

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting

27th & 28th March 2014

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Thursday 27th March and Friday 28th March 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
Ms Anne Carrigy
Dr Sean Curran
Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)
Ms Mary Duff
Dr Ruairi Hanley

Mr Sean Hurley
Professor Alan Johnson
Ms Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan
Professor Mary Leader
Ms Margaret Murphy
Mr John Nisbet
Professor Colm O'Herlihy
Ms Cornelia Stuart
Dr Consilia Walsh
Ms Catherine Whelan

Apologies

Dr Rita Doyle
Professor Fidelma Dunne
Dr Bairbre Golden
Councillor Sally Mulready
Dr Michael Ryan

In attendance

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr William Kennedy, (Director of Regulation)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Ms Wendy Kennedy (Finance Manager)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Una O'Rourke (Head of Strategic Project Management)
Ms Aisling Malone (Solicitor, Regulation)
Ms Aoife Mellet (Solicitor, Regulation)
Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services)
Ms Lorna Farren, (Communications Manager)
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 28th and 29th January 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:

- The 2014-2018 Strategy was launched by the Minister of State for Primary Care, Alex White T.D on 4th March, at an event in Dublin Castle, attended by over 80 members of partner organisations, staff and Council members.
- The CEO highlighted to Council the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- An update was also provided on the forthcoming Your Training Counts research. Other ongoing research projects were also highlighted.

President's Business

- The President advised Council of correspondence regarding the Council's ongoing support for Professor Kieran Murphy, former Council President, on the IAMRA management Committee. Council noted that the President had confirmed Council's support for Professor Murphy.

Education, Training & Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

Professor O'Herlihy presented the report to Council of the ETPDC meeting which was held on 19th February 2014 and included the following:

- Council was advised that proposals for the establishment of a Quality Monitoring Sub-Committee and a Strategy and Policy Sub-Committee and their Terms of Reference have been agreed. Council noted that expressions of interest for membership had been sought.
- **Intensive Care Medicine, Neonatology and Pain Medicine:** Each of these new specialties has been approved by Council, and the Minister for Health has given consent to same.
- An Assessor Competency Framework providing guidance for members and external assessors wishing to participate in quality assurance and enhancement activities on behalf of Council was presented for Council's approval
- The ETPDC in the interests of transparency recommended the publications of the accreditation reports produced as part of Council's performance of its duties under Sections 88 and 89 of the Act.

Council approved the report of the Education, Training & Professional Development Committee.

Ethics and Professionalism Committee (EPC)

The Vice President presented the report to Council of the EPC meeting which was held on 18th March 2014.

Council approved the report of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

Dr Breslin presented the report to Council of the RCPC meeting which was held on 13th March 2014 which included the following:

- Council considered the report and the recommendation from the Monitoring Group concerning the registration of a number of doctors.

Nominations and Development Committee (NDC)

The President presented the report to Council of the NDC meeting which was held on 18th March 2014 and of the extraordinary meeting of 28th March 2014:

Multi Source Feedback Working Group (MSFWG)

- Professor Paul Ridgeway
- Dr Max Ryan

Health Committee (HC)

- Dr Barbara Lynch

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

- Dr Muiris Houston

Education, Training and Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

- Dr. Dermot Power
- Dr. Siun O'Flynn
- Professor Deirdre Mc Grath
- Professor Peter Cantillon

Quality Monitoring Sub Committee (QMSC)

- Professor Alan Johnson (Chair)
- Ms Edwina Dunne
- Dr. Deirdre Bennett
- Dr. Anna Clarke
- Professor Arthur Tanner

Strategy and Policy Sub-Committee (SPSC)

- Dr. John Jenkins (Chair)
- Professor Pauline Mc Avoy
- Professor Áine Hyland
- Professor Sean Tierney
- Professor Freddie Wood

- Dr. Siun O'Flynn
- Dr. Dermot Power

E&T General Assessors Panel

- Dr Dermot Power
 - Dr Siun O'Flynn
 - Professor Peter Cantillon
 - Dr Martin Rhodes
 - Professor Deirdre Mc Grath
 - Dr Pauline Mc Avoy
 - Ms. Edwina Dunne
 - Dr. Deirdre Bennett
 - Professor Alan Johnson
 - Dr. Anna Clarke
 - Professor Arthur Tanner
- In addition to the new applicants above for the E&T General Assessors Panel the Committee also confirmed the current membership of the panel.
 - Council was also advised of the nomination of Professor John McAdoo to the Education & Training General Assessor Panel.
 - Council noted that the Education, Training and Professional Development Committee have established two sub-committees:
 - Strategy and Policy Sub-Committee
 - Quality Monitoring Sub-Committee
 - Council also noted that there have been two recent resignations of memberships, Dr Ian Callanan from the ICT Sub-Committee and Dr Pat Devitt from the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.
 - The President updated Council of the Learning and Development upcoming opportunity planned for June 2014 gave a brief overview of the Training held prior to this Council meeting.

Council approved the report of the Nominations & Development Committee.

Health Committee (HC)

Mr Sidebottom presented the report of the Health Committee meeting which was held on 5th March, 2014, which included the following:

- Council approved the recommendations of the Committee regarding a number of doctors.

Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee (ASRC)

Mr Hurley presented the report of the Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee which was held on 13th March 2014, which included the following:

- Council considered the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements 2013.

To be considered by Council under Parts 6, 7, 8 and 9 of 2007 Act

Case Officer Appointments

Having considered the documents in the brief, including the candidates' CV's, two new Case Officers were appointed pursuant to section 58 of the Act.

Media Log

This item was noted by Council

Date & Time of next meeting

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May at 12:30hrs & Thursday 22nd May 2014 at 08:30hrs