

**Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting
Meeting No.05 of 2015**

MEDICAL COUNCIL

The 325th meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Wednesday 20th May and 08:30 hrs on Thursday 21st May 2015 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Freddie Wood (President)	Dr Bairbre Golden
Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)	Dr Ruairi Hanley
Dr John Barragry	Mr Seán Hurley
Dr Anthony Breslin	Ms Margaret Murphy
Ms Katharine Bulbulia	Professor Colm O'Herlihy
Mr Declan Carey	Dr Michael Ryan
Dr Seán Curran	Ms Cornelia Stuart
Dr Rita Doyle	Dr Consilia Walsh

Apologies

Ms Anne Carrigy
Ms Mary Duff
Professor Fidelma Dunne
Professor Alan Johnson
Professor Mary Leader
Councillor Sally Mulready
Mr John Nisbet
Ms Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan
Ms Catherine Whelan

In attendance – full meeting

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council)
Ms Jane Horan (Professional Standards)

In attendance – for the relevant parts of the meeting

Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Dr Anne Keane (Director of Strategy & Governance)
Mr Jim Mc Dermott (Head of ICT)
Ms Úna O'Rourke (Head of Professional Learning and Development)
Ms Lorna Farren (Communications Manager)
Ms Wendy Kennedy (Finance Manager)
Ms Aoife Mellett (Solicitor, Regulation)
Ms Niamh Muldoon (Solicitor, Regulation)
Mr John Sidebottom (Senior Executive Officer, Regulation)

Note:

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

The President opened the meeting by formally noting the Council's appreciation of the excellent work and contribution of the CEO, Ms Caroline Spillane over the last 5 years. On behalf of Council the President wished the CEO well in her future role.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th & 20th March, 2015 were agreed.

CEO's Business

Council members approved the CEO report which provided an update to members on a number of strategic, policy and operational matters. The CEO report included updates on the following:

Council noted progress on the implementation of the 2015 business plan has been tracked and an update for the end of the first quarter provided.

The CEO updated Council with regard to the quarterly e-newsletter article on the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Corbally -v- the Medical Council. This article attracted the most reads of any newsletter article since 2011.

The CEO updated Council on the current recruitment process which will see the Council back to full complement in short course. The CEO also updated the Council on the work conducted to ensure that organisation is fit for purpose to deliver on its strategic objectives.

Council noted that demand for registration, across all routes, remains high while completion rates on applications are also on an upward trend in comparison to last year.

Council noted that the Safe Start Project, chaired by Dr Terry Mc Wade, is beginning its work with an educational needs assessment.

The report on Trainee Health and Wellbeing was launched 30th April 2015, and a final report based on the 2014 wave of data collection is being prepared for launch later in the year.

Council noted that the Draft Audit 2014 Financial Statements and Annual Report have received a clean report from the C&AG with only minor findings and recommendations made.

President's Business

CEO Recruitment

The President updated Council with regard to the CEO recruitment process.

HIQA Report – Report of the investigation into the safety, quality and standards of services provided by the Health Service Executive to patients in the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise.

Council noted the report and decided that this report will be considered in full at the July Council meeting.

Committees and Working Groups

Education, Training & Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

Professor O'Herlihy presented the report of the Education, Training and Professional Development Committee meeting held on 22nd April 2015.

Council was updated that the Inspector of Anatomy is currently working on a draft Code of Practice, which will be provided later in 2015.

Council was updated in relation to the PRES quality development programme.

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

Dr Walsh presented the report of the Registration and Continuing Practice Committee meeting held on 30th April, 2015.

Council was updated in relation to the audit of maintenance of professional competence commenced in October 2014.

Council was advised of a number of other matters for noting, including the following:

- Progress continues to be made with the implementation of the new SLA governing Level 5 assessments by PGTBs for entry to the Specialist Division.
- A Group, led by Dr Terry McWade, has been established to commence the Safe Start project

Ethics & Professionalism Committee (EPC)

The Vice President presented the report of the Ethics & Professionalism Committee meetings held on 13th May 2015.

Council approved the Committee's proposed amendments to wording of the Ethical Guide.

Health Committee (HC)

Dr Doyle presented the report of the Health Committee meetings held on 13th May, 2015.

Council noted the recommendation of the Committee in respect of one practitioner and agreed that that the practitioner be released from the support of the Committee.

Council also noted that a significant number of review sessions have been completed since the last update.

Council noted that positive health reports were received and reviewed in respect to five practitioners and that a review session is scheduled for four of the practitioners in the coming month.

Monitoring Committee (MC)

Mr Sidebottom presented the report relating to the meeting of the Monitoring Committee held on 7th May, 2015.

Council noted that there are currently twenty-five medical practitioners who have conditions attached to their registration.

Council noted the recommendation of the Committee that the conditions attached to the retention of two practitioner's names in the Register be removed having regard to their compliance with same.

Audit Strategy & Risk Committee (ASRC)

Mr Hurley presented the report of the Audit, Strategy & Risk Committee meeting held on 6th May 2015.

Council was presented with the Business Plan update, Corporate Risk Register and Records Retention Schedule and all were approved.

The Financial Statements were ratified and signed by the President.

Registration Review Hearing (RRH)

Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee that one doctor be refused registration due to the doctor's lack of insight displayed and dishonesty regarding a conviction and finding of misconduct that was made against him by the GMC.

Media Log

Council noted the media log for the period: January 2015 to May 2015.

Date and Time of next meeting

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th July at 12:30 hrs and Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 08:30 hrs.