

## **Department for Health Regulation**

### **Structure, Functions and Responsibilities**

The Department for Health Regulation, under the headship of the Superintendent of Public Health, assists and advises the Ministry for Health 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 Department for Health Regulation to monitor standards, license and inspect health care service facilities and, where necessary, enforce regulations. The Department for Health Regulation is responsible for ensuring that all public health legislation is upheld.

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

The directorates falling within the Department for Health Regulation are:

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

### **Health Care Professions Regulatory Councils**

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

- Medical Council
- Pharmacy Council
- Council for Nurses and Midwives
- Council for the Professions Complementary to Medicine
- Medical Specialist Accreditation Committee

- Dental Specialist Accreditation Committee
- Health Care Professions Appeals Committee

### **Boards and Committees**

- Advisory Committee of Immunization Policy
- Burials Board
- Clean Air Committee
- Committee on Smoking and Health
- General Services Board
- Health Ethics Committee
- Antimicrobial Resistance Committee
- Ta' Braxia Cemetery Committee
- Advisory Council on Healthy Lifestyles

### **General Description of the Categories of Documents Held**

- Annual reports on the workings of the directorates falling within the Department for Health Regulation
- Registers of health care professions
- Index of infectious notifiable diseases and case definitions and working protocols for such disease
- Documentation related to health education and health promotion
- Annual reports on the workings of the Health Care Standards Directorate
- Database of Licensees
- Documentation related to the licensing of the Blood Establishments
- 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 organizations including the Eye Bank
- List of licensed Tissue/Cell Establishments and procurement organizations
- Documentation related to the licensing of IVF Establishments
- List of licensed IVF Establishments

- Documentation related to the licensing of private medical clinics, public and private hospitals including rehabilitation facilities
- List of private medical clinics, public and private hospitals including rehabilitation facilities
- Documentation related to the licensing of tattoo and/or body piercing studios and semi-permanent make-up artist studios
- List of licensed tattoo, body piercing and semi-permanent make-up artists and studios
- Documentation related to the licensing of all Mental Health Facilities
- List of licensed Mental Health Facilities
- Documentation related to the licensing of Dental clinics
- List of licensed Dental Surgeons and clinics
- Documentation related to the licensing of Acupuncture clinics
- List of licensed Acupuncturists and clinics
- Documentation related to the licensing of Podiatry clinics
- List of licensed Podiatrists and clinics
- Documentation related to the licensing of Physiotherapy clinics
- List of licensed Physiotherapists and clinics
- Documentation related to the licensing of Medical Diagnostic Laboratories
- List of licensed Medical Diagnostic Laboratories
- Documentation related to the licensing of Radiology clinics
- List of licensed Radiology clinics
- The online Organ Donor Register
- Registered Organ Donor application forms
- Documentation related to external complaints
- Alert notifications for Medical Devices and Tattoo Inks
- Databases – Health Inspectorate System and Burials Administration;
- Annual Reports of the activities of the Directorate;
- Food Premises Risk Management files;
- Documentation related to bathing water data;
- Private water suppliers register;
- Swimming pools register;
- Audit files of both Food and Environmental Health

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