(xvi) sub-section (1) of section fifty-eight of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of officers of hospitals;

(xvii) subsection (4) of section fifty-eight of the Act for the purpose of paragraph (*c*) of that sub-section relating to officers employed solely for the purposes of the service known as the Psycho-neurosis After-care scheme;

(xviii) sub-section (5) of section fifty-eight of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of certain officers employed by the Ministry of Health and Local Government;

(xix) sub-section (6) of section fifty-eight of the Act insofar as that sub-section relates to paragraph (*c*) of sub-section (4) of that section or sub-section (5) of that section;

(xx) section fifty-nine of the Act for purposes relating to the transfer of officers of hospitals;

(xxi) sub-section (3) of section eighty-two of the Act for purposes relating to the performance of functions under the Act;

(xxii) section eighty-three of the Act for purposes other than those specified in Part I of the Schedule to the Health Services (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948 or those specified in Part II of this Schedule;

(xxiii) sub-section (2) of section eighty-five of the Act for certain purposes relating to or arising out of the winding up of bodies referred to in paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (1) of that section.

(xxiv) paragraph (2) of Article one of Part III of the First Schedule to the Act, relating to the first constitution of hospital management committees.

PART II — ENACTMENTS WHICH ARE EXCEPTED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDER AND WHICH SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT ON THE FIFTH DAY OF JULY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT.

(*a*) So much of Part II of the Fifth Schedule to the Act as relates to the Poor Afflicted Persons Relief (Ireland) Act, 1878, and to sub-section (1) of section three of the Lunacy (Ireland) Act, 1901.

(*b*) Article 2 of portion B of Part I of the Tenth Schedule to the Act.

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST JUNE, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11, 13, 74 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

PART I

General

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948. Short title

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :— Interpretation

" the Act " means the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" Board " means the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board ;

" chemist " means a person, firm or body corporate whose name is on the pharmaceutical list of the Board ;

" Committee " means the Northern Ireland Dental Estimates Committee ;

" dental estimate form " means the form set out in Part II of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations, or a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry ;

" dental fitness " means such a reasonable standard of dental efficiency and oral health as is necessary to safeguard general health and " dentally fit " has a corresponding meaning ;

" dental officer " means a dental officer employed by the Board ;

" dental treatment " means all proper and necessary treatment which a dentist usually undertakes for a patient, including examination and advice, the provision of artificial dentures and their repair and remaking, and the administration of anaesthetics in connection with any such treatment, and includes the giving of orders on the appropriate form for the drugs and medicines mentioned in the Third Schedule to these Regulations, or the supply of such drugs and medicines in accordance with these Regulations ;

" dentist " has the same meaning as " dental practitioner " in the Act ;

" drugs " means such drugs and medicines as are specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations ;

" emergency treatment " means any treatment immediately required for the relief of pain, or other urgent symptoms ;

" health centre " means premises provided by the Board under Section 17 of the Act ;

" patient " means a person who is accepted by a dentist for the provision of general dental services and includes a person who is receiving general dental services ;

" supply " in relation to an appliance includes replacement.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PART II

General arrangements for dentists

Terms of Service for dentists

3. The arrangements which the Board are required by Section 11 of the Act to make with dentists for the provision of general dental services, otherwise than at a health centre, shall incorporate the terms of service contained in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Dental list

4.—(1) The Board shall prepare a list, to be called "the dental list," of the dentists who, having made the appropriate application, may be included in the list.

(2) Any dentist resident in Northern Ireland, not disqualified under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act, who applies to be included in the dental list, shall be so included.

(3) Application by a dentist for inclusion in the dental list shall be made by delivering or sending the application by post to the Board in the form set out in Part I of the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations, or in a form to the like effect approved by the Ministry.

(4) The dental list shall contain, in addition to the names of dentists :—

(*a*) the address of any surgery at which the dentist provides general dental services ;

(*b*) particulars of the days and hours at which he is or will be normally in attendance ;

(*c*) where two or more dentists whose names are included in the list practise in partnership, particulars of the partnership ; and

(*d*) where the dentist is acting as an assistant, the name and address of the principal ;

and may, if the Board think fit, be so arranged as to show the area in which each dentist will provide treatment.

(5) Copies of the dental list shall be available for inspection at the office of the Board and at such other places as appear to the Board to be convenient for informing all persons interested and shall be kept revised and up-to-date.

(6) The Board shall send a copy of the dental list to the Ministry, and to each local dental committee and shall within one calendar month inform each of them of any alterations which may from time to time be made therein. The Board shall also send a copy of the list to each health authority, the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority, and any person under contract with the Board to provide pharmaceutical services, and at intervals of not more than three months shall notify them of any alteration made in the dental list :

Provided that in the case of persons providing pharmaceutical services and each health authority the Board may send to them the portions of the list which appear to the Board to concern them.

Arrangements for supply by dentists of drugs and medicines

5.—(1) Where the Board are satisfied that a patient by reason of distance or inadequacy of means of communication would otherwise have serious difficulty in obtaining any drugs required for his treatment under these Regulations, the Board may require the dentist who is responsible for the treatment of the patient to supply such drugs to that patient :

Provided that notwithstanding such requirement the dentist may, if so requested by any patient, instead of supplying such drug or medicine give a prescription for the same to be supplied by a chemist.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulation —

(*a*) a dentist shall not be required to undertake the supply of drugs under this Regulation if he satisfies the Board that he is not in the habit of supplying drugs or that the patient can with at least equal facility obtain a supply of drugs from a chemist ; and

(*b*) a dentist shall be entitled to receive reasonable notice from the Board that he is required to undertake the supply of drugs or that such supply is to be discontinued.

Publication of particulars of arrangements

6. The Board shall cause to be published, in such manner as appears to them best calculated to inform all persons interested, particulars of the arrangements made by the Board, including a statement of the places where copies of the terms of service for dentists and copies of the dental list may be seen, the places at which any necessary forms of application are available, and any other particulars which the Board think proper.

PART III

Method of obtaining general dental services

Selection of dentist

7. A person requiring general dental services may apply to a dentist whose name appears on the dental list. If the application is accepted the patient shall sign Part 1 of the dental estimate form.

Exercise of choice of dentist in certain cases

8. The right to choose the person by whom general dental services are to be provided shall be exercised —

(*a*) on behalf of any person under the age of sixteen by the father, or in his absence, the mother, or in the absence of both parents, the guardian or other person who has the care of the child ; and

(*b*) on behalf of any other person who on account of old age, sickness or other infirmity is incapable of choosing a person to provide any of the services by the relative or other person who has the care of such person.