
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 325

Private and Voluntary Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002

PART I
GENERAL

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Private and Voluntary Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 1st April 2002.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to establishments, as defined in regulation 2(1), in Wales.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Care Standards Act 2000;

“appropriate office” (“*swyddfa briodol*”) means in relation to an establishment—

- (a) if an office has been specified under paragraph (2) for the area in which the establishment is situated, that office;
- (b) in any other case, any office of the National Assembly;

“dentist” (“*deintydd*”) means a person registered in the dentists register under the Dentists Act 1984(1);

“establishment” (“*sefydliad*”) means an independent hospital, including an independent hospital in which treatment or nursing (or both) are provided for persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983(2), or an independent clinic;

“general practitioner” (“*ymarferydd*”) means a medical practitioner who—

- (a) provides general medical services within the meaning of Part II of the NHS Act;
- (b) performs personal medical services in connection with a pilot scheme under the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997(3); or
- (c) provides services which correspond to services provided under Part II of the NHS Act, otherwise than in pursuance of that Act;

“health care professional” (“*proffesionolyn gofal iechyd*”) means a person who is registered as a member of any profession to which section 60(2) of the Health Act 1999(4) applies, or who is a clinical psychologist or child psychotherapist and “health care profession” shall be construed accordingly;

(1) 1984 c. 24.
(2) 1983 c. 20.
(3) 1997 c. 46.
(4) 1999 c. 8.

“medical device” (“*dyfais feddygol*”) has the same meaning as in the Medical Devices Regulations 1994⁽⁵⁾;

“medical practitioner” (“*ymarferydd meddygol*”) means a registered medical practitioner⁽⁶⁾;

“midwife” (“*bydwraig*”) means a registered midwife⁽⁷⁾ who has notified her intention to practise to the local supervisory authority in accordance with any rules made under section 14(1)(b) of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997⁽⁸⁾;

“National Assembly” (“*Cynulliad Cenedlaethol*”) means the National Assembly for Wales;

“the NHS Act” (“*Deddf y GIG*”) means the National Health Service Act 1977⁽⁹⁾;

“organisation” (“*corff*”) means a body corporate ;

“patient” (“*claf*”), in relation to an establishment , means a person for whom treatment is provided in or for the purposes of the establishment;

“patients' guide” (“*arweiniad y cleifion*”) means the guide compiled in accordance with regulation 6;

“practising privileges” (“*breintiau ymarfer*”), in relation to a medical practitioner, refers to the grant to a person who is not employed in an independent hospital of permission to practise in that hospital;

“registered manager” (“*rheolwr cofrestredig*”), in relation to an establishment, means a person who is registered under Part II of the Act as the manager of the establishment;

“registered person” (“*person cofrestredig*”), in relation to an establishment, means any person who is the registered provider or the registered manager of the establishment;

“registered provider” (“*darparydd cofrestredig*”), in relation to an establishment, means a person who is registered under Part II of the Act as the person carrying on the establishment;

“responsible individual” (“*unigolyn cyfrifol*”) shall be construed in accordance with regulation 9;

“specialist medical register” (“*cofrestr feddygol arbenigol*”) means the register of specialists kept and published by the General Medical Council in accordance with the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order 1995⁽¹⁰⁾;

“statement of purpose” (“*datganiad o ddiben*”) means the written statement compiled in accordance with regulation 5;

“treatment” (“*triniaeth*”) includes palliative care, nursing and listed services, within the meaning of section 2 of the Act⁽¹¹⁾.

(2) The National Assembly may specify an office controlled by it as the appropriate office in relation to establishments situated in a particular area of Wales.

(3) In these Regulations, a reference—

- (a) to a numbered regulation or Schedule is to the regulation in, or Schedule to, these Regulations bearing that number;
- (b) in a regulation or Schedule to a numbered paragraph, is to the paragraph in that regulation or Schedule bearing that number;

(5) S.I.1994/3017.

(6) See the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30), Schedule 1, as amended by the Medical Act 1983 (c. 54), section 56(1), Schedule 5, paragraph 18.

(7) See the Interpretation Act 1978, Schedule 1. A definition of “registered” in relation to midwives was inserted by the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (c. 36), Schedule 7, paragraph 30.

(8) 1997 c. 24.

(9) 1977 c. 49.

(10) S.I. 1995/3208, as amended by S.I. 1997/2928, 1999/1373 and 3154.

(11) See section 2(7).

- (c) in a paragraph to a lettered or numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph in that paragraph bearing that letter or number.

(4) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears, references to employing a person include employing a person whether under a contract of service or a contract for services and references to an employee or to a person being employed shall be construed accordingly.

Meaning of “independent hospital”

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), for the purposes of section 2 of the Act, “listed services” include treatment using any of the following techniques or technology—

- (a) a Class 3B or Class 4 laser product, as defined in Part I of British Standard EN 60825-1 (Radiation safety of laser products and systems)(**12**);
- (b) an intense light, being broadband non-coherent light which is filtered to produce a specified range of wavelengths, such filtered radiation being delivered to the body, with the aim of causing thermal, mechanical or chemical damage to structures such as hair follicles and skin blemishes while sparing surrounding tissues;
- (c) haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis;
- (d) endoscopy;
- (e) hyperbaric oxygen therapy, being the administration of pure oxygen through a mask to a patient who is in a sealed chamber which is gradually pressurised with compressed air, except where the primary use of that chamber is—
 - (i) pursuant to regulation 6(3)(b) of the Diving at Work Regulations 1997(**13**) or regulation 8 or 12 of the Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996(**14**); or
 - (ii) otherwise for the treatment of workers in connection with the work which they perform; and
- (f) *in vitro* fertilisation techniques, being treatment services for which a licence may be granted under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990(**15**).

(2) “Listed services” shall not include treatment using the following techniques or technology—

- (a) treatment for the relief of muscular and joint pain using an infra-red heat treatment lamp;
- (b) treatment using a Class 3B laser product where such treatment is carried out by or under the supervision of a health care professional;
- (c) the use of an apparatus (not being an apparatus falling within paragraph (1)(b)) for acquiring an artificial suntan, consisting of a lamp or lamps emitting ultraviolet rays.

