
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 174

**The Independent Health Care
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

**PART I
GENERAL**

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations –

“agency” means an independent medical agency;

“dentist” means dental practitioner;

“establishment” means an independent hospital, or an independent clinic;

“ethics committee” has the same meaning as in the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004⁽¹⁾;

“Fire Authority” means the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland within the meaning of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984⁽²⁾;

“general practitioner” means a medical practitioner providing primary medical services;

“health care professional” means a person who is registered as a member of any profession which is regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 or who is a clinical psychologist or child psychotherapist⁽³⁾;

“medical device” has the same meaning as in the Medical Devices Regulations 2002⁽⁴⁾;

“the Order” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003;

“the 1972 Order” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽⁵⁾;

“organisation” means a body corporate or any unincorporated association other than a partnership;

“patient”, in relation to any establishment or agency, means a person for whom treatment is provided in or for the purposes of the establishment, or for the purposes of the agency;

“patient’s guide” means the guide compiled in accordance with regulation 8;

“practising privileges” in relation to a medical practitioner, refers to the grant to a person who is not employed in an independent hospital of permission to practise in that hospital;

(1) S.I.2004/1031

(2) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11)

(3) 2002 c. 17

(4) S.I. 2002/618

(5) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

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“registered manager”, in relation to an establishment or agency, means a person who is registered under Part III of the Order as the manager of the establishment or agency;

“registered person”, in relation to an establishment or agency, means any person who is the registered provider or the registered manager of the establishment or agency;

“registered provider” in relation to an establishment or agency, means a person who is registered under Part III of the Order as the person carrying on the establishment or agency;

“responsible individual” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 10(2)(c)(i);

“statement of purpose” means the written statement compiled in accordance with regulation 7;

“treatment” includes palliative care and nursing and listed services within the meaning of Article 2 of the Order.

(2) In these Regulations, references to employing a person include employing a person whether under a contract of service or a contract for services.