LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

1960 No. 1160

The Mental Health (Powers of Inspection) Regulations, 1960

Made - - - -	11*th July*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	14*th July*, 1960
Coming into Operation	15*th July*, 1960

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 7 of the Mental Health Act, 1959(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation and Commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Powers of Inspection) Regulations, 1960, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of July, 1960.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by any other enactment.

Powers of Entry and Inspection

3.—(1) Any officer of the Minister of Health authorised to act for the purposes of these regulations shall have power at all reasonable times—

(*a*) to enter any premises in which residential accommodation or facilities for training or occupation are provided by a local health authority under section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(c), for the care or after-care of persons who are or have been suffering from mental disorder ; and

(*b*) to make such examination into the state and management of the premises, and the arrangements made for the welfare of any such persons provided with accommodation or with facilities for training or occupation in the premises, as he thinks requisite.

(2) Any such officer as aforesaid exercising any power conferred on him by these regulations may call for and examine any documents used in connection with such premises or with the care or after-care of such persons at such premises, which he considers necessary to enable him properly to exercise that power.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

Derek Walker-Smith,
Minister of Health.

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 72. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for the exercise by officers of the Minister of Health, authorised for the purpose, of powers of entry into and inspection of premises in which residential accommodation or facilities for the training or occupation of mentally disordered persons are provided by local health authorities in exercise of their powers under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.