(3) For the purposes of section 2 of the Act, establishments of the following descriptions are excepted from being independent hospitals—

- (a) an establishment which is a hospital by virtue of section 2(3)(a)(i) solely because its main purpose is to provide medical or psychiatric treatment for illness or mental disorder but which provides no overnight beds for patients;
- (b) an establishment which is a service hospital within the meaning of section 13(9) of the Armed Forces Act 1981(**16**);

(12) Copies of BS EN 60825-1 may be obtained from BSI Customer Services, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL.

(13) S.I. 1997/2776.

(14) S.I. 1996/1656.

(15) 1990 c. 37.

(16) 1981 c. 55.

- (c) an establishment which is, or forms part of, a prison, remand centre, young offender institution or secure training centre within the meaning of the Prison Act 1952⁽¹⁷⁾;
 - (d) an establishment which is an independent clinic by virtue of regulation 4;
 - (e) an establishment (not being a health service hospital) which has as its sole or main purpose the provision by a general practitioner or practitioners of general medical services within the meaning of Part II of the NHS Act or personal medical services in connection with a pilot scheme under the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997; and such an establishment shall not become an independent hospital as the result of the provision of listed services to a patient or patients by such a general practitioner or practitioners;
 - (f) the private residence of a patient or patients in which treatment is provided to such patient or patients but to no-one else;
 - (g) sports grounds and gymnasias where health care professionals provide treatment to persons taking part in sporting activities and events; and
 - (h) a surgery or consulting room, not being part of a hospital, where a medical practitioner provides medical services solely under arrangements made on behalf of the patients by their employer or another person.
- (4) Sub-section (7) of section 2 of the Act shall be modified by adding at the end of paragraph (e) (cosmetic surgery) the following—
- “other than—
- (i) ear and body piercing;
 - (ii) tattooing;
 - (iii) the subcutaneous injection of a substance or substances into the skin for cosmetic purposes; and
 - (iv) the removal of hair roots or small blemishes on the skin by the application of heat using an electric current.”.

Meaning of “independent clinic”

4.—(1) For the purposes of the Act, establishments of the following kinds are independent clinics—

- (a) a walk-in centre, in which one or more medical practitioners provide services of a kind which, if provided in pursuance of the NHS Act, would be provided as general medical services under Part II of that Act; and
- (b) a surgery or consulting room in which a medical practitioner who provides no services in pursuance of the NHS Act provides medical services of any kind (including psychiatric treatment) otherwise than under arrangements made on behalf of the patients by their employer or another person.

(2) Where two or more medical practitioners use different parts of the same premises as a surgery or consulting room, or use the same surgery or consulting room at different times, each of the medical practitioners shall be regarded as carrying on a separate independent clinic unless they are in practice together.

⁽¹⁷⁾ 1952 c. 52. See section 53(1) and section 43, as substituted by the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48) section 11 and amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33), the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33) and the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53).

Statement of purpose

5.—(1) The registered person shall compile in relation to the establishment a statement on paper (in these Regulations referred to as “the statement of purpose”) which shall consist of a statement as to the matters listed in Schedule 1.

(2) The registered person shall provide a copy of the statement of purpose to the appropriate office of the National Assembly and shall make a copy of it available upon request for inspection at any reasonable time by every patient and any person acting on behalf of a patient.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) the registered person shall ensure that the establishment is conducted in a manner which is consistent with its statement of purpose.

(4) Nothing in paragraph (3), regulation 14(1) or 24(1) and (2) shall require or authorise the registered person to contravene, or not comply with—

- (a) any other provision of these Regulations; or
- (b) the conditions for the time being in force in relation to the registration of the registered person under Part II of the Act.

Patients' guide

6.—(1) The registered person shall produce a written guide to the establishment (in these Regulations referred to as “the patients' guide”) which shall include—

- (a) a summary of the statement of purpose;
- (b) the terms and conditions in respect of services to be provided for patients, including as to the amount and method of payment of charges by patients for all aspects of their treatment;
- (c) a standard form of contract for the provision of services and facilities by the registered provider to patients;
- (d) a summary of the complaints procedure established under regulation 22;
- (e) a summary of the results of the most recent consultation conducted in accordance with regulation 16(3);
- (f) the address and telephone number of the appropriate office of the National Assembly; and
- (g) the most recent inspection report prepared by the National Assembly or information as to how a copy of that report may be obtained.

(2) The registered person shall provide a copy of the first patients' guide to the appropriate office of the National Assembly, and shall ensure that a copy of the current version of the patient's guide is provided to every patient and any person acting on behalf of a patient.

Review of statement of purpose and patients' guide

7. The registered person shall—

- (a) keep under review and, where appropriate, revise the statement of purpose and the content of the patients' guide; and
- (b) whenever practicable notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of any such revision at least 28 days before it is to take effect.

Policies and procedures

8.—(1) The registered person shall prepare and implement written statements of the policies to be applied and the procedures to be followed in or for the purposes of an establishment in relation to—

