
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2007 No. 236

**The Residential Family Centres
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

PART III

CONDUCT OF RESIDENTIAL FAMILY CENTRES

Further requirements as to health and welfare

- 13.**—(1) The registered person shall make arrangements for residents—
- (a) to be registered with a general medical practitioner of their choice; and
 - (b) to receive where necessary, treatment, advice and other services from any health care professional and/or social care worker.
- (2) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements for the ordering, storage, recording, handling, safe keeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines used in or for the purposes of the residential family centre to ensure that—
- (a) any medicine which is kept in a residential family centre is stored in a secure place;
 - (b) medicine which is prescribed is administered as prescribed to the resident for whom it is prescribed, and to no other resident; and
 - (c) a written record is kept of the administration of any medicine to a resident.
- (3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to medicine which—
- (a) is stored by the individual for whom it is provided in such a way that others are prevented from using it; and
 - (b) may be safely self-administered by that individual.
- (4) In this regulation, “prescribed” means—
- (a) ordered for a resident for provision to him under Part VI of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽¹⁾; or
 - (b) prescribed for a resident under [F¹regulations 214 or 215 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012].
- (5) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements to minimise the risk of infection and toxic conditions and the spread of infection between residents and staff.
- (6) The registered person shall ensure as far as reasonably practicable that—
- (a) all parts of the residential family centre to which residents have access are free from hazards to their safety;
 - (b) any activities in which residents participate, are free from avoidable risks;

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

(c) unnecessary risks to the health, welfare or safety of residents are identified and so far as possible eliminated; and

(d) suitable arrangements for the training of persons employed in first aid are made.

(7) The registered person shall make arrangements, by training persons employed at the residential family centre or by other measures, to prevent residents being harmed or suffering abuse or being placed at risk of harm or abuse.

(8) The registered person shall ensure that no resident is subject to restraint unless restraint of the kind employed is the only practicable means of securing the welfare of that or any other resident and there are exceptional circumstances.

(9) On any occasion on which a resident is subject to restraint, the registered person shall record the circumstances, including the nature of the restraint. These details should also be reported to the [F²RQIA] as soon as is practicable.

F1 Words in [reg. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#) substituted (14.8.2012) by [The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1916\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. 34 para. 120](#) (with [Sch. 32](#))

F2 Words in Regulations substituted (11.4.2014) by [Health and Social Care \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(c. 5\)](#), [Sch. para. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 1\(2\)](#))

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 13 in operation at 30.4.2007, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Residential Family Centres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007, Section 13.