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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1950



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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL OFFICES,
15 MILL ROAD,
WORTHING.
July, 1951.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1950. During the year Dr. Wilshaw, and subsequently Dr. Harrison, were the Medical Officers of Health.

The Death Rate for the District remains higher than for the rest of the country, just as the Birth Rate is lower. Correction factors allow for the higher percentage of old people than in the rest of the country. The Corrected Death Rate of 10.1 is appreciably lower than the Death Rate of 11.6 for England and Wales. The Corrected Birth Rate of 14.3 is still lower than the Rate of 15.8 for England and Wales.

The Infant Death Rate is higher although the number of infant deaths was the same as in the previous year. There were fewer births. Prematurity was responsible for 6 of the 14 deaths.

It is very pleasing to record there were no maternal deaths.

The supply of water to houses improves and 58 fewer people were supplied by wells and 16 wells were eliminated as sources of supply.

I am, Ladies and Gentleman,

Your obedient Servant

FRANK COCKCROFT,
Medical Officer of Health.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.*

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

E. T. OATES, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.I.S.E.

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Chief Clerk :

MISS O. HARDING.

Clerk to Medical Officer of Health :

MISS W. WOODROFFE

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres), 29,779.

Resident Population (1950) estimated by Registrar General, 29,600.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1950, according to Rate Books, 10,010.

Rateable value (1950), £297,925.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate £1,217.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births—	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate ..	333	186	147	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 11.9.
Illegitimate ..	19	10	9	
Stillbirths ..	9	5	4	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 24.95.
Deaths ..	433	226	207	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 14.6.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :—
None.

Deaths of infants under one year of age : 14.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants, per 1,000 live births, 39.8.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births, 39.03.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births, 52.6.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 80.

Deaths from Measles (all ages), None.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), None.

Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age), 2.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1950.

			<i>England and Wales</i>	<i>West Sussex Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Worthing R.D.</i>
Birth Rate	..	..	15.8	12.5	14.3	11.9
Death Rate	..	..	11.6	15.5	12.5	14.6
Infantile Death Rate	..	..	29.8	25	27	39.8
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Death Rate	..	..	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Cancer Death Rate	..	..	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.7
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	..	..	0.86	1.4	0.9	0.0
Scarlet Fever Incidence Rate per 1,000 population ..	..	..	—	—	—	3.98
Diphtheria, Incidence Rate per 1,000 population ..	..	..	—	—	—	0.0
Enteric Fever, Incidence Rate per 1,000 population ..	..	..	—	—	—	0.0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

I. Local Health Authority Services.

Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

The County Council provide Centres at Littlehampton and Arundel. These centres are accessible to some of the residents of the rural parishes adjoining these urban areas.

The County Council also hold Centres within the district at Findon, Lancing, Rustington and Angmering.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held by the County Council at Lancing and Rustington.

School Clinics.

The following Clinics held by the County Council are available for children resident in the district :—

Minor Ailments Clinics, Eye Clinics, and Dental Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Orthopædic Clinics are held at Lancing Health Centre and Chichester Health Centre.

Physiotherapy Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre, and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Speech Therapy Clinics are held at Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre, Chichester Health Centre and Bognor Regis Health Centre.

Children suffering from enlarged tonsils and adenoids are treated at the Sussex Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton.

Tuberculosis Clinic.

A Dispensary is held at Worthing Hospital which is available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases.

The West Sussex County Council have made arrangements entitling residents in the district to attend the Clinics for Venereal Diseases held at Worthing Hospital.

Ambulance Service.

Acting as agent for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police.

Lists, showing names and addresses of midwives, health visitors and general nurses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, of Offices of Local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, County Hall, Chichester. Information as to the situation of clinics and times of sessions may be obtained from the same sources, or from the local midwife, health visitor or general nurse.

II. Hospital and Specialist Services.

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Doctors can arrange whatever forms of treatment are needed for their patients in general or special hospitals, whether as in-patients or out-patients. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to

appropriate charges. All types of cases are thus provided for—medical, surgical, maternity, infectious diseases, and those requiring sanatorium or mental hospital treatment.

