MEMBERS PRESENT – 29th March, 2017

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Dr Anthony Breslin  Mr Tom O’Higgins
Ms Katharine Bulbulia  Ms Marie Kehoe O’Sullivan
Ms Anne Carrigy  Dr Michael Ryan
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In attendance – full meeting

Mr Bill Prasifka (CEO)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council and Head of Corporate Governance)
Ms Hayley Jones (Health & Monitoring Executive)
Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation)
Ms Ruth Rock (Head of Investigations & Complaints; Solicitor)

In attendance – for the relevant parts of the meeting

Mr Philip Brady (Acting Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Ms Wendy Kennedy (Director of Corporate Services)
Ms Una O’Rourke (Head of Education, Training and Professionalism)
Ms Jantze Cotter (Head of Professional Competence)
Mr John Sidebottom (Head of Inquiries, Health and Monitoring)
Ms Deirdre Foley (Acting Head of Finance)
Ms Barbara O’Neill (Acting Head of Communications)

Private Session:

A private session without members of the Executive present was held. A note of this session was taken by a nominated Council member and provided to the Secretary to Council.

CEO’s Report

The CEO advised that since the last Council meeting two risks on the Risk Register have been closed.

Council updated in relation to the Workforce Plan and was congratulated on the successful delivery of the Workforce Plan. Council noted that in addition to the Council Away Day an Away Day for staff will be held in May.

Council noted that the Procure 2 Pay (P2P) Project is progressing well.

The CEO provided an update in relation to performance assessments, and outlined that a working group to explore the refinement of the performance assessment model which included a number of key stakeholders will be convened.

The CEO advised Council that he had met with the Plymouth University team who had conducted
interviews with various key stakeholders in early March and are expected to deliver their report on the recognition of specialties quarter two.

A query was raised as to whether Medical Council had been contacted in regard to the Private Members Bill that has been tabled, seeking a register to be established and held in the Medical Council detailing declarations from doctors who have been in receipt of gifts amounting to more than €600 from pharmaceutical companies. The CEO advised that no such contact had been made and that the Medical Council first became aware of this Bill through the media alerts.

The CEO completed his report with an update on a number of stakeholder meetings of note.

President’s Business

Fitness to Practice Committee Inquiry Calendar

The President informed Council in relation to the number of inquiries scheduled.

Resignation of Council members

Council noted the resignations of Mr Declan Carey and Ms Marie Kehoe-O’Sullivan.

Nomination for Chair of Monitoring Committee

Council noted that the position of Chair of the Monitoring Committee is now vacant following the resignation of Ms Kehoe-O’Sullivan. Following a request for expressions of interest in this position Council approved the appointment of Dr Hanley as Chair of the Monitoring Committee.

Dr Deirdre Lohan Mannion – decision of Mr Justice Kelly

Council noted that this matter has been fixed for hearing in the High Court on 4th May 2017.

Anatomy Update

The President advised Council that Professor Ceri Davies had recently completed a report inspection visit to the Anatomy Department at UCC.

President’s Meetings to note

Council noted the meetings the President had attended.

Review of Domains Working Group

The Vice-President thanked the Executive for drafting a very helpful document which clarifies the relationship between the three pillars of professionalism and eight domains of good professional practice. It was proposed that a timeline be agreed to carry out a review in the not too distant future.
Volunteer Lay & Medical Representatives to attend Real Body Exhibition and Annual Ceremonies held for donors at each of the Schools

The President advised Council that during his meeting with the Inspector of Anatomy that the Real Body Exhibition currently displaying in Dublin was discussed. The Inspector of Anatomy suggested that a number of Council members may wish to visit the exhibition.

Invitation to attend the launch of the Practitioners Health Matters Programme Annual Report

Council noted the invitation and that the President would be in attendance.

Invitation to attend the Stakeholder Meeting on the National Study of Wellbeing of Hospital Doctors in Ireland.

Council noted that the President, CEO and some members of the Executive would be attending this meeting.

Audit, Strategy & Risk Committee (ASRC)

The report of the Audit, Strategy & Risk Committee meeting held on 14th March, 2017 was presented to Council.

Council noted that the Draft Annual Report must be pre-approved in principle subject to no major changes being made during the C&AG audit in compliance with the new Code of Practice. It was noted that the Presidents report and the draft Financial Statements were not included in this initial draft of the Annual report and that the final document would be submitted to Council for final approval once the 2016 C&AG audit was complete.

Council approved the draft Terms of Reference of the working group to review domains of good professional practice.

