8. EMERGENCY MENTAL TREATMENT

The National Health Service (Emergency Mental Treatment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 1075

Made - - - -	*14th May*, 1948
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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under Section 12 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:— 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Emergency Mental Treatment) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The Hospital Management Committee of every hospital or part of a hospital (in these regulations referred to as " the hospital ") vested in the Minister and designated by him for the purposes of Section 20 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, shall make provision for and take all necessary steps to secure the carrying out of the following duties:— 53 & 54 Vict. c. 5.

(i) The keeping of a register in Form A in the Schedule to these regulations of the admission and discharge or death of every patient admitted to the hospital under the provisions of Section 20 or Section 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890;

(ii) The examination by the medical officer of every such patient as soon as practicable after his admission to the hospital and also immediately before his removal to a mental hospital or other establishment, and the entry by the medical officer in the said register of a statement of the bodily condition of the patient at the date of the examination and of any bruises or marks of violence found on him;

(iii) In every case in which such a patient is placed in a padded room, or is kept in seclusion (as defined by Rule 57 of the Mental Treatment Rules, 1948(a)) between the hours of eight in the morning and seven in the evening, the recording thereof in a book in the Form B in the Schedule to these regulations, which may be included in the Register of Mechanical Restraint, and the production of the book or register to every Commissioner or Inspector of the Board of Control visiting the hospital;

(iv) Within 48 hours of the death of any patient detained under the provisions of Sections 20, 21 and 21A of the Lunacy Act, 1890, the giving of notice thereof by the medical officer to the Coroner in Form C in the Schedule to these regulations.

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 1071, p. 1775 above.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

REGISTER OF PATIENTS ADMITTED UNDER SECTIONS 20 AND 21 OF THE LUNACY ACT, 1890

Date of Admission	NAME	Age on Admission	By whose Order Detained and Date Authority Expires			RESULT OF EXAMINATION ON ADMISSION (Note any bodily defects, bruises, marks, old scars, signs of pregnancy, or the like)	Date of Discharge or Death	RESULT OF EXAMINATION ON DISCHARGE (Say whether any bodily defects, bruises, marks, signs of pregnancy, or the like)	Method of Disposal (If removed to a mental hospital state where and whether as a voluntary, temporary or certified patient)					
			Duly Authorised Officer or Constable (3 days)	Justice (14 days)	Certificate of Medical Officer (14 days)				For psychiatric treatment		To other hospital	Dealt with under Mental Deficiency Acts	To care of friends or own home	Otherwise disposed of
									To mental hospital	To other hospital				
						Dated this day of (Signed) Medical Officer of the Hospital.		Dated this day of (Signed) Medical Officer of the Hospital.						

FORM B

RECORD OF SECLUSION

Hours Secluded	Reasons for Seclusion	Date	Names of Patients	
			Males	Females

(*Note.*—At the beginning of this register a printed copy of any regulation or rule made by the Board and for the time being in force which relates to or defines seclusion must be inserted.)

FORM C

[Name of Hospital]

NOTICE OF DEATH OF PATIENT RECEIVED UNDER SECTION 20 OR 21 OF LUNACY ACT, 1890

I hereby give you notice that , a patient received into this hospital under the provisions of Section $\frac{*20}{*21}$ of the Lunacy Act, 1890, on the day of , died therein on the day of .

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

(Signed)

Medical Officer.

Dated the day of .

To the Coroner for the County of [or as the case may be].

STATEMENT RESPECTING THE ABOVE-NAMED PATIENT.

Name

Sex and Age Married, single, or widowed.

Profession or occupation.

Usual residence (postal address) before admission. If the patient has been transferred from another Hospital or Institution (including Workhouses, etc.), the place of residence before admission to the first Institution should be given.

Cause of Death.

I.		
Immediate cause* ...	*a*	.....
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause) ...	*b*	.....
	c	.....
II.		
Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not related to immediate cause ...		.....
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* This means the disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, as, e.g., heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.

Whether or not ascertained by post-mortem examination.

Time of and any unusual circumstances attending the death ; also a description of any injuries known to exist at time of death or found subsequently on body of deceased, or a statement that there were none.

Names and description of persons present at the death.

I hereby certify that the particulars contained in the above statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed)

Medical Officer.

Dated the day of .

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this fourteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.)

Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations contain provisions for safeguarding the welfare of persons, alleged to be of unsound mind, who for their protection or the public safety are removed to hospitals designated for the purpose pending the taking of further proceedings for their reception into mental hospitals.