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The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART III

CONDUCT OF THE NURSING HOME

Requirements to ensure quality of nursing and other service provision

12.—(1) The registered person shall provide treatment, and any other services to patients in accordance with the statement of purpose, and shall ensure that the treatment and other services provided to each patient –

- (a) meet his individual needs;
- (b) reflect current best practice; and
- (c) are (where necessary) provided by means of appropriate aids or equipment.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that all aids and equipment used in or for the purpose of the nursing home is –

- (a) suitable for the purposes for which it is to be used; and
- (b) properly maintained and in good working order.

(3) The registered person shall ensure that –

- (a) where reusable medical devices are used in a nursing home, the registered person shall ensure that appropriate procedures are implemented and adhered to in relation to cleaning, disinfection, inspection, packaging, sterilisation, transportation and storage of such devices;
- (b) the procedures implemented in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) shall be such as to ensure that reusable medical devices are handled safely and decontaminated effectively in accordance with the manufacturer's guidance, prior to re-use.

(4) The registered person shall ensure that food and fluids –

- (a) are provided in adequate quantities and at appropriate intervals;
- (b) are properly prepared, wholesome and nutritious and meets their nutritional requirements;
- (c) are suitable for the needs of patients;
- (d) provide choice for the patients; and
- (e) that the menu is varied at suitable intervals.