



Isabella Hazard 1819 - 1831

The first incidence of the deadly disease Cholera in England occurred in Sunderland in October 1831. A ship from the Baltic States carrying sailors who had the disease docked at the Port, against the government quarantine regulations at the time.

One of its first named victims was a young girl called Isabella Hazard who lived near the Fish Quay. Isabella suddenly fell ill and died within 24 hours. The cholera disease is not spread by normal person to person contact, but is spread through water contaminated by the cholera bacterium. From Sunderland this deadly disease made its way northwards into Scotland and southwards towards London and thousands of lives were lost.