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FIRST POLIO VACCINE INJECTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN THE
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TO BE GIVEN ON TUESDAY MORNING
8th MAY.

The first injections of polio vaccine will be given to children in the County of Middlesex at various clinics in the county starting on Tuesday, 8th May, 1956. On that day a group of 75 children of mixed ages are being called for injection at 10 a.m. at the Middlesex County Council (Central Hendon) Clinic where press facilities will be given.

The injections at this Clinic will be given by a woman, Dr. K.M. Bodkin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Middlesex County Council's Area Medical Officer. Present to witness these first injections will be a polio in a wheel chair, 48 year old Mr. S. Graham Rowlandson (immediate past Chairman of the Middlesex County Council), who is National Chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship and Chairman of the North-east Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Mr. Rowlandson contracted polio in 1945 and this paralysed him from the waist downwards, leaving him to spend the rest of his life in a wheel chair.

The Ministry of Health have allocated to the Middlesex County Council 7,916 doses of the polio vaccine and have promised delivery within a few days. Of the estimated number of 247,300 children eligible in Middlesex, 79,290 or 32% were registered for injection. It is expected that children will receive their second injection about three weeks after the first depending upon delivery of supplies of the vaccine.

Requests for photographic facilities to be made to Public Relations Officer, Middlesex County Council at above address, please.

The Middlesex County Council (Central Hendon) Clinic is at The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4. (at the rear of the Public Library). Nearest station, Hendon Central.

Daily Mail
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How sweet

THE first polio vaccinations will be carried out at Oldham, Lancashire tomorrow. After the "jab" each of the 130 children will be given a lollipop or sweet.

Telegraph
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MONDAY START ON INJECTIONS

POLIO SAFEGUARD

Daily Telegraph Reporter

First supplies of poliomyelitis vaccine were received yesterday by a number of health authorities. Others will receive supplies to-day. Invitations to attend clinics were sent out in many areas and the first children will be vaccinated on Monday. By the end of the week the work will be in full swing.

The vaccine, sent direct from the makers, Glaxo Laboratories, is going to 200 health authorities. Enough will be issued to give first injections to about 200,000 children aged two to nine.

London County Council will begin injections at schools and clinics on Tuesday. More than 13,000 children are due to attend. The work will be spread over a week.

SAFETY TEST PASSED BY POLIO DRUG

Express Science Reporter

THE first two batches of British-made polio vaccine—enough for about 200,000 doses—have passed all the Medical Research Council's searching tests, it was disclosed last night.

This means the Government's plan to begin vaccination against polio this month can now go ahead as planned.

An announcement to this effect will be made by the Health Minister, Mr. Robin Turton, who was advised to release the vaccine by the Medical Research Council yesterday. Health Ministry experts will decide which of the 1,610,899

children who have been registered for vaccination will be given the vaccine first.

Scientists led by Dr. Walter Perry have worked at top pressure for weeks at the Medical Research Council's Mill Hill laboratory to ensure that the vaccine was subjected to every possible safety test.

Their success is a great triumph for the manufacturers who have produced an entirely new vaccine at short notice.

Further batches are now at Mill Hill undergoing the tests. They take about five weeks.

IN COPENHAGEN yesterday the Queen of Denmark opened a new polio institute. She said: "I have found it a great relief to have my own children protected." So far 430,000 Danish school children have been inoculated without ill effects.

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