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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 728**

**The Prison Rules 1999**

**PART II**

**PRISONERS**

*MEDICAL ATTENTION*

**Medical attendance**

**20.**—(1) The medical officer of a prison shall have the care of the health, mental and physical, of the prisoners in that prison.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) Every request by a prisoner to see a registered medical practitioner, a registered nurse or other health care professional such as is mentioned in paragraph (3) shall be recorded by the officer to whom it is made and promptly passed on to the medical officer.]

[<sup>F2</sup>(3) The medical officer may consult —

- (a) a registered medical practitioner,
- (b) a registered nurse, or
- (c) any other health care professional,

and such a person may work within the prison under the general supervision of the medical officer.]

[<sup>F3</sup>(4) .....

(5) If an unconvicted prisoner desires the attendance of a registered medical practitioner or dentist, and will pay any expense incurred, the governor shall, if he is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the request and unless the Secretary of State otherwise directs, allow him to be visited and treated by that practitioner or dentist in consultation with [<sup>F4</sup>a registered medical practitioner such as is mentioned in paragraph (3)].

(6) Subject to any directions given in the particular case by the Secretary of State, a registered medical practitioner selected by or on behalf of a prisoner who is a party to any legal proceedings shall be afforded reasonable facilities for examining him in connection with the proceedings, and may do so out of hearing but in the sight of an officer.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Rule 20(2) substituted (3.1.2006) by [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), [rule 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(a\)](#)
- F2** Rule 20(3) substituted (3.1.2006) by [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), [rule 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)](#)
- F3** Rule 20(4) omitted (3.1.2006) by virtue of [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), [rule 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(c\)](#)

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**Special illnesses and conditions**

**21.**—(1) [<sup>F5</sup>A registered medical practitioner] such as is mentioned in rule 20(3) shall report to the governor on the case of any prisoner whose health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued imprisonment or any conditions of imprisonment. The governor shall send the report to the Secretary of State without delay, together with his own recommendations.

<sup>F6</sup>(2) .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Words in [rule 21\(1\)](#) substituted (3.1.2006) by [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), rule 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)**

**F6** [Rule 21\(2\)](#) omitted (3.1.2006) by virtue of [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), rule 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4(b)**

**Notification of illness or death**

**22.**—(1) If a prisoner dies, becomes seriously ill, sustains any severe injury or is removed to hospital on account of mental disorder, the governor shall, if he knows his or her address, at once inform the prisoner’s spouse or next of kin, and also any person who the prisoner may reasonably have asked should be informed.

(2) If a prisoner dies, the governor shall give notice immediately to the coroner having jurisdiction, to the board of visitors and to the Secretary of State.

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