

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITYNEDLANDS CITY COUNCILSALVATION ARMY BOYS' HOMETHE CHIEF INSPECTOR.

Above inspected on 7th September 1962, in company of Dr. E. Roberts, Medical Officer (Pre-School), and Brigadier Pearce.

ENROLLMENT.

There are at present 91 boys between the ages of 6 years to 14 years and 1 pre-school boy under 5 years of age. Of these, 18 are aged between 6 and 8 years. There are usually a total of 100 boys.

ACCOMMODATION.

This is provided in dormitories and smaller rooms as under:-

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>BEDS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	16	Slightly overcrowded.
2	10	
3	4	
4	4	Prefects aged 14 years.
5	6	
6	9	8 years old boys. Slightly overcrowded.
7	16	5-6 years old. Overcrowded.
8	2	
9	5	Slightly overcrowded.
10	30	Very overcrowded.
<u>Total</u>		<u>102 Beds</u>

The degree of overcrowding was by visual observation of distances between beds which were not the minimum of 3' apart, though none were less than 1 foot many were approx. 2 feet apart.

To comply with the accepted standard, a rough estimate is that there are a total of 12 beds in excess of that which should be allowed, i.e. accommodation is suitable for 90 beds.

Light and ventilation of rooms satisfactory except in No.9 the natural light to which is restricted by adjoining section of building.

All rooms were clean though walls have been scribbled on. Repainting is intended when funds permit.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

1 W.C. in Dormitory block	}	In separate section 70 feet from dormitories under covered access.
5 w.c.'s		
7 feet stainless steel urinal.		
2 wash basins.		

These are adequate.

One asbestos wall of dormitory w.c. cracked.

One pedestal pan in separate toilet block - cracked at flushing rim.

All fixtures and compartments found clean.

ABLUTIONS.

This is in a separate block approximately 150 feet from dormitories of which 100 feet is not protected from the weather.

15

7 showers.
 10 wash basins.
 10ft. of foot bath.
 1 plunge bath.
 These are adequate.

Asbestos walls are badly stained by action of soap and ceiling requires repainting. Funds have been allocated for the necessary repainting of these walls and ceiling.

DINING ROOM. Fly wired and found clean and satisfactory.

KITCHEN.

Clean and satisfactory except for defective lino covering of kitchen table. This was pointed out to Brig. Pearce who promised to remedy this.

PANTRY.

A number of blow-flies present. These could have gained entry through ceiling vent which is not flywired.

Insufficient ventilation in this room was due to window not capable of being opened as lower section was obstructed by stacked provisions. This too was pointed out for attention.

LAUNDRY. Satisfactory.

RUBBISH & SWILL BINS.

These bins are sighted outside kitchen window.

None of the lids close fitting and the contents attracted numerous flies and blowflies.

Brig. Pearce stated he intended to reside these bins under a tree 60ft. from kitchen. I recommended that a concrete platform be built for storage of bins and that close fitting lids be provided.

SUMMARY.

- (1) General cleanliness of this institution found satisfactory.
- (2) By visual estimation there are 12 beds in excess of the number 90, which should be allowed.
- (3) The present number of boys is 92 and if this figure is not increased, conditions could be considered satisfactory. However, there are occasions when about 102 boys just have to be accommodated.
- (4) The following defects require attention:-
 - (a) cracked asbestos wall in dormitory w.c.
 - (b) one cracked w.c. pan in main toilet block requires renewal.
 - (c) walls and ceiling of shower block require repainting.
 - (d) pantry requires fly-proofing of ceiling vent and re-siting of provisions to permit window being opened for ventilation.
 - (e) kitchen table requires covering with new impervious material.
 - (f) rubbish and swill bins require close fitting lids.

(Sgd) INSPECTOR

12th September 1962.