The Worthing Group Hospitals comprise Worthing, Southlands, Swandean, Littlehampton and Arundel Hospitals; Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington, and certain Convalescent Homes.

III. General Medical and Dental Services.

Everyone is entitled as part of the arrangements for the National Health Service to general medical and dental care. Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 63, South Street, Chichester.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Byelaws made by the Council under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation on 14th August, 1950.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47—Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention.

It has not been necessary for the Council to take any action under this Section during the year ended December 31st, 1950.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supply

(a) Ten of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains Water Supply, the remaining seven Parishes have piped supplies to a varying extent from private sources.

The following extensions of Mains have been made during the year :—

- (i) By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of :—
- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|-----------|
| Rustington (New Road) | .. | .. | 600 ft. |
| Angmering (Arundel Road) | .. | .. | 1,950 ft. |
| East Preston (Lashmar Road) | .. | .. | 520 ft. |
| (Roundstone Cres.) | .. | .. | 1,250 ft. |

(ii) By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of:—

Lancing (Irene Avenue)		363ft. & 2,841 ft.
(North Farm Road)		153 ft.

(iii) By Worthing Corporation in the Parish of:—

Sompting (Loose Lane)		1,095 ft.
(Peveril Drive)		439 ft.
(Halewick Lane)		514 ft.

In quality the water from public sources was wholesome and laboratory reports satisfactory. Three individual wells were unsatisfactory. The necessary action was taken in these cases to render the supply wholesome.

The quantity of the public supplies is adequate for the needs of the district.

Bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses are made of all public piped supplies by the Water Undertakings concerned at regular intervals, that is to say, by Brighton Corporation, Worthing Corporation, Littlehampton Urban District, and Arundel Borough.

13 samples of water were sent for analysis and examination during the year—1 chemical and 12 bacteriological. These were from Public Supplies owned by Private Companies, and from individual supplies at dwellinghouses. All Public Mains Supplies from Brighton, Arundel, Littlehampton and Worthing Local Authorities are chlorinated.

RESULTS OF SAMPLES FROM PUBLIC SUPPLIES :—

	<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Not Satisfactory.</i>
Rustington Sea Estate Supply	2	0
Worthing R.D.C. (Rustington Lido)	8	0
Individual Wells	0	3

The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The following table gives details of the water supply in each Parish :—

WATER SUPPLIED :—

Parish	(a) Direct to house	Popula- tion	(b) By means of stand- pipes	Popu- lation	(c) Wells	Pop.
Angmering ..	646	1892	—	—	10	28
Burpham ..	66	198	—	—	9	26
Clapham ..	90	270	—	—	7	20
Coombes ..	13	39	—	—	11	32
East Preston ..	761	2214	—	—	30	87
Ferring ..	781	2268	—	—	40	116
Findon ..	367	1067	12	36	5	15
Houghton ..	38	114	—	—	6	17
Kingston ..	85	255	—	—	20	58
Lancing ..	4144	12193	—	—	11	31
Lyminster ..	92	276	—	—	7	20
Patching ..	65	195	—	—	14	41
Poling ..	53	159	—	—	9	26
Rustington ..	1292	3762	—	—	35	102
Sompting ..	1261	3669	—	—	43	126
South Stoke ..	19	57	—	—	8	23
Warningcamp ..	53	159	—	—	3	9
Total ..	9,826	28,787	12	36	268	777

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

(a) Western Area.

There has been no change in the sewerage system which serves the Western Parishes.

(b) Eastern Area.

The system at Lancing has been satisfactory except for offensive odours. As a result of tests it was found that the chlorination of sewage at Lancing immediately prior to its being pumped to Worthing was insufficient to leave a residual of chlorine on arrival at Worthing which would control the odour. It is therefore proposed to instal additional chlorination plant immediately prior to the point of discharge to the sewage tanks at Worthing, so as to overcome this nuisance.

