

which the child has attended, or, if the child has not attended a school, from the last teacher of the child ;

- (d) a certificate in such form as the local education authority may require from the school medical officer of the health authority for the area in which the parent of the child resides to the effect that the child may, in his opinion, be employed in the manner proposed without prejudice to his or her physical development and that the employment will not, in his opinion, render the child unfit to obtain proper benefit from his or her education.

4.—(1) A licence for the purpose of these Regulations shall be in a form approved by the Ministry and shall specify the name of the person to whom the licence is granted, the name of the child to be employed, the period of employment and such reasonable restrictions and conditions as to the employment of the child as the authority considers desirable ;

(2) a local education authority shall not grant a licence for a period in excess of six months.

5. The holder of a licence shall, at least seven days before the child takes part in any entertainment, notify the local education authority within whose area the entertainment is to take place of the forthcoming employment of the child and where the licence was not granted by that local education authority shall present the licence to that local education authority for inspection.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 6th day of November, 1952, in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. S. Brownell,
Secretary.

Voluntary Homes

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH JULY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 101 OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

1952. No. 131

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (1) of Section 101 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Voluntary Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952.

2. These Regulations shall come into force on 1st October, 1952.

3.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

- “ the Act ” means the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950 ;
- “ administering authority ” means the person or persons carrying on the voluntary home ;
- “ child ” means a person under the age of eighteen ;
- “ Fire Service ” means in the area of the County Borough of Belfast the Belfast Fire Brigade and elsewhere in Northern Ireland the Northern Ireland Fire Authority ;
- “ home ” means a voluntary home as defined by Section 98 of the Act ;
- “ primary school ” has the same meaning as in the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;
- “ the Ministry ” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;
- “ training school ” has the same meaning as in the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

4.—(1) The administering authority shall ensure that each home in its charge is conducted in such a manner and on such principles as will further the well-being of the children in the home.

(2) The administering authority shall make arrangements for the home to be visited at least once in every month by a person who shall satisfy himself whether the home is conducted in the interests of the well-being of the children, and shall report to the administering authority upon his visit and shall enter in the record book referred to in the Schedule hereto his name and the date of his visit.

5.—(1) The administering authority shall appoint a person to be in charge of the home :—

Provided that any person in charge of the home immediately before these Regulations come into force shall be deemed to have been appointed to be in charge of the home under this paragraph.

(2) The person in charge of the home shall compile the records referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall keep them at all times available for inspection by any inspector appointed by the Ministry.

(3) The person in charge of the home shall be responsible for the custody of the medical records of each child and shall keep them at all times available to the medical officer or to any inspector appointed by the Ministry.

6. The administering authority shall secure that so far as is practicable each child in the home attends such religious services and receives such religious instruction as are appropriate to the religious persuasion to which he belongs.

7.—(1) The administering authority shall appoint a medical officer for each home in its charge.

- (2) The duties of the medical officer shall include —
- (i) the general supervision of the health of the children (excluding their dental health);
 - (ii) the general supervision of the hygienic condition of the premises;
 - (iii) attendance at the home at regular intervals with sufficient frequency to ensure that he is closely acquainted with the health of the children;
 - (iv) the examination of the children at regular intervals;
 - (v) the provision of such medical attention as may be necessary, other than dental treatment;
 - (vi) the giving of advice to the person in charge of the home on matters affecting the health of any of the children or the hygienic condition of the premises;
 - (vii) the supervision of the compilation of a medical record for each child in the home containing particulars of the medical history of the child before admission, so far as it is known, of his physical and mental condition on admission, of his medical history while accommodated in the home and of his condition on discharge from the home.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Regulation, the administering authority may appoint more than one medical officer and may divide the preceding duties among them as it sees fit.

8. The administering authority shall make suitable arrangements for the dental care of the children in the home.

9.—(1) The administering authority shall notify the Ministry forthwith —

- (i) of the death of any child in the home and of the relevant circumstances;
- (ii) of any accident in the home resulting in serious injury to a child or a member of the staff;
- (iii) if known to the administering authority, of the death of any child who dies within two months of ceasing to be in the home and of the relevant circumstances so far as they can by reasonable enquiry be ascertained;
- (iv) of any outbreak among the children in the home under five years of age of infective gastro-enteritis, and of any

outbreak of infectious disease among any of the children which the medical officer regards as sufficiently serious to be so notified.

