

Summary Minutes from the 280th meeting of the Medical Council 13th July 2011

The 280th meeting of the Medical Council was held at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 13th July 2011 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)	Mr Frank McManus
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)	Dr John Monaghan
Dr Richard Brennan	Ms Marie Murray
Mr Brendan Broderick	Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Ms Katharine Bulbulia	Dr Danny O'Hare
Mrs Anne Carrigy	Dr David O'Keeffe
Dr Regina Connolly	Dr John O'Mullane
Dr Pauline Kane	Professor William Powderly
Professor John McAdoo	
Professor Damien McLoughlin	

APOLOGIES

Professor Gerard Bury
Professor Anthony Cunningham
Dr Deirdre Madden
Ms Margaret Murphy

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 Jim McDermott (Head of ICT and Operations)
Mr Iain Mathews (Finance)
Ms Ciara McMorrow (Corporate Services)
Ms Finola O'Dwyer (Professional Standards)
Mr Seamus Woulfe S.C.

The President noted that there was a quorum of Council members present and, in noting that no declarations of interest were brought to the attention of the meeting, duly convened the meeting.

Minutes of the 277th and 278th meetings held on 31st May and 1st June 2011 and on 22nd June 2011

1.1 The minutes of the 277th and 278th meetings held on 31st May and 1st June 2011 and on 22nd June 2011 were agreed and signed.

1.2 The summary minutes of the 277th and 278th meetings were approved for publication on the Council website.

Committees and Working Groups

Professional Development Committee

1. Council approved the recognition of the Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathology (RCPATH) as a Higher Qualification gaining exemption from the PRES.
2. In discussing the Guidelines for the Examination for Applicants applying for Registration in the Supervised Division, Council approved the recommendation that both generic and specialty specific skills would be tested within a single examination.

13th July 2011 - Standards in Practice Committee *"Council considered the report of the Adjudication Group into Intern Training Equivalence under section 46(b)(iv) of the MPA 2007 and approved the recommendations."*

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Professional Competence Committee

1. Council considered a Proposal for the Management of Overseas Doctors and approved the recommendation to modify current annual declaration requirements, to include basic questions in relation to doctor's obligations around professional competence, with adaptations for doctors practising outside the State.

Nominations Sub-Committee

1. The Council approved the nomination of Dr Ailís Ní Riain to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

The following nominations to the Supervised Division Working Group approved by the Nominations Sub-Committee were noted by Council:

Supervised Division Working Group

- Emergency Medicine - Dr John McInerney
- Anaesthesia - Dr Ian Surgeon
- Surgery (Orthopaedic, ENT, General) - Professor Sean Tierney
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology - Dr Michael O'Hare
- Psychiatry - Professor Patricia Casey
- Paediatrics - Dr Ciara Martin
- Consultant Physician - Dr Jacinta Morgan

CEO's Business

CEO's Report

1. Council considered the Report of the CEO which provided updates on a number of operational matters.
2. The Professional Indemnity Bill 2009 was noted by Council.

Date of next meeting

Members were also advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 12:30hrs on 14th September and at 08:30hrs on 15th September 2011. There being no further business the meeting concluded at 16:21hrs.