(c) The sewerage scheme for the Parish of Sompting at the end of the year was practically completed so far as Contract No. 1 was concerned. In the latter months of the year it has been possible to proceed with the connection of the drains of houses to the sewer, and at December 31st, 496 such connections had been made.

In order to assist householders in paying for the cost of this work, the Council have put into operation an Assisted Scheme whereby the work is carried out by the Council under contract subject to agreement with the householders to repay the cost of the work over a period of years.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

(a) House Refuse.

Refuse collection has been carried out weekly at all Parishes in the more populated Parishes along the coast, and in the outlying Parishes collections are made twice monthly.

The work is carried out by the use of five moveable-floor rear loading collection vehicles, supplemented by two small side loaders for actual refuse collection, with two small lorries for the removal of more bulky material, and 1 van for waste paper collection and salvage.

Disposal is carried out by controlled tipping in an old lime kiln in the Western Area where satisfactory results are obtained. In the Eastern Area pulverisation of refuse still continues, and the new Tip at Dancton Lane, Sompting, brought into use towards the end of last year is providing satisfactory means for the final disposal of the refuse. During the year, as always, every effort has been made to salvage all possible saleable material, and as the months passed, better markets became available for the disposal of waste paper in particular, and it was possible to secure a contract with one of the largest Paper Mills in the country for a period of five years for its disposal. These new arrangements have proved more than satisfactory, as compared with those in operation previously.

(b) Cesspools.

The Council decided to authorise the emptying of each cesspool four times a year free of charge in respect of each house discharging sewage into the cesspool. As a result of this we no longer hear of cesspools overflowing for considerable periods because the owner or occupier of the house wishes to delay paying for the emptying of the cesspool as long as possible.

(c) Rivers and Streams.

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

Schools :—

No. of County Schools in the District	12
No. with Public Water Supply	0
No. with Well Supply (piped)	0
No. with water closets :—	
(a) Separate pedestal	9
(b) Trough	0
(c) Hand flushed	0
No. with earth closets	3
No. with privy closets	0

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.**FACTORIES ACT, 1937.****1. Inspections.**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	39	26	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ..	74	134	3	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	2	2	—
Total	115	162	7	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	1	2*	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors.	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences :—					
(a) Insufficient ..	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences	3	3	—	—	—
Total	9	9	—	4	—

*Includes one outstanding from previous year.

There are 19 Outworkers in the district.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Shops:—

No. of shops in the District	453
No. of inspections of shops	175
No. of shops where contraventions found	1
No. of shops where contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding)	5

Contraventions remedied:—

Heating provided	2
Washing facilities provided	3
Other improvements	3
	—
	8
	—

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Workplaces and Offices:—

No. of Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	139
No. of Offices	..	..	..	..	..	57
No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	..	52
No. of contraventions found	..	..	..	..	..	3
No. of contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding).	..	..	..	..	..	3

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269.

161 Visits were made to Camping Sites and 125 to individual Moveable Dwellings.

There is provision for approximately 546 caravans in the district. The facilities at the caravan sites are very good, probably as good as any in the country.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Where infestations are found the necessary notices are served. The work of disinfection is usually carried out by the Council on payment of the necessary fee.

Four Council houses and seven other houses were found to be infested. All were disinfested.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There were no smoke nuisances during the year.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the District where Rag Flock is used, manufactured, or sold.

MOSQUITOES.

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There is only one Swimming Pool in the District. The Pool is kept in a clean and satisfactory condition and is provided with a chlorination plant, which is maintained in satisfactory operation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out :—

No. of inspections made	5,039
Complaints made by the public	313
Infestations found as a result of above	313
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	202
Total number of premises where nuisances found ..	515

Premises where nuisances remedied :—

Rats : Major	85
Minor	422
Mice : Major	1
Minor	51
TOTAL	559
No. of block control operations (2 or more premises)	82
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee	2

Summary.

