

## **Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 08:30hrs on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)  
Dr Richard Brennan  
Mr Brendan Broderick  
Ms Katharine Bulbulia  
Mrs Anne Carrigy  
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)  
Ms Marie Kehoe

Professor John McAdoo  
Mr Frank McManus  
Dr John Monaghan  
Ms Margaret Murphy  
Professor William Powderly  
Mr Michael Ryan

### **APOLOGIES**

Dr Regina Connolly  
Dr Pauline Kane  
Dr Deirdre Madden  
Ms Marie Murray  
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue  
Dr Daniel O'Hare  
Dr David O'Keeffe  
Dr John O'Mullane

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

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.

Ms Marie Kehoe and Mr Michael Ryan were welcomed to the meeting as the HSE and RIA representatives on Council.

## **Minutes**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

- 1.1** The minutes of the meeting of the Medical Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were agreed and signed.
- 1.2** The summary minutes of the meeting of the Medical Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were approved for publication on the Medical Council website.

## **Committees and Working Groups**

### **Professional Development Committee**

- 1. Council reviewed a proposal to establish an Examinations Sub-Committee, merging the current PRES Sub-Committee and the ESD Working Group, and approved the terms of reference and proposed membership.
- 2. The revised wording to Council's Postgraduate Accreditation Standards was approved as follows.

#### **9.2 Retraining**

- 9.2.1 The training organisation has processes to respond to requests from the Medical Council for retraining of its doctors who have been absent from practice for a period of time.

#### **9.3 Assessment and Remediation**

- 9.3.1 The training organisation has processes to respond to requests from the Medical Council for assessment and remediation of doctors where concerns have been identified that these doctors may be under-performing.

### **Standards in Practice Committee**

- 1. Council accepted the report of a Review Board and granted an application from a doctor for entry to the General Division of the Register.
- 2. Council approved the Appeal Board report and refused one application for entry into the Specialist Division of the Register in the specialty of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery on the basis that the doctor had not passed the appropriate Intercollegiate Examination or demonstrated that he had passed an equivalent examination.
- 3. Council refused entry to the Register of Medical Practitioners in respect of applications from two doctors.
- 4. Council accepted the recommendations for the removal of conditions from the registration in respect of two doctors.

### **Professional Competence Committee**

1. Council accepted the PCC proposal to establish an Assessor Sub-Committee and approved the draft terms of reference.
2. The draft further rules for maintenance of Professional Competence were approved for public consultation.

### **Nominations Sub-Committee**

The report of the Nominations Sub-Committee and the following nominations to the Teams for Medical School, Training Bodies and Training Site assessments were noted by Council:

*Professor George Youngson*  
*Mr Chris Morran*

### **CEO's Business**

Council members noted the CEO report which provided an update to members on a number of operational matters including:

In establishing baselines in 2011, overall planning targets have been met to date by the Executive.

The CEO advised that over 230 doctors had been registered in the Supervised Division to date.

The agreement signed between the Medical Council and the HSE in relation to the operation of the Supervised Division of the Register was noted.

### **Date of next meeting**

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 12:30hrs on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and at 08:30hrs on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 18:05hrs.

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President

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Date