
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 2936

**The Health and Social Care Act 2008
(Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014**

PART 1

General

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“16 to 19 Academy” has the same meaning as in section 1B of the Academies Act 2010 ^{M1};

“the Act” means the Health and Social Care Act 2008;

“the 1983 Act” means the Mental Health Act 1983 ^{M2};

“the 2005 Act” means the Mental Capacity Act 2005 ^{M3};

“the 2006 Act” means the National Health Service Act 2006 ^{M4};

“the 2001 Order” means the [^{F1}Health Professions Order 2001];

“the 2010 Regulations” means the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2010 ^{M5};

“employment” means—

- (a) employment under a contract of service, an apprenticeship, a contract for services or otherwise than under a contract, and
- (b) the grant of practising privileges by a service provider to a medical practitioner, giving permission to practice as a medical practitioner in a hospital managed by the service provider,

and “employed” and “employer” is to be construed accordingly;

“employment agency” and “employment business” have the same meaning as in section 13 (interpretation) of the Employment Agencies Act 1973 ^{M6};

“equipment” includes—

- (a) a medical device (as defined in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Medical Devices Regulations 2002) ^{M7}, and
- (b) materials used in, or used by persons employed in, the carrying on of a regulated activity;

“health care professional”, except in paragraph 4 of Schedule 1, means a person who is registered as a member of any profession to which section 60(2) of the Health Act 1999 ^{M8} (regulation of health professions, social workers, other care workers, etc) applies;

“health service body” means—

- (a) an NHS trust established under section 25 of the 2006 Act,

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- (b) an NHS foundation trust,^{F2}...
- (c) a Special Health Authority [^{F3}, or
- (d) NHS England;]

“hospital”, except in paragraphs 1(3)(d) and 5 of Schedule 1, has the same meaning as in section 275 (interpretation) of the 2006 Act;

“institution within the further education sector” has the same meaning as in section 91 (interpretation of Education Acts) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992^{M9};

“local anaesthesia” means any anaesthesia other than general, spinal or epidural anaesthesia, and also excludes the administration of a regional nerve block;

“medical practitioner” means a registered medical practitioner;

“nominated individual” must be construed in accordance with regulation 6(2);

“nurse” means a registered nurse;

“nursing care” means any services provided by a nurse and involving—

- (a) the provision of care, or
- (b) the planning, supervision or delegation of the provision of care,

other than any services which, having regard to their nature and the circumstances in which they are provided, do not need to be provided by a nurse;

“partnership” does not include a limited liability partnership;

“personal care” means—

- (a) physical assistance given to a person in connection with—
 - (i) eating or drinking (including the maintenance of established parenteral nutrition),
 - (ii) toileting (including in relation to the process of menstruation),
 - (iii) washing or bathing,
 - (iv) dressing,
 - (v) oral care, or
 - (vi) the care of skin, hair and nails (with the exception of nail care provided by a person registered with the Health and Care Professions Council as a chiropodist or podiatrist pursuant to article 5 of the 2001 Order), or
- (b) the prompting, together with supervision, of a person, in relation to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (a), where that person is unable to make a decision for themselves in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision;

“premises” means—

- (a) any building or other structure, including any machinery, engineering systems or other objects which are physically affixed and integral to such building or structure, and any surrounding grounds, or
- (b) a vehicle,

but in regulations 12, 14 and 15 does not include the service user's accommodation where such accommodation is not provided as part of the service user's care or treatment^{F4}...;

^{F5}
...

“reasonable adjustments” means such reasonable adjustments as would be required under the Equality Act 2010^{M10};

“registered manager” means, in respect of a regulated activity, a person registered with the Commission^{M11} under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Act as a manager in respect of that activity;

“registered person” means, in respect of a regulated activity, a person who is the service provider or registered manager in respect of that activity;

“relevant person”, except in regulation 20, means the service user or, where the service user is under 16 and not competent to make a decision in relation to their care or treatment, a person lawfully acting on their behalf;

“school” has the same meaning as in section 4 of the Education Act 1996^{M12};

“service provider” means, in respect of a regulated activity, a person registered with the Commission under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Act as a service provider in respect of that activity;

“service user” means a person who receives services provided in the carrying on of a regulated activity;

“shared lives agreement” means an agreement entered into between a person carrying on a shared lives scheme and an individual for the provision, by that individual, of personal care to a service user together with, where necessary, accommodation in the individual's home;

“shared lives carer” means an individual who, under the terms of a shared lives agreement, provides, or intends to provide, personal care for service users together with, where necessary, accommodation in the individual's home;

