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MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Abortion (Amendment) Regulations 1969

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 2 of the Abortion Act 1967(a), as amended by the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Abortion (Amendment) Regulations 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Abortion Regulations 1968(d) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For regulation 4 (Notice of termination of pregnancy and information relating thereto) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

“4.—(1) Any practitioner who terminates a pregnancy in England, excluding Monmouthshire, shall within 7 days of the termination give to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security notice thereof and the other information relating to the termination in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations, and any such notice and information shall be sent in a sealed envelope to the Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London, S.E.1.

(2) Any practitioner who terminates a pregnancy in Wales or Monmouthshire shall within 7 days of the termination give to the Chief Medical Officer of the Welsh Office notice thereof and the other information relating to the termination in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations, and any such notice and information shall be sent in a sealed envelope to the Chief Medical Officer, Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff”.

(2) In regulation 5 for the words from the beginning to the end of paragraph (a)(i) there shall be substituted the following:—

“5. A notice given or any information furnished to a Chief Medical Officer in pursuance of these regulations shall not be disclosed except that disclosure may be made—

(a) for the purposes of carrying out their duties,

(a) 1967 c. 87.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).
(d) S.I. 1968/390 (1968 I, p. 1060).

- (i) to an officer of the Department of Health and Social Security authorised by the Chief Medical Officer of that Department, or to an officer of the Welsh Office authorised by the Chief Medical Officer of that Office, as the case may be, or”.

(3) In Schedule 2 for the note at the end there shall be substituted the following note :—

“This form is to be completed by the operating practitioner and sent in a sealed envelope within seven days of the termination of the pregnancy—

(a) if the termination of the pregnancy took place in England, excluding Monmouthshire, to the Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London, S.E.1. or

(b) if the termination of the pregnancy took place in Wales or Monmouthshire, to the Chief Medical Officer, Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff”.

3. These regulations shall apply in respect of any termination of a pregnancy which takes place on or after 1st June 1969.

R. H. S. Crossman,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

30th April 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Abortion Regulations 1968 by providing that in respect of any termination of a pregnancy in Wales and Monmouthshire notification and the other information required by the Regulations are to be given to the Chief Medical Officer of the Welsh Office instead of to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security. They also make some consequential drafting amendments in regulation 5 of the Abortion Regulations 1968.