
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management
and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

PART 2

Accountable officers

Persons who may be appointed as accountable officers

5.—(1) An independent hospital may only nominate or appoint a person as its accountable officer if—

- (a) the person is—
 - (i) its registered manager, or
 - (ii) one of its officers or employees who is answerable to its registered manager, and if the person is its registered manager, he must be answerable to the chief executive, chairman or managing director of the hospital; and
- (b) the person does not routinely supply, administer or dispose of controlled drugs as part of his duties.

(2) Two or more independent hospitals may jointly nominate or appoint one registered manager to be the accountable officer for both or all of the hospitals if the registered manager —

- (a) is registered as manager in relation to both or all of the hospitals; and
- (b) does not routinely supply, administer or dispose of controlled drugs as part of his duties.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a designated body which is not an independent hospital may only nominate or appoint a person as its accountable officer if—

- (a) the person is an officer or employee of the designated body, and—
 - (i) a member of the board of directors, or the management or executive committee of the designated body,
 - (ii) a member of the body (howsoever it may be called) that has the responsibility for the management of the designated body, or
 - (iii) is answerable to a person referred to in paragraph (i) or (ii); and
- (b) the person does not routinely supply, administer or dispose of controlled drugs as part of his duties.

(4) Two or more designated bodies which are not independent hospitals but which are of the same type may jointly nominate or appoint one person to be the accountable officer for both or all of the bodies, if—

- (a) the person satisfies paragraph (3)(a) in relation to one of the designated bodies;
- (b) each designated body is satisfied that the person can properly discharge his responsibilities in relation to it; and

(c) the person does not routinely supply, administer or dispose of controlled drugs as part of his duties.

(5) In this regulation—

“registered manager”, in relation to an independent hospital, means the person who is registered under Part III of the 2003 Order as the manager of the hospital.