Total number of rats found dead	1,193
Total number of rats estimated destroyed	9,837
Total number of mice found dead	563

HOUSING.

Set out below are details of the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District, together with a summary of the Council's Housing Programme for the future.

(a) Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1950	912
Total number of applications received during 1950 ..	343
Total number families re-housed during 1950	187
Number of houses at present held under requisitioning by Council at 31st December, 1950	48

Number of families re-housed therein at 31st December, 1950 51

Number of other dwellings, Army Huts, etc., requisitioned, and the number of families re-housed therein—

{ Army Huts	11
{ Families	16

So far as the Council's Housing Programme for the future is concerned, up to 31st December, 1950, Tenders were accepted for the erection of the following—

Traditional Houses. Worthing R.D.C. :—

Houses under Construction at 31/12/50.

Lashmar Road, East Preston	6
Walders Road, Rustington	8
Irene Avenue, Lancing	28
—	42

Houses not started but under contract at 31/12/50 :—

Lashmar Road, East Preston	6
Walders Road, Rustington	8
—	14
TOTAL	56

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of New Houses erected during 1950.

Parish.	Total	Private Enterprise	With State Assistance under Housing Acts.	
			By Local Authority	By other bodies or persons
Angmering ..	4	4	0	0
Burpham ..	0	0	0	0
Clapham	0	0	0	0
Coombes ..	0	0	0	0
East Preston ..	39	3	36	0
Ferring	4	4	0	0
Findon	2	2	0	0
Houghton ..	0	0	0	0
Kingston ..	0	0	0	0
Lancing	48	8	40	0
Lyminster ..	0	0	0	0
Patching ..	0	0	0	0
Poling	0	0	0	0
Rustington ..	3	3	0	0
Sompting	72	0	72	0
South Stoke ..	0	0	0	0
Warningcamp ..	0	0	0	0
TOTALS ..	172	24	148	0

A. HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The position on the 31st December, 1950, regarding houses in the pre-war Slum Clearance Programme is as follows:—

	Sec. 25	Sec. 11	Total
1. Houses demolished	12	76	88
2. Houses rendered fit	0	21	21
3. Houses put out of use for human habitation	2	23	25
4. Houses where no further action required	27	0	27
5. Total Items 1 to 4	41	120	161
6. In respect of which action is still necessary but was not completed by 31st December, 1950 ..	0	0	43
7. Total Items 5 to 6	41	120	204
Houses unoccupied with Clearance Orders operative ..			0
Houses demolished			88
Houses rendered fit			21
Houses unoccupied with Demolition Orders operative ..			4
Houses occupied with Demolition Orders operative ..			23
Houses unoccupied with undertakings not to re-let ..			25
Houses unoccupied with action deferred or awaiting receipt of formal undertaking not to re-let			0
Houses occupied under or awaiting consideration ..			43
TOTAL			204
Total number of people displaced as a result of action taken under Slum Clearance to year ending 31st December, 1950			373

B. HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,008
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2,432

(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	643
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	856
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	779

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	465
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	4
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owners	12
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0

(b) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—*

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	11
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	
(a) By Owners	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	2

(c) <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	5
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..	0
(d) <i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

C. OVERCROWDING.

(a) (1) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	12
(2) No. of families dwelling therein	20
(3) No. of persons dwelling therein	105
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	10
(c) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	15
No. of persons concerned in such cases ..	70
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0

D. RURAL HOUSING.

The number of building licences issued which resulted in housing repairs of one kind or another being undertaken was 96, and covered essential works costing £24,522 14s. 1d. Thus it will be seen that the improvements carried out to dwellings throughout the District are indeed considerable.

CATEGORIES:—

Category	Condition of Dwelling	Normal Action
1	Satisfactory in all respect.	No action.
2	Minor defects.	Informal action or Public Health Acts.
3	Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.	Section 9 or Section 11, Housing Act, 1936. Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.
4	Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.	Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, Section 11, Housing Act, 1936. Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.	Section 11 (individual houses), Section 25 (Clearance Areas), Housing Act, 1936.

