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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, WALES

**The Functions of Local Health Boards (Dental Public Health) (Wales)
Regulations 2006**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations set out the functions to be exercised by Local Health Boards in Wales in relation to oral health.

Those functions relate to oral health promotion programmes, dental inspection of pupils in schools maintained by local education authorities and oral health surveys.

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Made

28 February 2006

Coming into force

1 March 2006

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16CB(2) and 126 of the National Health Service Act 1977⁽¹⁾:

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.-(1) The title of these Regulations is the Functions of Local Health Boards (Dental Public Health) (Wales) Regulations 2006 which come into force on 1 March 2006.

(2) In these Regulations-

"the Act" means the National Health Service Act 1977;

"oral health promotion programme" means a health promotion and disease prevention programme the underlying purpose of which is to educate and support members of the public about ways in which they may improve their oral health; and

"oral health survey" means a survey to establish the prevalence and incidence of disease or abnormality of the oral cavity.

(3) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

Exercise of functions of Local Health Boards

2.-(1) A Local Health Board will have the following functions.

(2) A Local Health Board will exercise its functions under these Regulations to the extent that it considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements within its area to provide or secure the provision of the following-

- (a) oral health promotion programmes;
- (b) dental inspection of pupils in attendance at schools maintained by local education authorities; and
- (c) oral health surveys to facilitate-
 - (i) the assessment and monitoring of oral health needs,
 - (ii) the planning and evaluation of oral health promotion programmes, and
 - (iii) the planning and evaluation of the provision of primary and specialist dental services.

⁽¹⁾ 1977 c.49. Section 16CB(2) was inserted by section 171(1) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c.43). Section 126 was amended by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c.19), section 65(2); and by the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c.15) Schedule 5, paragraph 5(13)(b).

(3) A Local Health Board will participate in any survey required by the National Assembly for Wales as part of a survey conducted or sponsored under section 5(2)(d) of the Act **(1)** (other services).

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998**(2)**

28 February 2006

D. Elis-Thomas

The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

(1) Subsection (2) of section 5 has been amended by section 1 of the Public Health Laboratory Service Act 1979, (c. 23), and S.I. 2002/2759.

(2) 1998 c.38.

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