
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

PART 5

Certification of opinion and notification of termination

Notification of termination to Chief Medical Officer

10.—(1) A registered medical professional who terminates a pregnancy must give to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department—

- (a) notice of the termination; and
- (b) such other information relating to the termination as is specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) Notice and information under paragraph (1) must be given—

- (a) within 14 days beginning with—
 - (i) in a case where the termination is by treatment with Mifepristone, the date of that treatment; or
 - (ii) in all other cases, the date on which the termination occurred; and
- (b) in a sealed envelope or by e-mail.

(3) Any notice or information given to the Chief Medical Officer under this regulation must not be disclosed except—

- (a) for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the Department, to an officer of the Department authorised by the Chief Medical Officer;
- (b) for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the Registrar General for Northern Ireland, to the Registrar General or a member of the staff of the General Register Office;
- (c) for the purpose of investigating whether an offence has been committed under these Regulations, to a police officer not below the rank of superintendent or a person authorised by that officer;
- (d) for the purpose of carrying out functions in relation to offences under these Regulations, to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland or a member of the staff of the Public Prosecution Service authorised by the Director;
- (e) pursuant to a court order, for the purposes of proceedings which have begun;
- (f) for the purposes of bona fide scientific research;
- (g) to the registered medical professional who terminated the pregnancy;
- (h) to a registered medical professional, with the consent in writing of the woman whose pregnancy was terminated;
- (i) to the General Medical Council or the Nursing and Midwifery Council when requested by that Council for the purpose of investigating whether the fitness to practise of a registered medical professional is impaired; or

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- (j) to the woman whose pregnancy was terminated, on her supplying to the Chief Medical Officer the date and place of the termination and written evidence of her identity.
- (4) A person who intentionally contravenes any provision of this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (5) Proceedings in respect of an offence under paragraph (4) may be brought only by, or with the consent of, the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.
- (6) The Department may provide forms for the purpose of giving notice and information under paragraph (1).