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NURSING HOMES

Registration, Conduct and Records

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH DECEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE NURSING HOMES AND NURSING AGENCIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 6 of the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Nursing Homes (Registration, Conduct and Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971;

"Board" means a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**c**);

"manager" means the person or persons registered in respect of a nursing home under Part I of the Act.

Registration

3.—(1) An application for registration of a nursing home under the Act shall be made in writing to the Board for the area in which the nursing home is situated in the form set out in Schedule 1.

(2) The applicant shall furnish such information as is indicated thereon together with any additional information as the Board may reasonably require.

Limitation of numbers

4.—(1) A Board shall have power to limit the number of persons who may be received into any nursing home and to make it a condition of registration that persons shall not be received into the nursing home in excess of the number fixed by the Board.

(2) The number fixed by the Board shall be specified on the certificate of registration and persons shall not be received into the nursing home in excess of that number.

(**a**) 1971. c. 32 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1974. c. 28.
(**c**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

Registers

5. The registers to be kept by Boards for the purposes of Part I of the Act shall be in the form set out in Schedule 2 and shall contain such information as is indicated thereon.

Conduct of nursing homes

6. The manager of every nursing home shall conduct the nursing home in a reasonable manner and shall provide, to standards acceptable to the Board, suitable accommodation, facilities and services having regard in particular to the age and the physical and mental condition of the persons received into or to be received into the nursing home.

Records

7.—(1) The manager of every nursing home shall maintain a register of patients received into the nursing home and the information recorded therein shall include:

(*a*) the full name and date of birth of the patient and the address at which he normally resides;

(*b*) the date on which the patient was received into the nursing home;

(*c*) the date on which the patient left the nursing home; and

(*d*) if the patient died at the nursing home, the date and hour of death.

(2) The register maintained in accordance with paragraph (1) shall also include, in connection with maternity patients:

(*a*) the date and hour of delivery of the patient, the number of children then born, their sex and whether born alive or dead;

(*b*) the date on which any child born in the nursing home is removed therefrom together with full particulars in such cases where the child is removed otherwise than into the care of any parent, guardian or relative; and

(*c*) details of any miscarriages occurring in the nursing home.

Notification of deaths

8.—(1) Where any patient, or any child born to a patient dies at any nursing home, the manager thereof shall send notice in writing of such death to the Board not later than twenty-four hours after the death occurs.

(2) The notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall show the cause of death and shall be signed by the manager and the medical practitioner in charge of the case.

Offences

9. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence under Part I of the Act.

Revocation

10. The Nursing Home Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1929(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 11th day of December 1974.

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N. I. Kells,
Assistant Secretary.

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1929, No. 89.