
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 182

The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART III

FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS

Frequency of inspections

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (5), the Regulation and Improvement Authority shall arrange for premises which are used as an establishment, or for the purposes of an agency, to be inspected –

- (a) in the case of a residential care home, nursing home or children's home, a minimum of twice in every 12 month period; and
- (b) in any other case, a minimum of once in every 12 month period.

(2) Where a residential care home, nursing home or children's home has been registered for the first time, in accordance with provisions contained in Articles 4 to 7 of the Commencement No. 3 Order, no further inspection shall be required in the 12 month period between 1st April 2005 and 31st March 2006.

(3) In the case of an establishment or agency, carried on by a person other than an existing provider, which is a residential care home, nursing home or a children's home and in respect of which a person is registered for the first time –

- (a) between 1st April and 30th September in a 12 month period, only one inspection is to be carried out in that period;
- (b) between 1st October and 31st March in a 12 month period, no inspection shall be required in that period.

(4) In the case of an establishment or agency, carried on by a person other than an existing provider or a home mentioned in paragraph (3), in respect of which a person is registered for the first time in a 12 month period, no inspection shall be required in that period.

(5) Any inspection referred to in paragraphs (1) or (3) may be unannounced.

(6) In this regulation "12 month period" means a period commencing on and including 1st April in any year and ending on 31st March in the following year.