

DIVISION OF HOSPITALS

(1) HOSPITAL BOARD EXPENDITURE

Actual Payments by Hospital Boards for Both Capital and Maintenance :—

					£
1947-48	..	..	..	..	7,908,487
1946-47	..	..	..	..	7,116,181
1938-39	..	..	..	..	2,895,969

Of their total amounts, the amounts provided by levy on ratepayers were :—

					£
1947-48	..	..	..	..	1,374,441
1946-47	..	..	..	..	1,889,209
1938-39	..	..	..	..	994,071

The fall in the levy in 1947-48 is due to the introduction of the stabilized rate.

Estimated Payments by Hospital Boards for 1948-49 are approximately :—

					1948-49 £
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	8,000,000
Capital	..	..	..	..	1,860,000
					£9,860,000

The estimated capital expenditure is unlikely to be realized, as building projects usually take rather longer to complete than is estimated by Hospital Boards.

The estimated maintenance expenditure for 1948-49, £8,000,000, compares with £6,637,878 for the previous year. Of the increase, £761,336 is accounted for by salaries and wages.

(2) DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTIONS EXPENDITURE

The actual cost of the institutions conducted by the Department which is not included in the above figures under (1) are as follows :—

					1946-47 £	1947-48 £
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	150,701	169,807
Capital	..	..	..	..	20,596	50,883

The above costs for Hospital Boards and departmental institutions do not include the expenditure on mental hospitals or the £252,850 paid from Social Security Fund for treatment in private medical and surgical hospitals or the £214,963 paid from the Fund for the treatment in private maternity hospitals during the year.