclusive.

**These samples contained Sulphur Dioxide in permissible amounts, but no notification was given to purchaser. Retailers cautioned.

***Contained preservative. Retailers cautioned and matter to be taken up with the packers.

MILK AND DAIRIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1915.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

During the year the Public Health and Housing Committee continued to use the Veterinary Surgeons engaged by the Diseases of Animals Committee to carry out the provisions of the Tuberculosis Order made by the Board of Agriculture and adopted the same fees as fixed by the Diseases of Animals Committee.

Arrangements for biological, etc., examination of specimens of milk were continued with the Lister Institute for Preventive Medicine.

During the year sixteen notifications were received from Local Authorities under this Act and in every instance action was taken under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925. Cattle suffering from Tuberculosis were slaughtered in five instances, and in the remaining instances the cattle were found free from evidence of tuberculosis.

In February, Dr. L. Jordan was appointed County Veterinary Officer, and in October four Assistant County Veterinary Officers were appointed. Routine and special examinations are now carried out in the County by the County Veterinary Officer and his Staff. The County Veterinary Officer is now arranging for the routine inspection of all herds in the County.

PORT OF NEW SHOREHAM.

The number of vessels entering the Port during the year was 1288. Of these 971 with a tonnage of 247,654, were from British Ports, and 317 with a tonnage of 78,928, were from Foreign Ports, showing an increase of 92 coast wise and an increase of 40 Foreign Vessels on the previous year.

Inspection.—142 British Vessels and 65 Foreign Vessels were inspected during the year. Three vessels were found with structural defects and five with dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.

Eight notices were given in respect of defects or nuisances found, and two of these have been remedied, but the vessels as to which the other six were served have not since visited the Port.

Infectious Diseases.—No cases of infectious disease have been observed or reported during the year among persons aboard vessels arriving at the port. Printed cards stating the place and times of Venereal Clinics available in the district were given to masters of vessels for the information of the crews. Agreement with Brighton Corporation for removal of any cases to Isolation Hospital.

Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907.—Cargoes of flour and potatoes arrived from British Ports, and vegetables and mineral waters arrived from Foreign Ports. These cargoes were inspected and found in good condition.

Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations, 1915.—Public notices were posted during the year forbidding the removal or taking for sale for human consumption of any shell fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea. No instances of selling shell fish taken from the prohibited area had been observed.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.—Inspections and enquiries were made throughout the year in respect of rat infestation and in one vessel only was any evidence of rat infestation found. One rat was killed by trapping. Rat guards are available for use when required to prevent the passage of rats between the ship and the shore.

Printed cards have been given to the Masters of ships arriving at the Port indicating their responsibilities under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

The Port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratization and Deratization Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention of 1926.

PORT OF LITTLEHAMPTON.

The number of vessels entering the Port during the year was 181, with a tonnage of 33,804. Of these, 170 were from British Ports, and 11 from Foreign Ports, showing an increase of 55 vessels from British Ports compared with last year, and a decrease of 7 from Foreign Ports.

Inspection.—The majority of the vessels were visited and inspected by the Port Sanitary Inspector. Six vessels were found with dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.

Infectious Diseases.—No cases occurred during the year. Arrangements have been made for isolation of cases at the Infectious Diseases Hospital belonging to the Littlehampton Urban District Council. A leaflet containing the information as to the Venereal Clinics available in the area is given to the Master of each vessel entering the Port, who has not previously received one.

Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations, 1915.—No action has been taken during the year.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.—No rat-infested ships entered the Port.

The Port Sanitary Authority has provided rat guards and these are used when deemed necessary.

Baiting and gassing of rats is periodically carried out in the neighbourhood of the wharves.

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