

## **Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 08:30hrs on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)  
Mr Brendan Broderick  
Ms Katharine Bulbulia  
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)  
Dr Pauline Kane  
Ms Marie Kehoe  
Dr Deirdre Madden  
Mr Frank McManus

Dr John Monaghan  
Ms Margaret Murphy  
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue  
Dr Daniel O'Hare  
Dr David O'Keeffe  
Dr John O'Mullane  
Professor William Powderly

### **APOLOGIES**

Dr Richard Brennan  
Professor Gerard Bury  
Mrs Anne Carrigy  
Dr Regina Connolly  
Professor John McAdoo  
Mr Michael Ryan

### **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 (Secretary to Council, Head of Corporate Services & HR)  
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT & Operations)  
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)  
Ms Ciara McMorrough (Corporate Services)  
Mr Diarmuid Coen (Professional Standards)  
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)

**Note:**

A Private Session was taken prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. Following completion of this session, the Council meeting was formally commenced. The President noted that there was a quorum of Council members present.

**Minutes**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were reviewed and agreed.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were agreed and signed.
3. The summary minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were also agreed for publication to the website.

**Committees and Working Groups****Professional Development Committee**

1. Council was updated on the EU proposal to amend Directive 2005/36/EC, in particular with regard to specification on the duration of recognisable Basic Medical Training.
2. Council reviewed the report of the Visiting Team to the College of Psychiatry. Council approved the Programme of Specialist Training in General Psychiatry for a period of three years and approved the College as the body which may deliver that programme for a period of three years.
3. Council approved the proposal for exemption from the PRES examination on the basis of the following Higher Qualifications; MRCSI (Ophth), Fellow of the Royal College of Australia & New Zealand (FRANZCO), FRCS (Edinburgh), FRCS (Glasgow), American Board of Ophthalmology, FRCOphth (London), Canadian Board.

**President's Business**

1. The Council noted Professor Anthony Cunningham's resignation from the membership of Council and thanked him for his contribution and service to the Medical Council.

**CEO's Business**

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

2. The CEO presented the revised draft Business Plan 2012 which was approved by Council for submission to the Minister for Health.

**Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised under this item.

**Date of next meeting**

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 12:30hrs on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012. There being no further business the meeting concluded at 17:06hrs.