
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 225

**The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management
and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

PART 2

Accountable officers

Accountable officers to assess and investigate concerns

16.—(1) An accountable officer shall establish and operate, or ensure that his designated body establishes and operates, appropriate arrangements for—

- (a) assessing concerns expressed about incidents that involved, or may have involved, the improper management or use of controlled drugs by a person who is, as regards his designated body, a relevant individual; and
- (b) investigating such concerns.

(2) If, after an assessment of a concern expressed, the accountable officer decides that an investigation is needed, the accountable officer may—

- (a) carry out that investigation himself;
- (b) make a written request for another officer or employee of his designated body to carry out the investigation; or
- (c) if appropriate, and subject to paragraph (5)—
 - (i) make a written request for an officer or employee (including, in the case of a designated body, an accountable officer) from any of the responsible bodies listed in paragraph (3) to carry out the investigation, or
 - (ii) make a written request for a number of officers or employees from any of the responsible bodies listed in paragraph (3) to form a joint investigation team to carry out the investigation.

(3) The following are responsible bodies for the purposes of section 18 of the 2006 Act and this regulation—

- (a) a designated body;
- (b) the Department;
- (c) the Counter Fraud Unit of RBSO;
- (d) the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (e) RQIA;
- (f) a regulatory body.

(4) An accountable officer may use his powers under paragraph (2)(c) to request an investigation (or a joint investigation with other responsible bodies) by the Counter Fraud Unit of RBSO into any possible fraud in relation to health care.

- (5) The accountable officer shall keep, or ensure that his designated body keeps, a record of—
- (a) any request made to an accountable officer from another designated body, or to another responsible body, under paragraph (2)(c) to investigate a concern that involved, or may have involved, the improper management or use of controlled drugs; and
 - (b) any assessment or investigation of a concern that involved, or may have involved, improper management or use of controlled drugs by a relevant individual that the accountable officer or his designated body carried out; and
 - (c) any notification given to another responsible body or accountable officer under regulation 25(4).

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 16](#) in operation at 1.10.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, Section 16.