- (a) the arrangements for admission or acceptance of patients, their transfer to a hospital, including to a health service hospital, where required and, in the case of an establishment which admits in-patients, their discharge;
 - (b) the arrangements for assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients;
 - (c) ensuring that the establishment premises are at all times fit for the purpose for which they are used;
 - (d) monitoring the quality and suitability of facilities and equipment;
 - (e) identifying, assessing and managing risks associated with the operation of the establishment to employees, patients and visitors;
 - (f) the creation, management, handling and storage of records and other information;
 - (g) the provision of information to patients and others;
 - (h) the recruitment, induction and retention of employees and their employment conditions;
 - (i) the granting, and withdrawal, of practising privileges to medical practitioners in establishments where such privileges are granted; and
 - (j) ensuring that, where research is carried out in an establishment, it is carried out with the consent of any patient or patients involved, is appropriate for the establishment concerned and is conducted in accordance with up-to-date and authoritative published guidance on the conduct of research projects.
- (2) The registered person shall prepare and implement written statements of policies to be applied and procedures to be followed in or for the purposes of an establishment which ensure that—
- (a) the competence of each patient to consent to treatment is assessed;
 - (b) in the case of a competent patient, properly informed written consent to treatment is obtained before any proposed treatment is administered;
 - (c) in the case of a patient who is not competent, the patient is, so far as practicable, consulted before any proposed treatment is administered; and
 - (d) information about a patient's health and treatment is disclosed only to those persons who need to be aware of that information in order to treat the patient effectively or minimise any risk of the patient harming himself or herself or another person, or for the purpose of the proper administration of the establishment.
- (3) The registered person shall review the operation of each policy and procedure implemented under—
- (a) this regulation;
 - (b) regulation 22; and
 - (c) in so far as they apply to the registered person regulations 34, 40 (10), 44 and 45;
- at intervals of not more than three years and shall, where appropriate, prepare and implement revised policies and procedures.
- (4) The registered person shall make a copy of all written statements prepared in accordance with this regulation available for inspection by the National Assembly.

PART II

REGISTERED PERSONS

Fitness of registered provider

- 9.—**(1) A person shall not carry on an establishment unless the person is fit to do so.
- (2) A person is not fit to carry on an establishment unless the person—
- (a) is an individual who satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph (3); or
 - (b) is an organisation and—
 - (i) the organisation has given notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the name, address and position in the organisation of an individual (in these Regulations referred to as “the responsible individual”) who is a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the organisation and is responsible for supervising the management of the establishment; and
 - (ii) that individual satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph (3).
- (3) The requirements are that—
- (a) the individual is of suitable integrity and good character to carry on, or, as the case may be, be responsible for the supervision of the management of, the establishment;
 - (b) the individual is physically and mentally fit to carry on, or, as the case may be, be responsible for the supervision of the management of, the establishment ; and
 - (c) full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the individual—
 - (i) except where paragraph (4) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 2;
 - (ii) where paragraph (4) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 to 8 of Schedule 2.
- (4) This paragraph applies where any certificate or information on any matters specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 is not available to an individual because any provision of the Police Act 1997⁽¹⁸⁾ has not been brought into force.
- (5) A person is not fit to carry on an establishment if—
- (a) the person has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of the person’s estate has been awarded and (in either case) the person has not been discharged and the bankruptcy order has not been annulled or rescinded; or
 - (b) the person has made a composition or arrangement with the person’s creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it.

Appointment of manager

- 10.—**(1) The registered provider shall appoint an individual to manage the establishment if—
- (a) there is no registered manager in respect of the establishment; and
 - (b) the registered provider—
 - (i) is an organisation;
 - (ii) is not a fit person to manage an establishment; or

⁽¹⁸⁾ 1997 c. 50. Sections 113 and 115, as amended, have not yet been brought into force. See further the footnotes to paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(iii) is not, or does not intend to be in full-time day to day charge of the establishment.

(2) If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the establishment,, the registered provider shall forthwith give notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of—

- (a) the name of the person so appointed; and
- (b) the date on which the appointment is to take effect.

(3) If the registered provider is to manage the home he or she shall forthwith give notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the date on which such management is to begin.

Fitness of manager

11.—(1) A person shall not manage an establishment unless the person is fit to do so.

(2) A person is not fit to manage an establishment unless:

- (a) the person is of suitable integrity and good character to manage the establishment;
- (b) having regard to the size of the establishment , the statement of purpose and the number and needs of the patients—
 - (i) the person has the qualifications, skills and experience necessary to manage the establishment ; and
 - (ii) the person is physically and mentally fit to do so; and
- (c) full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the person_
 - (i) except where paragraph (3) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 2;
 - (ii) where paragraph (3) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 to 8 of Schedule 2.

(3) This paragraph applies where any certificate or information on any matters specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 is not available to an individual because any provision of the Police Act 1997⁽¹⁹⁾ has not been brought into force.

Registered person — general requirements

12.—(1) The registered provider and the registered manager shall, having regard to the size of the establishment, the statement of purpose and the number and needs of the patients, carry on or manage the establishment, as the case may be, with sufficient care, competence and skill.

(2) If the registered provider is—

- (a) an individual, he or she shall undertake; or
- (b) an organisation, it shall ensure that the responsible individual undertakes,

from time to time such training as is appropriate to ensure that he or she has the skills necessary for carrying on the establishment.

(3) Any individual managing the establishment shall undertake from time to time such training as is appropriate to ensure that he or she has the skills necessary for managing the establishment.

(19) See footnote to regulation 9(4).

Notification of offences

13.—(1) Where the registered person or the responsible individual is convicted of any criminal offence, whether in Wales or elsewhere, the person convicted shall forthwith give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of—

- (a) the date and place of the conviction;
- (b) the offence of which the person was convicted; and
- (c) the penalty imposed on the person in respect of the offence.

(2) Where the registered person is charged with any offence in respect of which an order may be made under Part II of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Protection of Children)(**20**) the registered person shall forthwith give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the offence charged and the date and place of the charge.

PART III

CONDUCT OF HEALTH CARE ESTABLISHMENTS

CHAPTER 1

QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVISION

Quality of treatment and other service provision

14.—(1) Subject to regulation 5(4), the registered person shall provide treatment and any other services to patients in accordance with the statement of purpose, and shall ensure that the treatment and any other services provided to each patient—

- (a) meet the patient's individual needs; and
- (b) reflect published research evidence, and guidance issued by the appropriate professional and expert bodies, as to good practice in the treatment of the condition from which the patient is suffering; and
- (c) are (where necessary) provided by means of appropriate equipment.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that all equipment used in or for the purposes of the establishment is—

- (a) suitable for the purposes for which it is to be used; and
- (b) properly maintained and in good working order.

(3) Where reusable medical devices are used in an establishment, the registered person shall ensure that appropriate procedures are implemented in relation to cleaning, disinfection, inspection, packaging, sterilisation, transportation and storage of such devices.

