25. VENEREAL DISEASES

The National Health Service (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 2517

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of his powers under section 12 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1948.

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

3. Every Board of Governors of a teaching hospital and every Regional Hospital Board shall take all necessary steps to secure that any information obtained by officers of the Board with respect to persons examined or treated for venereal disease in a hospital for the administration of which the Board is responsible shall be treated as confidential.

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

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Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The effect of these regulations is to maintain the principle, originally contained in the Public Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1916, which it was necessary to revoke in consequence of the National Health Service Act, 1946, that information about persons attending venereal disease treatment centres (which are covered by the term "hospital") shall be treated as confidential.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.