

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting

21st & 22nd May 2014

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May 2014 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Freddie Wood (President)
Dr John Barragry
Dr Anthony Breslin
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Mr Declan Carey
Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)
Dr Rita Doyle
Ms Mary Duff
Professor Fidelma Dunne
Dr Bairbre Golden

Dr Ruairi Hanley
Mr Sean Hurley
Professor Alan Johnson
Ms Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan
Ms Margaret Murphy
Prof Colm O'Herlihy
Dr Michael Ryan
Ms Cornelia Stuart
Dr Consilia Walsh
Ms Catherine Whelan

Apologies

Ms Anne Carrigy
Dr Sean Curran
Professor Mary Leader
Councillor Sally Mulready
Mr John Nisbet

In attendance

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council)
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT)
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Ms Wendy Kennedy (Finance Manager)
Ms Aisling Malone (Solicitor, Regulation)
Ms Aoife Mellet (Solicitor, Regulation)
Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services)
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.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th and 28th March 2014 were agreed and signed.

CEO's Business

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

- A communication plan to support the rollout of the “Your Training Counts” survey of trainee doctors has commenced.
- Council was advised that a communication initiative on the annual retention process is currently underway with notifications regarding fees for 2014/2015 being issued to medical media. A direct communication will be issued to doctors from mid-May.
- The CEO updated Council regarding communication received from the Office of the Information Commissioner regarding two long running FOI appeals and in both cases has upheld the decision of the Medical Council.

Education, Training & Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

Professor O’Herlihy presented the report to Council of the ETPDC meeting which was held on 16th April 2014.

- Council considered the Report and the recommendations of the Committee regarding the accreditation visit of Perdana University – Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (PU-RCSI). Council approved the PU-RCSI report and the ETPDC’s recommendation that the Body and the programme be approved with two conditions
- Council noted that the Revised Terms of Reference for the Strategy and Policy Sub-Committee have been agreed and approved by the Committee.
- Council was advised that the ‘Your Training Counts’ survey is about to be launched.
- Inspection of Intern Training Sites.

Council was advised of the recent inspections of intern training sites which were all deemed to have met Council’s intern standards and guidelines. Council approved the recommendations of the Committee on the Inspection of Intern Training Sites.

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

Dr Breslin presented the report to Council of the RCPC meeting which was held on 1st May 2014, which included the following:

- Council considered the recommendations of the Committee where the window for the applicant to seek a Review / Appeal of the RCPC decision to refuse registration has expired. Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to refuse registration to all doctors concerned.
- Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee in relation to the conditions applied to a doctors registration.

Nominations and Development Committee (NDC)

The President presented the report to Council of the NDC meeting which was held on 12th May 2014:

The Nominations and Development Committee considered applications for the following Medical Council Committees:

Preliminary Proceedings Committee:

Dr Anne Jeffers

Assessor Sub-Committee:

Dr Martin Rhodes

Quality Monitoring Sub-Committee:

Mr Declan Ashe

Equality & Diversity Working Group:

Katharine Bulbulia (Chair)

President

Mary Duff

Marie Kehoe-O' Sullivan

Council approved the recommendations of the Committee to approve the above nominations.

Council agreed that each Council member will provide a short biography outlining their professional qualifications and experience for publication on the website.

Learning and Development Schedule 2014 - This item was noted by Council.

Health Committee (HC)

Dr Doyle presented the report and recommendations to Council of the HC meeting which was held on 7th May 2014.

- Council accepted the recommendations of the Committee regarding a number of doctors under the support of the Health Committee

Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee (ASRC)

Mr Hurley presented the report of the Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee which was held on 8th May 2014. The following item was highlighted:

- The Secretary to Council updated Council on the progress of the review of the Terms of Reference and Standing Orders.

Date and Time of next meeting

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July at 12:30hrs & Thursday 10th July 2014 at 08:30hrs