(4) The procedures implemented in accordance with paragraph (3) shall be such as to ensure that reusable medical devices are handled safely and decontaminated effectively prior to re-use.

(5) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements for the ordering, recording, handling, safe keeping, safe administration and disposal of drugs used in or for the purposes of the establishment.

(6) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements to minimise the risk of infection and toxic conditions and the spread of infection between patients and staff (including medical practitioners with practising privileges).

- (7) If an establishment provides food for patients, the registered provider shall ensure that it is—
- (a) provided in adequate quantities and at appropriate intervals;
 - (b) properly prepared, wholesome and nutritious; and
 - (c) suitable for the needs of patients;
- and that the menu is varied at suitable intervals.

Care and welfare of patients

15.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that the establishment is conducted so as to promote and make proper provision for the welfare of patients and shall, so far as practicable, enable patients to make decisions about matters affecting their care and general welfare.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that patients are permitted to control their own money, except where a patient does not wish, or lacks capacity to do so, in which case the registered person shall ensure that patient monies are properly held and recorded and that receipts are issued as appropriate.

(3) The registered person shall, so far as practicable, ascertain and take into account the wishes and feelings of all patients in determining the manner in which they are cared for and services are provided to them.

(4) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements to ensure that the establishment is conducted—

- (a) in a manner which respects the privacy and dignity of patients; and
- (b) with due regard to the sex, religious persuasion, racial origin, and cultural and linguistic background and any disability of patients.

(5) The registered provider and the registered manager (if any) shall each take all reasonable steps to ensure that the establishment is conducted on the basis of good personal and professional relationships—

- (a) between each other; and
- (b) between each of them and the patients and staff.

Review of quality of treatment and other services

16.—(1) The registered person shall introduce and maintain a system for reviewing at appropriate intervals the quality of treatment and other services provided in or for the purposes of an establishment.

(2) The registered person shall supply to the appropriate office of the National Assembly a report in respect of any review conducted by the registered person for the purposes of paragraph (1) and make a copy of the report available to patients.

(3) The system referred to in paragraph (1) shall provide for consultation with patients and their representatives.

Staffing

17.—(1) The registered person shall, having regard to the nature of the establishment, the statement of purpose and the number and needs of patients—

- (a) ensure that at all times suitably qualified, skilled and experienced persons are working in or for the purposes of the establishment in such numbers as are appropriate for the health and welfare of the patients;

- (b) ensure that the employment of any persons on a temporary basis in or for the purposes of the establishment will not prevent patients from receiving such continuity of care as is reasonable to meet their needs.
- (2) The registered person shall ensure that each person employed in or for the purposes of the establishment—
 - (a) receives appropriate training, supervision and appraisal;
 - (b) is enabled from time to time to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work the person performs; and
 - (c) is provided with a job description outlining the person's responsibilities.
- (3) The registered person shall ensure that each person employed in or for the purposes of the establishment and any medical practitioner with practising privileges, receives regular and appropriate appraisal and shall take such steps as may be necessary to address any aspect of—
 - (a) a health care professional's clinical practice; or
 - (b) the performance of a member of staff who is not a health care professionalwhich is found to be unsatisfactory.
- (4) The registered person shall take reasonable steps to ensure that any persons working in or for the purposes of an establishment who are not employed by the registered person and to whom paragraph (2) does not apply, are appropriately supervised while carrying out their duties.

Fitness of workers

- 18.—**(1) The registered person shall not—
- (a) employ under a contract of employment a person to work in or for the purposes of the establishment unless that person is fit to do so ;
 - (b) allow a volunteer to work in or for the purposes of the establishment unless that person is fit to do so;
 - (c) allow any other person (including a medical practitioner seeking the grant of practising privileges) to work in or for the establishment in a position in which he or she may in the course of his or her duties have regular contact with a patient unless that person is fit to work in or for the establishment.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a person is not fit to work in or for the purposes of an establishment unless—
- (a) the person is of suitable integrity and good character for the work which the person is to perform;
 - (b) the person has the qualifications, skills and experience which are necessary for that work ;
 - (c) the person is physically and mentally fit for that work; and
 - (d) full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the person—
 - (i) except where paragraph (3) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 2;
 - (ii) where paragraph (3) applies, in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 to 8 of Schedule 2.

(3) This paragraph applies where any certificate or information on any matters referred to in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 is not available because any provision of the Police Act 1997(21) has not been brought into force.

(4) The registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) any offer of employment to, or other arrangement about working in or for the purposes of the establishment made with or in respect of a person described in paragraph (1) is subject to paragraph (2)(d) being complied with in relation to that person; and
- (b) unless paragraph (5) applies, no such person starts work in or for the purposes of the establishment until such time as paragraph (2)(d) has been complied with in relation to that person.

(5) Where the following conditions apply, the registered person may permit a person other than a health care professional to start work in or for the purposes of the establishment notwithstanding paragraph (4)(b)—

- (a) the registered person has taken all reasonable steps to obtain full information in respect of each of the matters listed in Schedule 2 in respect of that person, but the enquiries in relation to any of the matters listed in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Schedule 2 are incomplete;
- (b) full and satisfactory information in relation to that person has been obtained in respect of—
 - (i) the matter specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2; and
 - (ii) unless paragraph (3) applies, the matter specified in paragraph 2 of that Schedule; or
 - (iii) where paragraph (3) applies, the matter specified in paragraph 8 of that Schedule;
- (c) in the reasonable opinion of the registered person the circumstances are exceptional; and
- (d) pending receipt of, and being satisfied with regard to, any outstanding information, the registered person ensures that the person is appropriately supervised while carrying out his or her duties.

(6) The registered person shall ensure that any person working in or for the purposes of the establishment who does not fall within paragraph (1) is appropriately supervised at all times when they are in contact with patients.

Guidance for health care professionals

19. The registered person shall ensure that any code of ethics or professional practice prepared by a body which is responsible for regulation of members of a health care profession is made available in the establishment to members of the health care profession in question.