Council were updated in relation to the Business Plan, Council Metrics, the Risk Register, Management Accounts and the Asset Management Review Group. Council noted that in relation to the Asset Management Review Group that the Tender Evaluation process for Investment Consultancy Services had been completed. Council was advised that J&E Davy were deemed the successful bidder.

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

The report of the Registration and Continuing Practice Committee meeting held on 23rd February, 2017 was presented to Council.

Council was advised that a number of medical practitioners have chosen not to seek a review of the RCPC’s decision to refuse registration and the review window has now expired. Council confirmed the decision of the RCPC to refuse registration to the practitioners concerned.

Council noted that the key stakeholders who been involved in developing the e-learning material which aligned with the Safe Start priority educational needs had been contacted to explore how this material might be shared. It was further noted it had been agreed that the Medical Council’s website
would host the learning modules where possible or else have links to the relevant websites.

Council was advised that the Committee had reviewed the Patient Feedback report from Professor Julian Archer and noted that the RCPC Chair and the Working Group Chair will meet with the Executive to discuss how this might be progressed.

Council was advised in relation to the introduction of the amended EU Directive 2013/55/EU and noted the changes to the language requirements which currently applies to non-EU applicants.

Council was updated in relation to the ongoing work in relation to the arrangements for the provision of Professional Competence Schemes and noted that the Executive will be seeking feedback from the Post Graduate Training Bodies and will use the feedback to finalise the Arrangements.

Council noted the updates on both Registration Case Management and PCS Case Management.

**Education, Training & Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)**

The report of the Education, Training and Professional Development Committee meeting held on 14th March, 2017 was presented to Council.

Council noted that the Committee had identified four sites to carry out an accreditation visits.

Council approved the process for appealing any recommendation or recommendations following a regional inspection including an inspection of clinical training sites.

Council approved the programme of Pharmaceutical Medicine and the ICHMT as the body which may grant evidence of satisfactory completion of specialist training in Pharmaceutical Medicine.

Council approved the programme in Neonatology and the Faculty of Paediatrics of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland as the body which may grant evidence of satisfactory completion of specialist training in Neonatology.

Council approved the programme in Paediatric Cardiology and the Faculty of Paediatrics of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland as the body which may grant evidence of satisfactory completion of specialist training in Paediatric Cardiology.

Council approved the programme in Military Medicine and the Irish College of General Practitioners as the body which may grant evidence of satisfactory completion of specialist training in Military Medicine.

Council approved the report of the inspection visit to University College Cork Anatomy Department.

Council considered correspondence from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland regarding the renaming of the specialty of Otolaryngology to the more accurate description of “Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery”. Council approved changing the name of the recognised specialty of Otolaryngology to Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (ORLHNS).
**Nominations & Development Committee (NDC)**

The report of the Nominations & Development Committee meeting held on 15th March, 2017 was presented to Council.

Council approved the Committee’s recommendation of suitable candidates for Education and Training Assessor Panel for the different types of accreditations. Council approved the recruitment of the candidates to the Education and Training Assessor Panel.

Council approved Committee’s recommendation to recruit three members to the Strategy and Policy Sub-Committee (SPSC) of the Education, Training and Professional Development Committee.

Council approved the Committee’s recommendation to appoint Dr Nick Brown to the Professional Competence Assessor Sub-Committee.

Council noted the report of the Equality and Diversity Working Group.

**Health Committee (HC)**

The report of the Health Committee meeting held on 15th March, 2017 was presented to Council.

Council noted the breakdown of the number of medical practitioners who are supported by the Health Committee.

Council noted the number of review sessions and the Committee’s recommendation that ongoing support be continued as appropriate.

Council further noted that arising from review session and medical reports received in respect of two practitioners the Committee had decided not to release the practitioners from their undertaking not to engage in the practice of medicine.

**Monitoring Committee (MC)**

The report of the Monitoring Committee meeting held on 16th March, 2017.

Council noted the number of medical practitioners who have conditions attached to the retention of their name in the Register.

Council noted that correspondence and documentary evidence of compliance was received, where appropriate, from each of those other practitioners currently practicing within the jurisdiction with conditions attached to the retention of their name in the Register and that such further evidence would be taken up as and when required in order to confirm compliance.

Council approved the report of the Monitoring Committee.
Application to Council to remove or vary of conditions.

Council was advised that section 52 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 2007 allows for a medical practitioner may make an application to have conditions attached to their registration removed and that any such applications can be made to the Monitoring Committee who would then make recommendations to Council or could be made directly to Council.

Media Coverage Log covering period: January 2017 – March 2017

This Item was noted by Council.

Date and Time of next meeting

Council noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May, 2017 at 12:30 hrs and Wednesday 17th May, 2017 at 08:30 hrs.