

Superintendence of Public Health

Structure, Functions and Responsibilities

The Superintendence of Public Health, under the headship of the Superintendent of Public Health, assists and advises the Ministry on the formulation of regulations and standards and ensures that regulations and standards which are promulgated by Government are implemented by both state and private service providers. It is the responsibility of the Superintendence of Public Health to monitor standards, license and inspect health care service facilities and, where necessary, enforce regulations. The Superintendence of Public Health is responsible for ensuring that all public health legislation is upheld.

The Superintendent of Public Health gives direction to the directorates falling within the Superintendence of Public Health to ensure that the regulatory functions emanating from law are properly discharged.

The directorates/units falling within the Superintendence of Public Health are:

- Directorate for Health Care Standards
- Directorate for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Directorate for Environmental Health

Health Care Professions Regulatory Councils

Although the Health Care Professions Regulatory Councils are legally independent and autonomous, they are administratively accountable to the Superintendence of Public Health. They encompass the following:

- Medical Council
- Pharmacy Council
- Council for Nurses and Midwives
- Council for Professions Complementary to Medicine
- Specialist Accreditation Committee
- Dental Specialist Accreditation Committee
- Health Care Professions Appeals Committee
- Medical Specialists Accreditation Committee

Boards

- Advisory Committee of Immunization Policy
- Burials Board
- Clean Air Committee
- Committee on Communicable Disease Strategy
- Committee on Smoking and Health

- Food Safety Commission
- General Services Board
- Health Ethics Committee
- Intersectoral Committee for the Control of Obesity
- National Antibiotic Committee
- Pandemic Steering Committee
- Pharmacy Council
- Ta' Braxia Cemetery Committee

General Description of the Categories of Documents Held

- Annual reports on the workings of the directorates falling within the Superintendence of Public Health
- Documentation related to the licensing of the Blood Establishment
- List of licensed blood establishments
- Documentation related to reports on adverse reactions and events related to blood transfusions; tissue/cell transplantation
- Documentation related to the licensing of tissue/cell establishments and procurement organisations
- List of licensed tissue/cell establishments and procurement organisations
- Documentation related to the licensing of homes for the elderly (including long term care)
- Documentation related to the licensing of private medical clinics/hospitals
- Documentation related to health pandemic preparedness plans; information on travel health and vaccination
- Index of infectious notifiable diseases and case definitions and working protocols of each disease
- Communicable disease strategy
- Documentation related to health education
- Documentation related to bathing water data
- Private water suppliers register
- Swimming pools register
- Food premises and handling application forms
- Annual reports of
- Registers of health care professions

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