

2.7. Data on causes of death among miners and men who worked in and around collieries, provided by the Registrar of Easington Poor Law Union, 1853-63.

Cause of death	Numbers
Smallpox, cholera and fever	35
Disease of the brain, including apoplexy, paralysis, and tetanus	33
Disease of the heart and dropsy	60
Phthisis	56
Diseases of the lungs, including bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma	41
Diseases of the liver	17
Diseased joints	2
Abscess, haemorrhage and cancer	11
Disease of the kidneys	4
Old age and exhaustion	45
Violence (includes accidents)	166 (including 1 by suffocation, 2 by burning, 2 by feloniously cutting and stabbing)
TOTAL	470

Source: Robert Wilson, *The Coal Miners of Durham and Northumberland: their Habits and Diseases*: A Paper read before the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Newcastle, 1st September 1863; Earl Grey Pamphlets Collection University of Durham, p.13.