Records

20.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that except in cases to which regulation 39(5) applies—

- (a) a comprehensive medical record is maintained in relation to each patient, which includes—
 - (i) a contemporaneous note of all treatment provided to the patient;
 - (ii) the patient's medical history and all other notes prepared by a health care professional about the patient's case; and
- (b) the record is retained for a period which is not less than that specified in Part I of Schedule 3 in relation to the type of patient in question or, where more than one such period could apply, the longest of them.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that—

(21) See footnote to regulation 9(4).

- (a) the medical record for a person who is currently a patient is kept in a secure place in the establishment premises; and
 - (b) the medical record for a person who is not currently a patient is stored securely (whether in the establishment or elsewhere) and that it can be located if required.
- (3) In addition to the medical records maintained in accordance with paragraph (1), the registered person shall ensure that the records specified in Part II of Schedule 3 are maintained and that they are—
- (a) kept up to date;
 - (b) at all times available for inspection in the establishment by any person authorised by the National Assembly to enter and inspect the establishment ; and
 - (c) retained for a period of not less than three years beginning on the date of the last entry.
- (4) Where an establishment closes the registered person shall ensure that the records maintained in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (3) are kept securely elsewhere and shall make them available for inspection by the National Assembly at its request.

Staff views as to conduct of establishment

21.—(1) This regulation applies to any matter relating to the conduct of the establishment so far as it may affect the health or welfare of patients.

(2) The registered person shall make arrangements to enable any person employed in or for the purposes of the establishment and any medical practitioner with practising privileges to inform the registered person and the National Assembly of their views about any matter to which this regulation applies.

Complaints

22.—(1) The registered person shall establish a procedure (in these Regulations referred to as “the complaints procedure”) for considering complaints made to the registered person by a patient or a person acting on behalf of a patient.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that any complaint made under the complaints procedure is fully investigated.

(3) The registered person shall supply a written copy of the complaints procedure upon request, to—

- (a) every patient;
- (b) any person acting on behalf of a patient; and
- (c) any person who is considering whether to become a patient.

(4) The written copy of the complaints procedure shall include—

- (a) the name, address and telephone number of the appropriate office of the National Assembly; and
- (b) the procedure (if any) which has been notified by the National Assembly to the registered person for making complaints to the National Assembly relating to the establishment.

(5) The registered person shall maintain a record of each complaint, including details of the investigations made, the outcome and any action taken in consequence and the requirements of regulation 20(3)(b) and (c) shall apply to that record.

(6) The registered person shall supply to the National Assembly at its request copies of records maintained under paragraph (5).

Research

23.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) before any research involving patients, information about patients, or human tissue is undertaken in or for the purposes of an establishment, a research proposal is prepared and approval is obtained from the appropriate Research Ethics Committee; and
- (b) all such research projects include adequate safeguards for patients and employees.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), “the appropriate Research Ethics Committee” means a research ethics committee established in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the National Assembly.

CHAPTER 2

PREMISES

Fitness of premises

24.—(1) The registered person shall not use premises as an establishment unless they are in a location, and of a physical design and layout, which are suitable for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives set out in the statement of purpose.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) the premises are of sound construction and kept in a good state of repair externally and internally;
- (b) the size and layout of rooms are suitable for the purposes for which they are to be used and are suitably equipped and furnished;
- (c) all parts of the establishment are kept clean and meet appropriate standards of hygiene;
- (d) all parts of the establishment to which patients have access are so far as reasonably practicable free from hazards to their safety; and
- (e) if surgical procedures are undertaken, life support systems are used, or obstetric services and, in connection with childbirth, medical services, are provided in the establishment, such electrical supply is provided during the interruption of public supply as is needed to safeguard the lives of the patients.

(3) The registered person shall provide for employees and medical practitioners with practising privileges—

- (a) suitable facilities and accommodation, other than sleeping accommodation, including—
 - (i) facilities for the purpose of changing; and
 - (ii) storage facilities; and
- (b) where the provision of such accommodation is needed by employees in connection with their work, sleeping accommodation.

(4) The registered person shall—

- (a) take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision and maintenance of adequate fire prevention and detection equipment;
- (b) provide adequate means of escape in the event of a fire;
- (c) make arrangements for persons employed in the establishment and medical practitioners to whom practising privileges have been granted to receive suitable training in fire prevention;
- (d) ensure, by means of fire drills and practices at suitable intervals, that the persons employed in the establishment and, so far as practicable, patients and medical practitioners to whom

practising privileges have been granted, are aware of the procedure to be followed in case of fire;

- (e) review fire precautions, the suitability of fire equipment and the procedure to be followed in case of fire at intervals not exceeding twelve months; and
- (f) consult with the fire authority about the matters described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e).

(5) In this regulation, “fire authority”, in relation to an establishment, means the authority discharging in the area in which the establishment is situated, the function of fire authority under the Fire Services Act 1947⁽²²⁾.

CHAPTER 3

MANAGEMENT

Visits by registered provider

25.—(1) Where the registered provider is an individual who does not manage the establishment, that individual shall visit the establishment in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Where the registered provider is an organisation, the establishment shall be visited in accordance with this regulation by—

- (a) the responsible individual;
- (b) another of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation who is suitable to visit the establishment; or
- (c) an employee of the organisation who has appropriate qualifications, skills and experience for the purpose and who is not directly concerned with the conduct of the establishment.

(3) Visits under paragraph (1) or (2) shall take place at least every three months and may be unannounced.

(4) The person carrying out the visit shall—

- (a) interview, with their consent and in private (if necessary, by telephone), such of the patients and their representatives and such employees as appear to be necessary in order to form an opinion of the standard of treatment and other services provided in or for the purposes of the establishment;
- (b) inspect the premises and records of any complaints; and
- (c) prepare a written report on the conduct of the establishment.

(5) The registered provider shall supply a copy of the report required to be made under paragraph (4)(c) to—

- (a) the National Assembly;
- (b) the registered manager; and
- (c) in the case of a visit under paragraph (2), to each of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation.

