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The National Health Service (Notification of Births and Deaths)
Regulations 1974

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The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred upon him by section 46 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973^(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Notification of Births and Deaths) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

Interpretation

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

“the Act” means the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973;

“doctor” means a registered medical practitioner.

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

Person to whom particulars of births and deaths are to be furnished

3. For the purposes of section 46(1) of the Act (which places a duty on registrars of births and deaths to furnish to the prescribed medical officer of the Area Health Authority particulars of births and deaths occurring in the area of the Authority), the prescribed medical officer shall be the doctor who holds the post of area medical officer of the Area Health Authority for the area in which the birth or death occurred.

Person to whom notification of birth is to be given

4. For the purposes of section 46(2) of the Act (which among other things provides that in sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 203 of the Public Health Act 1936^(c) for references to the medical officer of health of the welfare authority there shall be substituted references to the prescribed medical officer of the Area Health Authority), the prescribed medical officer shall be the doctor

^(a) 1973 c. 32.
^(c) 1936 c. 49.

^(b) 1889 c. 63.

who holds the post of area medical officer of the Area Health Authority for the area in which the birth takes place.

Keith Joseph,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th February 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the medical officer of the Area Health Authority to whom registrars of births and deaths are to furnish particulars of births and deaths registered after 1st April 1974 and to whom notification of births under section 203 of the Public Health Act 1936, as amended, is to be given from 1st April 1974.

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