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*Maternity Act 1928*



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Justice Act, 1957*

BYELAWS  
WITH RESPECT TO  
MATERNITY  
HOMES.

R. R. LINTHORNE,

*Town Clerk.*

SOUTHAMPTON:

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# BYELAWS

MADE BY

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES

OF THE

BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON

ACTING BY THE COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO

## MATERNITY HOMES

IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON.

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1. Throughout these byelaws, the following words and expressions shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings hereafter assigned to them, that is to say—

“ Council ” means the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Southampton acting by the Council ;

“ Keeper of a maternity home ” means any person who carries on a maternity home as defined in section 12 of the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, 1926, which is not for the time being exempt under section 11 of that Act ;

“ Register ” includes a book, card or form ;

“ Patient ” means a woman received into a maternity home for the purposes of childbirth or of the treatment of the immediate effects of childbirth ;

“ Infectious disease ” means an infectious disease which a keeper of a maternity home may be required to notify to the medical officer of health of the district in pursuance of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Acts, 1889 and 1899.

2. A keeper of a maternity home shall—

(1) keep in proper order a register of patients received into and children born in the home :

(2) enter therein fully, punctually, and legibly the following particulars :

- (a) a reference number for each patient ;
- (b) the name and address of the patient as given by or on behalf of the patient ;
- (c) the date on which the patient entered the home ;
- (d) the amount of every payment made to such keeper by or on behalf of the patient and the number of the receipt given for such payment ;
- (e) the date and hour of delivery of the patient, the number of children then born, their sex, and whether born alive or dead ;
- (f) the name and address of the person who delivered the patient ;
- (g) the method of feeding each child ;
- (h) the date on which the patient and every child born to her in the home was discharged from or finally left the home ;
- (i) if the patient or any child born to her in the home died at the home, the date and hour of death ;
- (j) if the patient suffered from an infectious disease or any illness due to abnormal causes while at the home, the nature of such disease and the action taken :

(3) either keep the particulars of every patient together in alphabetical order in the register according to the name of the patient or keep a correct alphabetical index of the patients :

(4) keep a case record giving, in connexion with every patient in the home, a daily statement of her health and that of every child there born to her, and the action taken in any illness due to abnormal causes.

3. A keeper of a maternity home shall, whenever he arranges or is a party to any arrangement for the removal of a child born in the home to other premises to be placed in the custody or care of any person other than its parent or guardian or a relative, keep in the register of patients and in readily ascertainable connexion with the entry relating to the mother of the child a record specifying the address of such premises, the name of the person in whose custody or care the child is placed, the date of the removal of the child and the amount of payment (if any) made to the keeper in respect of the arrangement.

4. A keeper of a maternity home shall, in addition to the other records required by these byelaws to be kept of patients received into the home—

- (1) keep a book of forms of numbered receipts with a duplicate of each receipt :
- (2) keep in such book a duplicate of the receipt :
- (3) enter or show on every receipt issued by him :—
  - (a) his name and the address of the home ;
  - (b) the date of payment ;
  - (c) the name and reference number in the register of patients of the patient in respect of whom a payment has been made for which the receipt is given ;
  - (d) particulars of any payment (included in that for which the receipt is given) to any medical practitioner or other person for services or goods supplied ; and

- (e) if the payment is made in respect of a child, the date of the birth of the child and its name or names.

5. A keeper of a maternity home shall—

(1) within twenty-four hours of the death at the home of any patient, or of any child born to any patient, send to the Council notice in writing by letter post, or in an equally suitable manner, stating on such notification—

- (i) the date and hour of death, and  
 (ii) where a certificate of the cause of death has been given to him, the cause of death as therein stated, or  
 (iii) where a certificate of the cause of death has not been given to him, the cause of death to the best of his knowledge :

(2) if an inquest is held in respect of any such death, within twenty-four hours of the conclusion thereof send to the Council notice in writing by letter post, or in an equally suitable manner, stating the date of the inquest and the cause of death as found by the coroner or jury thereat.

*Penalties.*

6. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council.

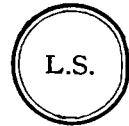
Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made, or any

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proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this byelaw.

*The Corporate Seal of the said Mayor,  
Aldermen and Burgesses was affixed  
hereto by order of the Council the  
Twelfth day of January, 1927, in the  
presence of*

(Signed) P. V. BOWYER,  
Mayor



(Signed) R. R. LINTHORNE,  
Town Clerk

*Allowed by the Minister of Health this  
Seventh day of March, 1927.*

(Signed) E. H. RHODES,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Ministry of Health