(2) Where a child dies in the home or contracts an illness or sustains an accident which the medical officer considers to be serious, the administering authority shall notify the circumstances forthwith to the parent or guardian of the child, and, if the child were placed in the home by a welfare authority, to that welfare authority.

10.—(1) The administering authority shall obtain the advice of the Fire Service before opening a new home or making any structural alterations to an existing home, and shall arrange for the periodic inspection of each home in its charge by the Fire Service.

(2) The administering authority shall ensure that periodic fire drills and practice are carried out in each home in its charge, so that the staff, and so far as possible the children, are well versed in the procedure for saving life in case of fire.

(3) The administering authority shall report to the Ministry forthwith any outbreaks of fire in any home in its charge.

11.—(1) The person in charge of a home shall ensure that generally order is maintained by his personal influence and understanding and that of his staff, and resort to corporal punishment shall be avoided as far as possible.

(2) Where correction is needed for minor acts of misbehaviour, the punishment shall take the form of forfeiture of rewards or privileges (including pocket money) or temporary loss of recreation; provided that a light tap of the hand may occasionally be applied to the hand of a child with the object of indicating urgent disapproval rather than that of inflicting pain.

(3) Other forms of corporal punishment shall be subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) It shall be inflicted only on the hands or posterior with a light cane and shall not exceed six strokes in the case of a child over 10 years of age, and 2 strokes in the case of a child over 8 and under 10 years of age. No child under 8 years of age shall be so punished.
- (b) It shall not be administered by any person other than the person in charge of the home or in his absence his duly authorised deputy.
- (c) A second member of staff shall invariably be present to witness the proceedings.
- (d) No caning shall be administered in the presence of another child.
- (e) Any child known to have a physical or mental disability shall not be subjected to corporal punishment without the sanction of the medical officer.

(4) Particulars of the administration of corporal punishment under paragraph (3) of this Regulation (giving the name and age of the child concerned, the offence and the number of strokes of the cane awarded him) shall be entered in the record book referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(5) At the commencement of each quarter the administering authority shall furnish to the Ministry a return giving particulars of corporal punishment imposed during the preceding three months.

12.—(1) The Ministry may give directions limiting the number of children who may at any one time be accommodated in the home.

(2) The Ministry may give directions limiting the period during which any child may be accommodated in a home.

(3) The Ministry may direct any child to be removed from a home and to be placed in another home or in a welfare authority home or to be boarded out, or to be otherwise dealt with.

(4) The Ministry may require the administering authority to furnish returns of the children in a home or boarded out from the home in such form as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

13. The Ministry may give directions to the administering authority prohibiting the provision for the children in any home in its charge of clothing specified in the directions.

14. The administering authority shall furnish to the Ministry on demand such information as the Ministry may from time to time require as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians or relatives of children in the home to visit and communicate with the children, and shall comply with any directions given by the Ministry as to the provision of such facilities.

15. The administering authority shall forthwith give notice to the Ministry when a person in charge of a home ceases to be in charge of that home, and of any new appointment to the position.

16. Where a primary school or a training school is established or maintained within a home, these Regulations shall not apply to any child during that part of the day in which he is attending the primary school or to any child who has been committed to the training school.

17. Where in the opinion of the administering authority it is desirable in the special circumstances of any situation that the provisions of one or more of the foregoing Regulations should not apply, a special arrangement may be made with the prior consent of the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twenty-fifth day of July Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Sgd.) *J. B. O'Neill,*

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

The records to be kept under the provisions of paragraph (2) of Regulation 5 shall be —

- (1) A register in which shall be entered the date of admission and the date of discharge of every child accommodated in the Home.
- (2) A record book in which shall be recorded events of importance connected with the Home.
- (3) A record of every fire practice or drill conducted in the Home, together with records of all fire precautions agreed upon after consultation with the Fire Service.
- (4) Records of the food provided for the children in the Home in sufficient detail to enable any person inspecting the record to judge whether the dietary was satisfactory.

Welfare Authorities' Homes

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH JULY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 92 OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

1952. No. 130

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (4) of Section 92 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Welfare Authorities' Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952.

2. These Regulations shall come into force on 1st October, 1952.

3.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

“ the Act ” means the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950 ;

“ child ” means a person under the age of eighteen ;

“ Fire Service ” means in the area of the County Borough of Belfast the Belfast Fire Brigade and elsewhere in Northern Ireland the Northern Ireland Fire Authority ;

“ Home ” means a Children's Home provided or maintained by a welfare authority ;

“ the Ministry ” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.