20. SUPERINTENDENTS OF MENTAL HOSPITALS

The National Health Service (Superintendents of Mental Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1948

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The Minister of Health in exercise of his powers under sections 12, 14 and 66 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Superintendents of Mental Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. A Superintendent shall be appointed for each mental hospital or institution for defectives administered by a Regional Hospital Board, and it shall be a term of his appointment that he shall reside at the hospital or institution or within such distance therefrom as the board may approve.

3. Unless the Minister shall otherwise direct the Superintendent shall be a medical practitioner.

4. The Superintendent shall be the Chief Officer of the hospital or institution, and he shall be responsible for the general management thereof in accordance with any directions which may be given by the Regional Hospital Board or the Hospital Management Committee.

5.—(1) The Superintendent may, for any reason which appears to him sufficient, suspend from duty any officer employed for the purposes only of the hospital or institution and shall forthwith report such suspension, together with the cause thereof, to the Hospital Management Committee.

(2) During the period of suspension the whole or any part of the officer's salary may be withheld. If the suspension is removed the amount so withheld shall be paid to the officer. If the officer dies or resigns or is removed from office during the period of suspension the amount so withheld shall not be paid unless the board or committee otherwise determine.

6. These regulations shall apply in the case of an institution vested in the Minister of Health and designated by him for the purposes of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930(c), as if the said institution were a mental hospital.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-sixth day of February, 1948.

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Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 23.