

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 12th & 13th December 2012

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12.30 pm. on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December 2012 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)
Dr Richard Brennan
Mr Brendan Broderick
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Professor Gerard Bury
Mrs Anne Carrigy
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)
Dr Regina Connolly
Ms Marie Kehoe
Dr Deirdre Madden
Professor John McAdoo

Professor Damien McLoughlin
Mr Frank McManus
Dr John Monaghan
Ms Marie Murray
Ms Margaret Murphy
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr David O'Keeffe
Dr Daniel O'Hare
Dr John O'Mullane
Professor William Powderly
Dr Michael Ryan

APOLOGIES

Dr Pauline Kane

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation and Legal Adviser)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
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 Jan Fitzpatrick (Corporate Services)
Ms Finola O'Dwyer (Professional Standards)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Mr Tony O'Connor (Senior Counsel)

Note:

A Private Session was taken prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. Following completion of this session, Council meeting was formally commenced.

The President noted that there was a quorum of Council members present and that no conflicts of interest had been declared.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2012 were agreed and signed.

CEO's Business

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

- A repeat survey of public confidence and awareness of the Medical Council was conducted. The survey results showed that the public have very positive perceptions of doctors and a strong level of trust in the profession.
- The Medical Council Conference and Workshop programme in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on 16th November was a great success with positive feedback from many delegates. It was agreed that the format of the workshops and the delegate led Medical Moral Maze session was very well received and will be a useful tool in the future.
- The Online Portal for Doctors (OPD) is now available on all browsers. This is a central component for processing of applications for Registration.

President's Business

- Council was advised of the planning process for the next term of Council.
- The proposal for the appointment of a Returning Officer for the forthcoming Council Elections was agreed.

Committees and Working Groups**Professional Development Committee**

Council approved the report of the PDC which included the following items:

1. Council accepted the recommendation of the PDC to adopt of revised WFME standards adopted as the benchmark for future undergraduate accreditation activities.
2. Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee that the HSE's formal proposal of intern posts 2012 – 2013 be approved.
3. Council approved the report of the accreditation of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and the Programme of Specialist Training in Occupational Medicine.
4. Council approved the process for the approval of programmes of specialist training.

5. Council approved the amendments to the Part 10 Rules following the recent consultation process.

Standards in Practice Committee

1. Council approved the recommendation of the SiPC in relation to the conditions applied to a number of doctors

Professional Competence Committee

1. Council approved the report of the PCC

Audit Committee

1. Council approved the report of the Audit Committee

Date & Time of Next Meeting

1. Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 31st January 2013 at 08.30 hrs.