SCHEDULE

The records to be kept under the provisions of paragraph (2) of Regulation 5 shall be —

(1) A register in which shall be entered the date of admission and the date of discharge of every child accommodated in the Home.

(2) A record book in which shall be recorded events of importance connected with the Home.

(3) A record of every fire practice or drill conducted in the Home, together with records of all fire precautions agreed upon after consultation with the Fire Service.

(4) Records of the food provided for the children in the Home in sufficient detail to enable any person inspecting the record to judge whether the dietary was satisfactory.

Welfare Authorities' Homes

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH JULY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 92 OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (4) of Section 92 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Welfare Authorities' Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952.

2. These Regulations shall come into force on 1st October, 1952.

3.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950 ;

" child " means a person under the age of eighteen ;

" Fire Service " means in the area of the County Borough of Belfast the Belfast Fire Brigade and elsewhere in Northern Ireland the Northern Ireland Fire Authority ;

" Home " means a Children's Home provided or maintained by a welfare authority ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

4. The welfare authority shall ensure that each Home in its charge is conducted in such a manner and on such principles as will further the well-being of the children.

5.—(1) The welfare authority shall arrange for each Home in its charge to be visited at least once in each month by a member of the welfare committee or by a member of the children's sub-committee appointed by the welfare committee. The person visiting the Home shall satisfy himself whether the Home is conducted in the interests of the well-being of the children and shall enter his name and the date of his visit in the record book referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall report to the welfare committee or to the children's sub-committee upon his visit, and the report shall be entered in the minutes of the committee or sub-committee to which he reported.

(2) The Children's Officer shall inspect each Home in the area for which he is appointed at least once in each month and shall satisfy himself that the Home is conducted in the interests of the well-being of the children. He shall enter his name and the date of his visit in the record book referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall report to the welfare committee or to the children's sub-committee upon his inspection, and the report shall be entered in the minutes of the committee or sub-committee to which he reported.

6.—(1) The welfare authority shall appoint a person to be in charge of the Home :—

Provided that any person in charge of the Home immediately before these Regulations come into force shall be deemed to have been appointed to be in charge of the Home under this paragraph.

(2) The person in charge of the Home shall compile the records referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall keep them at all times available for inspection by any person visiting the Home under Regulation 5 of these Regulations or by any inspector appointed by the Ministry.

(3) The person in charge of the Home shall be responsible for the custody of the medical records of each child and shall keep them at all times available to the medical officer or to any person specifically authorised by the welfare authority to inspect them, or to any inspector appointed by the Ministry.

7. The welfare authority shall secure that so far as is practicable each child in the Home attends such religious services and receives such religious instructions as are appropriate to the religious persuasion to which he belongs.

8.—(1) The welfare authority shall appoint a medical officer for each Home in its charge.

(2) The duties of the medical officer shall include —