Financial position

26.—(1) The registered provider shall carry on the establishment in such manner as is likely to ensure that the establishment will be financially viable for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives set out in the statement of purpose.

(22) 1947 c. 41.

(2) The registered person shall, if the National Assembly so requests, provide it with such information and documents as it may require for the purpose of considering the financial viability of the establishment, including—

- (a) the annual accounts of the establishment, certified by an accountant; or
- (b) the annual accounts of the organisation which is the registered provider of the establishment, certified by an accountant, together with accounts relating to the establishment itself.

(3) The registered person shall also provide the National Assembly with such other information as it may require in order to consider the financial viability of the establishment, including—

- (a) a reference from a bank expressing an opinion as to the registered provider's financial standing;
- (b) information as to the financing and financial resources of the establishment ;
- (c) where the registered provider is a company, information as to any of its associated companies; and
- (d) a certificate of insurance for the registered provider in respect of liability which may be incurred by the provider in relation to the establishment in respect of death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss.

(4) In this regulation, one company is associated with another if one of them has control of the other, or both are under the control of the same person.

CHAPTER 4

NOTICES TO BE GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Notification of events

27.—(1) The registered person shall give notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of—

- (a) the death of a patient—
 - (i) in an establishment;
 - (ii) during treatment provided in or for the purposes of an establishment; or
 - (iii) as a consequence of treatment provided in or for the purposes of an establishment, within the period of seven days ending on the date of death;
 and the circumstances of the patient's death;
- (b) any serious injury to a patient;
- (c) the outbreak in an establishment of any infectious disease, which in the opinion of any medical practitioner employed in the establishment is sufficiently serious to be so notified;
- (d) any allegation of misconduct resulting in actual or potential harm to a patient by the registered person, any person employed in or for the purposes of the establishment, or any medical practitioner with practising privileges.

(2) Notice under paragraph (1) shall be given within the period of 24 hours beginning with the event in question and, if given orally, shall be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable.

Notice of absence

28.—(1) Where—

- (a) a registered provider in respect of whom a notification has been given under regulation 10(3); or

(b) a registered manager,
proposes to be absent from the establishment for a continuous period of 28 days or more, the registered person shall give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the absence.

(2) Except in the case of an emergency, the notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given no later than one month before the proposed absence commences or within such shorter period as may be agreed with the National Assembly and the notice shall specify with respect to the absence—

- (a) its length or expected length;
- (b) the reason for it;
- (c) the arrangements which have been made for running the establishment;
- (d) the name, address and qualifications of the person who will be responsible for the establishment during that absence; and
- (e) the arrangements that have been or are proposed to be made for appointing another person to manage the establishment during that absence, including the proposed date by which the appointment is to be made.

(3) Where the absence arises as a result of an emergency, the registered person shall give notice of the absence within one week of the emergency's occurrence specifying the matters set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (2).

(4) Where—

- (a) a registered provider in respect of whom a notification has been given under regulation 10(3); or
- (b) a registered manager,

has been absent from the establishment for a continuous period of 28 days or more, and the appropriate office of the National Assembly has not been given notice of the absence, the registered person shall, without delay, give notice in writing to that office, specifying the matters set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (2).

(5) The registered person shall notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the return to work of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (4) not later than 7 days after the date of that person's return.

Notice of changes

29. The registered person shall give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly as soon as it is practicable to do so if any of the following events take place or are proposed to take place—

- (a) a person other than the registered person carries on or manages the establishment;
- (b) a person ceases to carry on or manage the establishment;
- (c) where the registered person is an individual, he or she changes his or her name;
- (d) where the registered is an individual, that individual changes his or her name;
- (e) where the registered provider is an organisation—
 - (i) the name or address of the organisation is changed;
 - (ii) there is any change of director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the organisation;
- (f) there is any change in the identity of the responsible individual;
- (g) Where the registered provider is an individual, a trustee in bankruptcy is appointed or a composition or arrangement is made with creditors;

- (h) where the registered provider is a company or partnership, a receiver, manager, liquidator or provisional liquidator is appointed; or
- (i) the premises of the establishment are significantly altered or extended, or additional premises are acquired.

Appointment of liquidators etc.

- 30.**—(1) Any person to whom paragraph (2) applies shall—
- (a) forthwith notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the person's appointment indicating the reasons for it;
 - (b) appoint a manager to take full-time day to day charge of the establishment in any case where the duty under regulation 10(1) is not being met; and
 - (c) before the end of the period of 28 days beginning on the date of the person's appointment, notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the person's intentions regarding the future operation of the establishment to which the appointment relates.
- (2) This paragraph applies to any person appointed as—
- (a) the receiver or manager of the property of a company or partnership which is a registered provider of an establishment;
 - (b) a liquidator or provisional liquidator of a company which is the registered provider of an establishment;
 - (c) the receiver or manager of the property of a partnership whose business includes carrying on an establishment;
 - (d) the trustee in bankruptcy of a registered provider of an establishment.

Death of registered person

31.—(1) If more than one person is registered in respect of an establishment, and a registered person dies, the surviving registered person shall without delay notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the death in writing.

(2) If only one person is registered in respect of an establishment, and the person dies, the person's personal representatives shall notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly in writing—

- (a) without delay of the death; and
- (b) within 28 days of their intentions regarding the future running of the establishment.

(3) The personal representatives of the deceased registered provider may carry on the establishment without being registered in respect of it

- (a) for a period not exceeding 28 days; and
- (b) for any further period as may be determined by the National Assembly in accordance with paragraph (4).

(4) The National Assembly may extend the period specified in paragraph (3)(a) by such further period, not exceeding one year, as the National Assembly shall determine, and shall notify any such determination to the personal representatives in writing.

(5) The personal representatives shall appoint a person to take full-time day to day charge of the establishment during any period in which, in accordance with paragraph (3), they carry on the establishment without being registered in respect of it.

