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Notification of Infectious Diseases.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM) (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS, 1929, DATED 22ND OCTOBER, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1929. No. 104.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (*a*) the Public Health Act, 1896, (*b*) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

Short Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health Ophthalmia Neonatorum) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1929, and shall come into operation on the First day of January, 1930, and shall then and thereafter apply and have effect throughout Northern Ireland.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears :—

"Local authority" means the council of a county borough, the council of a municipal borough or other urban district or the council of a rural district.

"Medical officer of health" means medical officer of health of a local authority.

"Medical practitioner" means any person for the time being registered under the Medical Acts.

"Ophthalmia neonatorum" means a purulent discharge from the eyes of an infant commencing within twenty-one days from the date of its birth.

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

"District" means the district subject to the jurisdiction of a local authority for the purpose of the Public Health (I.) Act, 1878.

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

(*a*) 41-42 Vic., c. 52.
(*b*) 59-60 Vic., c. 19.
(*c*) 52-53 Vic., c. 63.

Notification by Medical Practitioners.

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations every medical practitioner, on first becoming aware that a child upon whom he is in professional attendance is suffering from ophthalmia neonatorum, shall forthwith make and sign, in duplicate, a notification of the case in the Form prescribed for the purpose of certificates under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (*d*) and shall transmit both copies of the notification to the medical officer of health of the district within which he is attending such child at the date of notification.

Transmission of Notifications

4. A notification to be transmitted to a medical officer of health in pursuance of these Regulations shall be addressed to that officer and may be transmitted by being delivered to him or by being delivered at his office or residence, or may be sent by prepaid post addressed to him at his office or at his residence. The notification shall either be enclosed in a sealed envelope or shall be folded in such manner that during its transmission the particulars of the notification cannot be observed.

Fees for Notification.

5. The local authority shall pay to every medical practitioner a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each notification duly made, signed and transmitted by him under these Regulations if the case occurs in his private practice, and of one shilling if the case occurs in his practice as medical officer of any public body or of any institution.

Every fee shall be paid as soon as practicable after the end of the quarter during which notification was sent, and the local authority shall not require before payment an account of fees claimed under these Regulations.

The said fees shall in each case be deemed to cover all expenses including the cost of transmission.

Medical Officer of Health to inform Medical Supervisor of Midwives.

6. Immediately on receipt of a notification the medical officer of health shall transmit a copy to the Medical Supervisor of Midwives appointed by the County Council, or if no such officer has been appointed, to the Secretary of the County Council.

Notification not required in certain cases.

7. Where a child is an inmate of any building, ship, vessel, boat, tent, van, shed or similar structure belonging to His Majesty the King, nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as requiring a notification to be transmitted to a medical officer of health in respect of that child in any case not falling within the provisions of paragraph (*b*) of Section 5 of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, (*a*), (as made permanent by the Expiring Laws Act, 1925, (*b*), and as applied to the Royal Air Force by the Air Force (Application of Enactments) No. 2 Order, 1918, (*c*)).

(*a*) 6-7 Geo. 5, c. 12.
(*b*) 15-16 Geo. 5, c. 76.
(*c*) S. R. & O. 1918. No. 548.
(*d*) 52-53 Vic., c. 72.

Enforcement and execution of Regulations.

8. The local authority shall enforce and execute these Regulations in their district, and shall forthwith cause notice to be given to all medical practitioners resident or practising within the district of the duties thereby imposed upon them.

Supersession of Existing Orders.

9. These Regulations shall, as from the date of the commencement thereof, supersede all orders (permanent or temporary) made by local authorities extending the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to ophthalmia neonatorum.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of October, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-nine.

(L.S.) *D. L. Clarke,*
Assistant Secretary.

NOTE.—The Public Health Act, 1896, provides by sub-section (3) of Section 1 that if any person wilfully neglects or refuses to obey or carry out or obstructs the execution of any regulations made under any of the enactments mentioned in that Act he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding £50 for every day during which the offence continues.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (NOTIFICATION OF PUERPERAL PYREXIA) (NORTHERN IRELAND), REGULATIONS, 1929, DATED 21ST OCTOBER, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1929. No. 103.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (*a*) the Public Health Act, 1896, (*b*) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Short Title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Notification of Puerperal Pyrexia) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1929, and shall come into operation on the First day of January, 1930.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears :—

" Local authority " means the council of a county borough,

(*a*) 41 & 42 Vic., c. 52.
(*b*) 59 & 60 Vic., c. 19.