

# Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 –

IR(ME)R 2000

HEYH Radiology Department

**Procedure Title** To be observed in the case of Medico-legal exposures

**Scope** Medico-legal exposures are those taken for insurance or legal purposes where there is not expected to be a direct health benefit to the patient.

**Responsibilities** IR(ME)R Practitioners and Operators

**Procedure** When justifying the procedure the practitioner must take any non-medical benefits to the patient into account. Medico-legal exposures will only be undertaken with the consent of the patient.  
For such requests, the cards must be reviewed by a Radiologist / discussed with the Department performing the exposure.  
The practitioner and operator should pay special attention to the need to keep doses arising from medico-legal exposures as low as reasonably practicable.

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