PART IV
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS
CHAPTER 1
PATHOLOGY SERVICES, RESUSCITATION AND
TREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

Application of regulations 33 to 35

- 32.**—(1) Regulations 33 to 35 apply to independent hospitals of the following kinds—
- (a) those defined in section 2(3)(a)(i) of the Act except establishments excepted by regulation 3(3); and
 - (b) those in which medical treatment, including cosmetic surgery, is provided under anaesthesia or sedation.
- (2) Regulation 33 also applies to any establishment which provides pathology services.

Pathology services

- 33.** The registered person shall ensure that—
- (a) an adequate range of pathology services is available to meet the needs of the hospital;
 - (b) those services are provided to an appropriate standard;
 - (c) appropriate arrangements are made for the collection, and (where pathology services are provided outside the hospital) transportation of pathology specimens; and
 - (d) the patient from whom a specimen was taken, and such specimen, is identifiable at all times.

Resuscitation

34.—(1) The registered person shall prepare and implement a written statement of the policies to be applied and the procedures to be followed in the hospital in relation to resuscitation of patients and shall review such statement annually.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that the policies and procedures implemented in accordance with paragraph (1)—

- (a) take proper account of the right of all patients who are competent to do so to give or withhold consent to treatment;
- (b) are available on request to every patient and any person acting on behalf of a patient; and
- (c) are communicated to and understood by all employees and all medical practitioners with practising privileges who may be involved in decisions about resuscitation of a patient.

Treatment of children

- 35.** The registered person shall ensure that, where a child is treated in the hospital—
- (a) the child is treated in accommodation which is separate from accommodation in which adult patients are treated;
 - (b) particular medical, physical, psychological, social, educational and supervision needs arising from the child's age are met;
 - (c) the child's treatment is provided by persons who have appropriate qualifications, skills and experience in the treatment of children;

- (d) the child's parents are kept fully informed of the child's condition and so far as is practicable consulted about all aspects of the child's treatment, except where the child is competent to consent to treatment and does not wish his or her parents to be so informed and consulted.

CHAPTER 2

INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS IN WHICH CERTAIN LISTED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

Surgical procedures

36.—(1) Where medical treatment (including cosmetic surgery) is provided under anaesthesia or sedation in an independent hospital, the registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) each operating theatre is designed, equipped and maintained to an appropriate standard for the purposes for which it is to be used;
- (b) all surgery is carried out by, or under the direction of, a suitably qualified, skilled and experienced medical practitioner;
- (c) an appropriate number of suitably qualified, skilled and experienced employees are in attendance during each surgical procedure; and
- (d) the patient receives appropriate treatment—
 - (i) before administration of an anaesthetic or sedation;
 - (ii) whilst undergoing a surgical procedure;
 - (iii) during recovery from general anaesthesia; and
 - (iv) post-operatively.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that before a patient consents to any surgery offered by the independent hospital, the patient has received clear and comprehensive information about the procedure and any risks associated with it.

(3) In the case of a patient who is not competent to consent to surgery, the information mentioned in paragraph (2) shall, wherever possible, be provided to his representatives.

Dental treatment under general anaesthesia

37. Where the treatment provided in an independent hospital includes dental treatment under general anaesthesia, the registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) the dentist and any employees assisting him are suitably qualified, skilled and experienced to deal with any emergency which occurs during or as a result of the general anaesthesia or treatment; and
- (b) adequate facilities, drugs and equipment are available to deal with any such emergency.

Obstetric services — staffing

38.—(1) This regulation and regulation 39 apply to an independent hospital in which obstetric services and, in connection with childbirth, medical services, are provided.

(2) The registered person shall appoint a Head of Midwifery Services who is responsible for managing the provision of midwifery services in the independent hospital and, except in cases where obstetric services are provided in the hospital primarily by midwives, a Head of Obstetric Services whose name is included in the specialist medical register in respect of a specialty in obstetrics and who is responsible for managing the provision of obstetric services.

(3) The registered person shall ensure that the health care professional who is primarily responsible for caring for pregnant women and assisting at childbirth is a midwife, an appropriately

qualified general practitioner, or a medical practitioner whose name is included in the specialist medical register in respect of a specialty in obstetrics.

(4) Where obstetric services are provided in an independent hospital primarily by midwives, the registered person shall ensure that the services of a medical practitioner who is competent to deal with obstetric emergencies are available at all times.

(5) The registered person shall ensure that a health care professional who is competent to undertake resuscitation of a new born baby is available in the hospital at all times and that that person's skills are regularly reviewed and, if necessary, updated.

Obstetric services — further requirements

39.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) any death of a patient in an independent hospital during, or as a result of, pregnancy or childbirth; and
- (b) any stillbirth or neonatal death in an independent hospital are reported to any person undertaking an enquiry into such deaths on behalf of the Secretary of State⁽²³⁾.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that facilities are available within the hospital to provide adequate treatment to patients who have undergone a delivery requiring surgical intervention or the use of forceps and that such patients are cared for by an appropriately experienced midwife.

(3) The registered person shall ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the immediate transfer, where necessary, of a patient and her new born child to critical care facilities within the hospital or elsewhere in the near vicinity.

(4) The registered person shall ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the treatment and, if necessary transfer to a specialist care facility, of a very sick patient or new born child.

(5) The registered person shall ensure that a maternity record is maintained for each patient receiving obstetric services and each child born in the hospital, which—

- (i) includes the details specified in regulation 20(1)(a) and in Parts I and II of Schedule 4; and
- (ii) is retained for a period of not less than 25 years beginning on the date of the last entry; and the requirements of regulation 20(2) shall apply to that record.

(6) In this regulation—

“stillbirth” has the meaning given to it in the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953⁽²⁴⁾;

“neonatal death” means the death of a child before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date of the child's birth.

Termination of pregnancies

40.—(1) This regulation applies to an independent hospital in which termination of pregnancies takes place.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that no patient is admitted to the hospital for termination of a pregnancy, and that no fee is demanded or accepted from a patient in respect of a termination, unless two certificates of opinion have been received in respect of the patient.

(3) The registered person shall ensure that the certificates of opinion required by paragraph (2) are included with the patient's medical record, within the meaning of regulation 20.

