

Summary Minutes from the 275th meeting of the Medical Council 14th April 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)	Mr Frank McManus
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)	Ms Marie Murray
Mr Jon Billings	Ms Margaret Murphy
Dr Richard Brennan	Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Mr Brendan Broderick	Dr Daniel O'Hare
Ms Katharine Bulbulia	Dr David O'Keeffe
Professor Gerard Bury	Dr John O'Mullane
Professor Anthony Cunningham	Professor William Powderly
Dr Deirdre Madden	Professor James Slevin
Professor John McAadoo	

APOLOGIES

Mrs Anne Carrigy
Dr Regina Connolly
Dr Pauline Kane
Professor Damien McLoughlin
Dr John Monaghan

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)
Mr William Kennedy (Head of Professional Standards & Legal Adviser)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council & Head of Corporate Services)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Head of Professional Competence)
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT and Operations)
Mr Iain Mathews (Finance)
Ms Ciara McMorrow (Corporate Services)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Ms Finola O'Dwyer (Professional Standards)
Mr David Holland S.C.

Item 1 - Minutes of the 272nd, 273rd and 274th meetings held on 2nd & 3rd March, 14th March and 29th March 2011

1.1 The minutes of the above meetings were agreed and signed.

1.2 The summary minutes of the 272nd and 274th meetings were approved for publication on the Council website.

Committees and Working Groups

Professional Development Committee

1. Council approved the report on the visit to University College Dublin on 27th and 28th January 2011 and approved the UCD programme and UCD as a body, with the condition that it successfully completes its full cycle.
2. Council approved the reports of the Clinical Sites Inspection visits, thereby completing the approval process for all intern training sites in the jurisdiction.
3. Council approved the following additional higher qualifications for exemption from the PRES:
 - The Exit Examination in Emergency Medicine of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine
 - The UK Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (DICM)
 - The European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine Part 2
4. The Council approved the terms of reference for a Setting Standards Sub-Committee and a Monitoring Sub-Committee.

Standards in Practice Committee

1. The Medical Council approved the refusal of four applications for which the review window had expired.

Professional Competence Committee

1. Council noted and approved the publication of the section 12 Guideline on the maintenance of professional competence

Nominations Sub-Committee

1. The Council approved the following nominations to the Professional Competence Committee:
 - Mr Paddy Duggan
 - Dr Consilia Walsh
 - Dr Philip Crowley
 - Dr Sheila Rochford
 - Ms Mary Vasseghi
 - Professor W Arthur Tanner

- Professor Paul Finucane

President's Business

1. The President advised Council members of Professor James Slevin's resignation as Chair of the Fitness to Practise Committee and Council approved Dr Danny O'Hare as the new Chair of the Committee.

CEO's Business

CEO's Report

1. Council considered the Report of the CEO which provided updates on a number of operational matters including the 8th April conference "Maintaining Competence, Maintaining Trust" which had received impressive feedback. The CEO advised Council of the success of the event highlighting that over four hundred delegates were in attendance with over two hundred viewing the conference via live web-streaming.
2. Council noted the baseline study conducted by Millward Brown Lansdowne on public awareness and confidence in the Medical Council.

Date of next meeting

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 12:30hrs on Tuesday 31st May and at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 1st June 2011.