A. CLASSIFICATION.

PARISH	No. of houses at or below £30 R.V.	CATEGORIES :—				
	TOTAL	1	2	2	4	5
Angmering ..	511	148	111	252	63	26
Burpham ..	50	6	3	41	37	6
Clapham ..	85	50	6	29	14	6
Coombes ..	22	0	5	17	7	6
East Preston ..	459	226	133	100	16	5
Ferring ..	516	145	262	109	3	8
Findon ..	276	0	104	172	68	14
Houghton..	41	1	3	37	23	16
Kingston ..	20	2	5	13	5	2
Lancing ..	3461	869	380	2212	46	63
Lyminster ..	79	3	11	65	36	18
Patching ..	60	15	8	37	24	3
Poling ..	50	14	2	34	22	11
Rustington ..	767	141	292	334	3	0
Sompting ..	1204	238	810	156	43	17
South Stoke ..	22	1	3	18	10	7
Warningcamp ..	55	15	10	30	20	4
TOTAL ..	7,678	1874	2148	3656	440	212

It is only possible for major repairs, such as those in Categories 4 and 5, to be carried out when a house becomes vacant and is acquired for personal accommodation by the new owner.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

As a result of these Regulations a good deal of co-operation between producer and the Public Health Department has been lost, because the supervision of milk production has passed out of the Local Authority's hands.

Number of Milk Distributors registered	8
Number of Premises registered as Dairies.. .. .	9
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	5
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Tuberculin Tested" milk	9
Number of "Supplementary" Licences to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk within the District	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Pasteurised" milk	5
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Pasteurised" milk	8
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Pasteurised" milk within the District	4

Number of inspections made :—

(1) Cowsheds	4
(2) Milkshops and Dairies	13
(3) Vehicles	19
Number of contraventions of the Regulations found ..	1
Number of contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding)	1
Number of Summonses issued under the Regulations ..	0

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year.

			Tuberculin Tested	Pasteurised	Un-graded
Taken by County Council	..	..	5	0	0
Taken by own Sanitary Authority	..	..	15	28	1
Total Number taken	..	..	20	28	1

Methylene Blue Test

Number complying with standard	..	11	26	1
Number not complying with standard		2	0	0

Phosphatase Test

Number complying with standard	..	0	27	0
Number not complying with standard		0	0	0

Animal Innoculation for presence of Tubercle Bacilli

Number satisfying test	..	..	7	0	0
Number not satisfying test	..	..	0	0	0

The results are very satisfactory.

ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered for manufacture	..	..	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale			21
No. of premises registered for retail only	..	..	73
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold			222
No. of samples taken	..	..	163

Of the 163 samples taken :— 42 were Grade 1; 64 were Grade 2; 39 were Grade 3; 18 were Grade 4.

These are not as satisfactory as they should be and greater efforts will be made to improve these results in the future.

MEAT.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	.. 0	0	1	0	22
Number inspected	.. 0	0	1	0	22

All diseases except Tuberculosis:

Whole carcasses condemned	.. 0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	.. 0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected other than Tuberculosis	 0	0	0	0	0

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses condemned	.. 0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	.. 0	0	0	0	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	 0	0	0	0	9.1%

The total weight of Meat found to be unfit for human consumption is as follows :—

Affected with Tuberculosis 1 qtrs. 1 lbs. Pork.

Affected with other diseases :—

5 cwt. 1 qtr. 4 lbs. $5\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.

Home Killed Beef.

24 lbs. 12 ozs.

Home Killed Mutton.

1 cwt. 2 qtrs. 14 lbs. 6 ozs.

Imported Beef.

1 qtr. 22 lbs. $10\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

Manufacturing Meat (Imported)

The total amount of Meat condemned was :—

7 cwts. 3 qtrs. 11 lbs. $2\frac{1}{4}$ ozs.

