# No. C. 18019/1/2024 -PD/HFW GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

Aizawl, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024

## OFFICE ORDER

In pursuance to the minutes of the Consultation Meeting on The Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) and other Child Related Medical Examination held in the office chamber of Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare etc, on 16.05.2024, the following shall be followed by Health & Family Welfare Department.

## Allotment of separate room for POCSO victim: 1.

Separate room or any convenient corner shall be allocated for preliminary case intake and medical examination of POCSO victim in all Hospitals, Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Primary Health Centers (PHCs).

\* All Medical Superintendents and Medical Officers in-charge of District Hospitals, CHC and PHC are requested to take necessary actions. Action taken report shall be submitted to the undersigned within 1(one) month from the date of issue of this Office Order. Action taken report shall be supported by photograph.

#### Medical Examination of POCSO victim: 2.

- Section 27 of POCSO Act, 2012 read with Rule 6(2) & (3) of the POCSO Rules, 2020 has mandated examination of POCSO victim without filing First (a) Information Report (FIR) in emergency cases. If such situation arises, all Medical Officers are informed to proceed with the medical examination and shall not demand any legal or magisterial requisition or other documentation as a pre-requisite to rendering such care.
- In accordance with Section 27 of the POCSO Act, 2012, Rule 6(5) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2020 read with Section 164A of (b) the CrPC 1973, there shall be no delay in the conduct of medical examination of the child victim. The condition of the victim shall be reported to the Local Police or the Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights within 24 (twenty four) hours.

All medical officers posted in District Hospitals, CHCs & PHCs are requested to enjoin to the instructions above.

#### Child Care Institutions (CCI) Inspection: 3.

Section 54(1) & (2) of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act 2015 and Rule 41 of the Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Rules 2019 mandated inspection visit to Child Care Institutions at least once in three months by the District Level Inspection Committee. Medical Officer is one of the members of the said Committee.

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Hence, all Medical Superintendents are requested to nominate 1 (one) Medical Officer as member of the District Level Inspection Committee. Nomination shall be sent to the undersigned within 1(one) month from the date of issue of this Office Order.

### Sensitization:

All Sr. Chief Medical Officers/Sr. Medical Superintendents/Medical Superintendents/District Medical Superintendents are requested to include the subject in any training conducted so as to sensitize their staff about child safety and protection and educate them regarding their responsibility under the Act and Rules.

All Sr. Chief Medical Officers/Sr. Medical Superintendents / Medical Superintendents are requested to bring the content of the Office Order to their subordinate offices and facilities for strict compliance.

> Sd/- Dr. VANLALSAWMA Principal Director Health & Family Welfare Aizawl, the 3rd July, 2024

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Copy to:

1. PS to Minister, Health & Family Welfare

2. PS to Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department

3. Secretary, Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights 4. Director of Health Services/Director of Hospital & Medical Education

5. Under Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department

6. Under Secretary, Social Welfare, Tribal Affairs, Women & Child Development Department.

7. Joint Director, Dte. of Nursing

8. Deputy Director, Dte. of AYUSH Medical Superintendents/Medical Chief Medical Officers/Senior Sr. Superintendents/District Medical Superintendents

10. Guard File

**Principal Director** Health & Family Welfare

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