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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**Private and Voluntary Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002**

PART III

CONDUCT OF HEALTH CARE ESTABLISHMENTS

CHAPTER 2

PREMISES

**Fitness of premises**

**24.**—(1) The registered person shall not use premises as an establishment unless they are in a location, and of a physical design and layout, which are suitable for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives set out in the statement of purpose.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) the premises are of sound construction and kept in a good state of repair externally and internally;
- (b) the size and layout of rooms are suitable for the purposes for which they are to be used and are suitably equipped and furnished;
- (c) all parts of the establishment are kept clean and meet appropriate standards of hygiene;
- (d) all parts of the establishment to which patients have access are so far as reasonably practicable free from hazards to their safety; and
- (e) if surgical procedures are undertaken, life support systems are used, or obstetric services and, in connection with childbirth, medical services, are provided in the establishment, such electrical supply is provided during the interruption of public supply as is needed to safeguard the lives of the patients.

(3) The registered person shall provide for employees and medical practitioners with practising privileges—

- (a) suitable facilities and accommodation, other than sleeping accommodation, including—
  - (i) facilities for the purpose of changing; and
  - (ii) storage facilities; and
- (b) where the provision of such accommodation is needed by employees in connection with their work, sleeping accommodation.

(4) The registered person shall—

- (a) take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision and maintenance of adequate fire prevention and detection equipment;
- (b) provide adequate means of escape in the event of a fire;

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- (c) make arrangements for persons employed in the establishment and medical practitioners to whom practising privileges have been granted to receive suitable training in fire prevention;
  - (d) ensure, by means of fire drills and practices at suitable intervals, that the persons employed in the establishment and, so far as practicable, patients and medical practitioners to whom practising privileges have been granted, are aware of the procedure to be followed in case of fire;
  - (e) review fire precautions, the suitability of fire equipment and the procedure to be followed in case of fire at intervals not exceeding twelve months; and
  - (f) consult with the fire authority about the matters described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e).
- (5) In this regulation, “fire authority”, in relation to an establishment, means the authority discharging in the area in which the establishment is situated, the function of fire authority under the Fire Services Act 1947<sup>(1)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1947 c. 41.