



Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 36

PART IV

PRIVATE HOSPITALS

14 Control of private hospitals

- (1) Any person carrying on a private hospital shall—
 - (a) keep the hospital open to inspection for the purposes of this section at all reasonable times ;
 - (b) keep such registers and records as the Secretary of State may from time to time by regulations prescribe, and keep such registers and records open to inspection;
 - (c) ensure that any conditions specified in the certificate of registration are complied with;
 - (d) afford to the Mental Welfare Commission all such facilities (including facilities for inspection of the hospital) as are necessary for the Commission to exercise their functions under this Act,and any person who fails to comply with any requirement of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence under this Part of this Act.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall ensure by regular inspection of any private hospital that that hospital is being properly carried on, and any person authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State may, after producing, if asked to do so, some duly authenticated document showing that he is so authorised, enter any hospital for the purpose of any inspection in pursuance of this section and carry out that inspection.
- (3) Any person authorised under subsection (2) of this section may interview any patient in private.