⁽²³⁾ The Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths and the Confidential Enquiry into Stillbirths and Deaths in Infancy are currently undertaken on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and other Departments by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence.

⁽²⁴⁾ 1953 c. 20. See section 41, as amended by the Still-Birth (Definition) Act 1992 (c. 29), section 1(1).

(4) The registered person shall ensure that no termination of a pregnancy is undertaken after the 20th week of gestation, unless—

- (a) the patient is treated by persons who are suitably qualified, skilled and experienced in the late termination of pregnancy; and
- (b) appropriate procedures are in place to deal with any medical emergency which occurs during or as a result of the termination.

(5) The registered person shall ensure that no termination of a pregnancy is undertaken after the 24th week of gestation.

(6) The registered person shall ensure that a register of patients undergoing termination of a pregnancy in the hospital is maintained, which is—

- (i) separate from the register of patients which is to be maintained under paragraph 1 of Schedule 3;
- (ii) completed in respect of each patient at the time the termination is undertaken; and
- (iii) retained for a period of not less than three years beginning on the date of the last entry.

(7) The registered person shall ensure that a record is maintained of the total numbers of terminations undertaken in the hospital and the requirements of regulation 20(3) shall apply to that record.

(8) The registered person shall ensure that notice in writing is sent to the Chief Medical Officer of the National Assembly of each termination of pregnancy which takes place in the hospital⁽²⁵⁾.

(9) If the registered person—

- (a) receives information concerning the death of a patient who has undergone termination of a pregnancy in the hospital during the period of 12 months ending on the date on which the information is received; and
- (b) has reason to believe that the patient's death may be associated with the termination, the registered person shall give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of that information, within the period of 14 days beginning on the day on which the information is received.

(10) The registered person shall prepare and implement appropriate procedures in the hospital to ensure that foetal tissue is treated with respect.

(11) In this regulation, “certificate of opinion” means a certificate required by regulations made under section 2(1) of the Abortion Act 1967⁽²⁶⁾.

Use of certain techniques or technology

41.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that no Class 3B or Class 4 laser product (within the meaning of regulation 3(1)), or intense light source (within the meaning of that regulation) is used in or for the purposes of an independent hospital unless that hospital has in place a professional protocol drawn up by a trained and experienced medical practitioner or dentist from the relevant discipline in accordance with which treatment is to be provided, and that the treatment is provided in accordance with it.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that such a laser product or intense light source is used in or for the purposes of the hospital only by a person who has undertaken appropriate training and has demonstrated an understanding of—

- (a) the correct use of the equipment in question;
- (b) the risks associated with using a laser product or intense light source;

⁽²⁵⁾ See S.I. 1991/499, which requires such notice to be given by the medical practitioner carrying out the termination.

⁽²⁶⁾ 1967 c. 87. See S.I. 1991/499.

- (c) its biological and environmental effects;
- (d) precautions to be taken before and during use of a laser product or intense light source; and
- (e) action to be taken in the event of an accident, emergency, or other adverse incident.

CHAPTER 3

MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS

Application of regulations 43 to 46

42. Regulations 43 to 46 apply to independent hospitals of the following kinds—

- (a) those the main purpose of which is to provide medical or psychiatric treatment for mental disorder; and
- (b) those in which treatment or nursing (or both) are provided for persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983⁽²⁷⁾.

Safety of patients and others

43.—(1) The statement of policies and procedures which is to be prepared and implemented by the registered person in accordance with regulation 8(1)(e) shall include policies and procedures in relation to—

- (a) assessment of a patient's propensity to violence and self harm;
- (b) the provision of information to employees as to the outcome of such an assessment;
- (c) assessment of the effect of the layout of the hospital premises, and its policies and procedures, on the risk of a patient harming himself or another person; and
- (d) the provision of training to enable employees to minimise the risk of a patient harming himself or another person.

(2) The registered person shall in particular prepare and implement a suicide protocol in the hospital which requires—

- (a) a comprehensive examination of the mental condition of each patient;
- (b) an evaluation of the patient's history of mental disorder, including identification of suicidal tendencies;
- (c) an assessment of the patient's propensity to suicide; and
- (d) if necessary, appropriate action to reduce the risk of the patient committing suicide.

Management of disturbed behaviour

44. The registered person shall prepare and implement a written policy setting out—

- (a) how disturbed behaviour exhibited by a patient is to be managed;
- (b) permitted measures of restraint and the circumstances in which they may be used;
- (c) requirements for employees to report serious incidents of violence or self harm, including guidance as to how those incidents should be classified; and
- (d) the procedure for review of such incidents and determination of the action which is to be taken subsequently.

(27) 1983 c. 20.

Visitors

45. The registered person shall prepare and implement written policies and procedures in the hospital in relation to patients receiving visitors.

Mental health records

46. The registered person shall ensure that any records which are required to be made under the Mental Health (Hospital, Guardianship and Consent to Treatment) Regulations 1983(28), and which relate to the detention or treatment of a patient in an independent hospital, are kept for a period of not less than five years beginning on the date on which the person to whom they relate ceases to be a patient in the hospital.

PART V

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO INDEPENDENT CLINICS

Independent clinics

47. Where an independent clinic provides antenatal care to patients, the registered person shall ensure that the health care professional who is primarily responsible for providing that care is a midwife, an appropriately qualified general practitioner, or a medical practitioner with a specialist qualification in obstetrics.

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Compliance with regulations

48. Where there is more than one registered person in respect of an establishment, anything which is required under these regulations to be done by the registered person shall, if done by one of the registered persons, not be required to be done by any of the other registered persons.

Offences

49.—(1) A contravention, or failure to comply with any of the provisions of regulation 5 to 14, 15(1) to (4), 16 to 31, 33 to 41 and 43 to 47 shall be an offence.

(2) The National Assembly may bring proceedings against a person who was once, but no longer is, a registered person, in respect of a failure to comply with regulation 20 after the person ceased to be a registered person.

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998⁽²⁹⁾.

12th February 2002

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⁽²⁹⁾ 1998 c. 38.