MENTAL NURSING HOMES

1960 No. 1272

The Mental Health (Registration and Inspection of Mental Nursing Homes) Regulations, 1960

Made - - - -	21*st July*, 1960
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Coming into Operation	1*st November*, 1960

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by subsection (5) of section 14, subsection (1) of section 16, and subsection (3) of section 17 of the Mental Health Act, 1959(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Registration and Inspection of Mental Nursing Homes) Regulations, 1960, and shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1960.

(2) In these regulations the expression "the Act" means the Mental Health Act, 1959, "the Minister" means the Minister of Health and "mental nursing home" and "registration authority" have the meanings assigned to those expressions by section 14 of the Act.

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

Registration

2. The registers of mental nursing homes to be kept by registration authorities under Part VI of the Public Health Act, 1936(**c**), or Part XI of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936(**d**), as applied by Part III of the Act, shall contain the particulars mentioned in the first schedule to these regulations in the form therein set out, or in a form substantially similar thereto.

3.—(1) On an application for the registration of a mental nursing home the applicant shall supply to the registration authority information in regard to the matters mentioned in the second schedule to these regulations, and such other information as the registration authority may reasonably require.

(2) The Public Health (Nursing Homes Registration Form) Regulations, 1938(**e**), shall not apply to an application for the registration of a mental nursing home.

Inspection

4.—(1) A registration authority shall, in pursuance of their powers under subsection (1) of section 17 of the Act, cause every mental nursing home in their area to be inspected on such occasions and at such intervals as the authority may decide, but in any case at least once in each successive period of six months commencing on the first day of May and the first day of November.

(2) In the case of a mental nursing home which immediately before the commencement of the Act was a hospital registered as mentioned in subsection (9) of section 231 of the Lunacy Act, 1890(**f**), the person making the inspection shall, except when visiting the home solely for the purposes mentioned in subsection (2) of section 17 of the Act, be accompanied by a person authorised in that behalf by the Minister.

(**a**) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 72. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 49.
(**d**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 50. (**e**) S.I. 1938/32 (Rev. XVI, p. 1097: 1938 II, p. 2746).
(**f**) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 5.

FIRST SCHEDULE

REGISTER OF MENTAL NURSING HOMES

PART I—HOMES AUTHORISED TO RECEIVE PATIENTS LIABLE TO BE DETAINED UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959

Reference Number	Full Name and Address of the Applicant (see Note (1) below)	Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Home in respect of which registration is granted	Number, Sexes and Categories of Patients for whom nursing or other medical treatment is provided in the Home (see Note (2) below)	Name, Address and Description of employment of persons employed or to be employed in the home in a managerial capacity	Date of		
					Registration	Issue of Certificate	Cancelling Order

PART II—HOMES NOT AUTHORISED TO RECEIVE PATIENTS LIABLE TO BE DETAINED UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959

NOTES: (1) If the application is made by a Company, Society, Association or Body, insert the registered or principal office.

(2) This column should include any available information about the number, age, sex and mental category of the patients to be received. For mental category use—I for patients who are mentally ill or infirm; II for patients suffering from subnormality; III for patients suffering from severe subnormality; IV for patients suffering from psychopathic disorder; and V for patients not suffering from mental disorder.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Matters on which information is to be supplied by applicants for registration.

1. Full name and address of the applicant, including the registered or principal office of any company, society, association or body making the application.

2. Situation, construction, accommodation for patients and staff and equipment of the home.

3. Date on which the home was established, or is to be established.

4. Full names, ages, qualifications and experience of persons employed, or proposed to be employed in the management of the home or any part thereof.

5. Number of patients (excluding staff) who have been received or who are to be received, distinguishing between males and females and different categories of patients and indicating the age-range of patients in each category.

6. Number and grades of staff (other than staff included under paragraph 4 of this Schedule) distinguishing between resident and non-resident, and between males and females.

7. The arrangements made, or proposed to be made, for medical supervision and treatment and for the training or occupation and recreation of patients.

8. The address of any other mental nursing home or of any residential home for mentally disordered persons in which the applicant is interested, and the nature and extent of the applicant's interest therein.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

B. D. Fraser,
Secretary,
Ministry of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide for the form of register of mental nursing homes to be kept by county and county borough councils. The regulations specify the information to be included in an application for registration. They also require the registration authority to inspect such homes at least once in each period of six months. Special arrangements are made for the former registered hospitals.