

**Summary Minutes from the 267th meeting of the Medical Council,
8th & 9th 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)	Dr Deirdre Madden
Dr Richard Brennan	Professor Damien McLoughlin
Mr Brendan Broderick	Mr Frank McManus
Ms Katherine Bulbulia	Dr John Monaghan
Professor Gerard Bury	Ms Margaret Murphy
Ms Anne Carrigy	Ms Marie Murray
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)	Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr Regina Connolly	Dr Daniel O'Hare
Ms Mary Culliton	Dr David O'Keeffe
Professor Paul Finucane	Dr John O'Mullane
	Professor William Powderly
	Professor James Slevin

APOLOGIES

Mr Jon Billings
Professor Anthony Cunningham
Dr Pauline Kane

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance & Acting CEO)
Ms Caroline Spillane
Mr William Kennedy (Head of Professional Standards & Legal Adviser)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Úna O'Rourke (Head of Registration)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council)
Mr Iain Mathews (Finance)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Head of Professional Competence)
Ms Ciara McMorrow (Corporate Services)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Mr Paul Lyons (Corporate Services)
Mr Seamus Woulfe, S.C.

Minutes of the 266th meeting held on 21st July 2010

1. The minutes of the 266th meeting held on 21st July 2010 were agreed and signed.
2. The summary minutes of the 266th meeting were approved for publication on the Council website.

Committees and Working Groups

Professional Development

1. Council approved the draft document on the Recognition of Specialties; guidance and questionnaire.
2. A succinct overview of the Education and Training Section's areas of responsibility in supporting the remit of the Professional Development Committee and Part 10 of the MPA 2007 was given.
3. Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue was formally approved as Chairman of the Intern Training Sub-Committee.
4. The Standards for the Granting of a Certificate of Experience (Intern) document was reviewed and approved by Council.
5. The Council agreed a number of requirements under the Act in relation to Standards and Guidelines for Medical Education and Training.

Standards in Practice Committee, 15th July 2010

1. Council approved a number of recommendations by the Committee in relation to practitioners including:
 - (a) The lifting of an undertaking not to practise medicine
 - (b) The removal of conditions
2. Council, in noting the Appeal Board's finding that no deficits in training or experience existed, approved the Board's report and directed that a registered medical practitioner be registered in the Specialist Division for General Surgery.
3. Council, in noting the Appeal Board's finding of deficits in competencies at SpR 4/5 level, approved the Board's report and recommendation that a registered medical practitioner be refused entry in the Specialist Division of the Register.

Report of the Nominations Sub-Committee

1. Council noted the report of the Nominations Sub-Committee.

President's Business

1. Council reviewed the final NALA (National Adult Literacy Agency) revised Statement of Strategy and approved the document for circulation to the Department of Health and Children prior to publication.
2. Council noted the undertaking provided by Professor Patrick Martin Corbally – Registration No: 03600 and Dr Sri Paran Thambipillai – Registration No: 17667 and agreed that the transcripts of the evidence heard at the inquiry be published on the Council's website.

CEO's Business

CEO's Report

1. Council considered the Report of the CEO which provided updates on a number of operational matters including:
 - The previous backlog in applications for specialist registration has cleared.
 - 43 nominations to the Council's panel of Education and Training Assessors have been received.
 - Draft rules and standards as prescribed by Part 11, Section 11 and Section 7 of the MPA 2007 have been drafted and will be considered by Council at its October meeting.
 - A total of 263 complaints have been received as at 7th September 2010.
 - In considering the Annual Report 2009, Council agreed that the attendance at Council meetings for 2009 should be included as common practice in this and future annual reports.