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The Independent Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2011

PART IV

Additional Requirements applying to Independent Hospitals

Chapter 2

Independent Hospitals in which Certain Listed Services are Provided

Use of certain techniques or technology

45.—(1) The registered person must 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 must maintain at the establishment a register of each occasion when a technique or technology referred to in paragraph (1) has been used which includes—

- (a) the name of the patient in connection with whose treatment the technique or technology was used;
- (b) the nature of the technique or technology in question and the date on which it was used;
- (c) the name of the person using it; and
- (d) where the person using the technique or technology is not a medical practitioner, dentist or other competent person, the name and relevant qualifications of the medical practitioner or dentist who compiled the professional protocol referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) The registered person must ensure that such a laser product or intense light source is used in or for the purposes of the independent 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;
- (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.