

Summary Minutes from the 277th meeting of the Medical Council 31st May and 1st June 2011

The 277th meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Tuesday 31st May and at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 1st June 2011 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)
Mr Jon Billings
Dr Richard Brennan
Mr Brendan Broderick
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Professor Gerard Bury
Mrs Anne Carrigy
Professor Anthony Cunningham
Dr Pauline Kane
Dr Deirdre Madden

Professor John McAdoo
Professor Damien McLoughlin
Mr Frank McManus
Dr John Monaghan
Ms Margaret Murphy
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr Danny O'Hare
Dr David O'Keeffe
Dr John O'Mullane
Professor William Powderly
Professor James Slevin

APOLOGIES

Dr Regina Connelly
Ms Marie Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Minutes of the 275th and 276th meetings held on 14th April and 4th May 2011

- 1.1** The minutes of the 275th and 276th meetings held on 14th April and 4th May 2011 were agreed and signed.
- 1.2** The summary minutes of the 275th meeting were approved for publication on the Council website.

Committees and Working Groups

Preliminary Proceedings Committee

- 1.** Council approved the recommendations for Investigating Officers to assist the PPC on a case by case basis pursuant to section 58(1)(a) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

Professional Development Committee

- 2.** Council considered the reports and approved the recommendations of the Visiting Teams to University of Limerick, National University of Ireland, Galway and University of Dublin, Trinity College.
- 3.** Council accepted the PDC's recommendation and approved the Intern Training Networks.
- 4.** Council approved the recognition of the Final Fellowship in Anaesthesia awarded by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Pakistan as a Higher Qualification for exemption from the PRES.

Standards in Practice Committee

- 1.** The revised Registration Rules were agreed for public consultation.
- 2.** The Council reviewed a number of applications for entry to the Register of Medical Practitioners in addition to Appeal Board reports. Three applicants were refused entry to the Register on the basis that further training or professional development is required, one in the General Division and two in the Specialist Division. Following appeal, one applicant was granted entry to the Specialist Division.

Professional Competence Committee

- 1.** The Professional Competence Guidelines for Doctors were noted by Council.

Nominations Sub-Committee

- 1.** The Council approved the nomination of Dr Blanaid Hayes and Dr Rolande Anderson to the Health Sub-Committee.

The following nominations to the Assessment Sub-Committee approved by the Nominations Sub-Committee were noted by Council:

- Dr Ailís ní Riain
- Professor Tom O'Dowd
- Professor Muiris FitzGerald
- Dr Colm Quigley

President's Business

1. The President advised Council members that Mr Jon Billings resignation would take effect from the next meeting of Council. On behalf of Council, the President thanked Mr Billings for his contribution to Council and wished him well in his post as Lead of Revalidation with the General Medical Council.
2. The President advised Council members of Professor Jim Slevin's resignation taking effect from 2nd June 2011. On behalf of Council, the President commended Professor Slevin who was instrumental in modernising the Fitness to Practise Committee and who chaired the Corporate Governance Working Group.

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 Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.
2. Council noted two draft Memoranda of Understanding between a) the Medical Council and the Irish Medicines Board and b) the Medical Council and the Pharmaceutical Society.

Date of next meeting

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 13th July 2011.