The condemned food was in every case surrendered voluntarily, and either returned to the Government Slaughterhouse concerned for disposal, utilised for pig swill, or disposed of to Fat Extractors.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops.

No. of Slaughterhouses in the district	4
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	2
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	23
No. of Meat Shops in the district	20
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	677
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws	2
No. of Notices complied with	1

BAKEHOUSES.

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least once, and all were very clean and satisfactory.

No. of Bakehouses in District	17
No. underground	0
No. of inspections	37
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	0

OTHER FOODS.

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations :—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	78
No. of seizures	2
No. of summonses issued	0

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.

A new survey of all food premises is in progress. This, and increased vigilance on the part of the Inspectors are the principal weapons in the Clean Food Campaign.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

Houses under Housing Act	643
Housing Act re-inspections	658
Houses inspected for overcrowding	706
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	365
Public Health Act re-inspections	1,774
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	646
Cinemas	2
Animals premises	23
Complaints investigated	127
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	231
Smoke tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	3
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	5,039
Number of Camping Sites inspected	161
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	125
Visits to obtain samples of water	13
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	797
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	1,203
Miscellaneous visits	1,689
Infectious Diseases	208
Rooms disinfected	117
Slaughterhouses	23
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	678
Fish Shops	267
Ice Cream Premises	222
Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens	147
Other Food Premises	186
Cowsheds	4
Dairies and Milkshops	13
Vehicles	19
Bakehouses	37
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	136
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	26
Workplaces and Offices	52
Shops Act	175
Petroleum Acts	9
 TOTAL number of inspections made	 16,524

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifications Received:—

	Under 1 year	1 — 2	3 — 4	5 — 9	10 — 14	15 — 24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	5	22	76	11	2	2	118
Whooping Cough	—	3	8	14	—	—	2	27
Ac. Poliomyelitis :—								
Paralytic	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3
Non-Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	1	8	6	—	—	2	17
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Under 5 years	5 — 14	15 — 44	45 — 64	65 and over	Total
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	2	2
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	1	1	2
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	1	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	5	—	—	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—

		Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	..	118	96	0
Whooping Cough	..	27	1	0
Ac. Poliomyelitis	..	3	3	0
Measles		17	0	0
Pneumonia		2	0	1
Erysipelas		2	0	0
Food Poisoning	..	2	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	5	5	0

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows :—

	Estimated population Mid-year, 1950	Total number of children immunised.
Under 5 years of age ..	2,209	908
5—14 years of age ..	4,255	2,798

In addition, 137 children received a third reinforcing dose.

No cases of Diphtheria was notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis.

Three case of Poliomyelitis (paralytic) were notified. All were removed to Hospital. One case made a complete recovery. The other two cases were transferred to Orthopaedic Hospitals for further treatment.

Scarlet Fever.

Scarlet Fever was more prevalent than in recent years. The majority of cases occurred in the Lancing area.

Food Poisoning.

Salmonella typhi-murium in duck eggs was responsible for the two notified cases of Food Poisoning. One case died in hospital. Two other persons living in the same house were found excreting the organisms and one has remained a chronic carrier in her stools.

In an outbreak during which there were no notifications, about one hundred people were affected, most of them mildly. Staphylococcus pyogenes was believed to be the agent and various foods were involved

from contamination by the hand of a kitchen worker. As soon as the cause was discovered and dealt with, there was no further sickness or diarrhoea.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory at Brighton is now in full use for the examination of bacteriological specimens.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1950.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
35	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	6	4	2	3	3	0	0	0

No person was certified as dying from pulmonary tuberculosis who had not been notified during life.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) REGULATIONS, 1925.

It has not been necessary to serve any notice under these Regulations, which prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis taking part in the production of milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 172.

No action has had to be taken by the Council under this Section which empowers Sanitary Authorities in special cases to apply for a Magistrate's Order to remove tuberculous persons to an institution for isolation.

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