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The Independent Health Care
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART IV

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS IN WHICH CERTAIN LISTED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

Use of certain techniques or technology

39.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that no Class 3B or Class 4 laser or intense light source (within the meaning of regulation 4(1)), 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 is so provided.

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