“shared lives scheme” means a scheme carried on (whether or not for profit) by a local authority or other person for the purposes of—

- (a) recruiting and training shared lives carers,
- (b) making arrangements for the placing of service users with shared lives carers, and
- (c) supporting and monitoring placements [^{F6}, and for the purposes of section 20A of the Act (functions relating to processing of information by registered persons) “adult placement scheme” has the same meaning as “shared lives scheme”]

“social worker” means a person who is registered as such in [^{F7}the register of social workers in England maintained under section 39(1) of the Children and Social Work Act 2017];

“treatment”, except in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1, includes—

- (a) a diagnostic or screening procedure carried out for medical purposes,
- (b) the ongoing assessment of a service user's mental or physical state,
- (c) nursing, personal and palliative care, and
- (d) the giving of vaccinations and immunisations;

“vulnerable adult” has the same meaning as in section 60(1) (interpretation) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006^{M13}.

(2) In the definition of “employment” in paragraph (1), the reference to otherwise than under a contract includes—

- (a) under a shared lives agreement;
- (b) under an agreement between the service provider and a temporary work agency for the supply of an agency worker to the service provider;
- (c) under arrangements for persons to provide their services voluntarily.

(3) In paragraph (2)—

“agency worker” and “temporary work agency” have the same meaning as in the Agency Workers Regulations 2010^{M14}.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (2.12.2019) by [The Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Social Workers\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1094\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 3 para. 34\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2019/1436](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)
- F2** Word in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Consequential and Related Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/634\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [124\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F3** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Consequential and Related Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/634\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [124\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F4** Words in [reg. 2](#) omitted (15.3.2022) by virtue of [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/206\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F5** Words in [reg. 2](#) omitted (15.3.2022) by virtue of [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/206\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F6** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/64\)](#), [regs. 1](#), [4](#)
- F7** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (2.12.2019) by [The Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Social Workers\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1094\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 3 para. 34\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2019/1436](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [2010 c. 32](#). Section 1B was inserted by section 53(7) of the [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#).
- M2** [1983 c. 20](#).
- M3** [2005 c. 9](#). Relevant amendments were made by the [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), [sections 50](#) and 55 and Part 10 of Schedule 11.
- M4** [2006 c. 41](#).
- M5** [S.I. 2010/781](#), as amended by [S.I. 2011/2711](#), [2012/921](#), [2012/979](#), [2012/1479](#), [2012/1513](#), [2013/235](#) and [2013/472](#).
- M6** [1973 c. 35](#). Relevant amendments were made by the [Employment Relations Act 1999 \(c. 26\)](#), [section 31](#) and paragraphs 1 and 7 of Schedule 7.
- M7** [S.I. 2002/618](#). Relevant amendments were made by [S.I. 2008/2986](#).
- M8** [1999 c. 21](#). Relevant amendments were made by the [Health and Social Care Act 2008](#), [sections 111](#) and 116, paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 and Part 2 of Schedule 15, the [Health and Social Care Act 2012](#), [sections 209](#) and 213, and [S.I. 2002/253](#) and [2010/231](#).
- M9** [1992 c. 13](#). Relevant amendments were made by the [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), [section 125](#) and paragraphs 1 and 13(1) and (2) of Schedule 8.
- M10** [2010 c. 15](#).
- M11** By section 1(1) of the 2008 Act, “the Commission” means the Care Quality Commission.
- M12** [1996 c. 56](#). Relevant amendments were made by the [Education Act 1997 \(c. 44\)](#), [sections 51](#) and 57, paragraph 10 of Schedule 7 and Schedule 8, the [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), [section 215](#) and Part 3 of Schedule 22, the [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), [section 95](#), and the [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [section 54](#) and paragraph 9 of Schedule 13, and [S.I. 2010/1080](#).
- M13** [2006 c. 47](#). Relevant amendments were made by section 65(2) of the [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#).
- M14** [S.I. 2010/93](#). Relevant amendments were made by [S.I. 2011/1941](#).

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- Sch. 1 para. 4(4)(a)(xv) and word inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 23\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4(4)(g) inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 23\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 4A inserted by [S.I. 2022/15 reg. 4\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to Legislation.gov.uk - amending S.I. 2022/15 revoked on 15.3.2022 by S.I. 2022/206, reg. 3)
- reg. 12(3)-(3K) substituted for reg. 12(3)-(3D) by [S.I. 2022/15 reg. 4\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to Legislation.gov.uk - amending S.I. 2022/15 revoked on 15.3.2022 by S.I. 2022/206, reg. 3)