

Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 11 of 2015

MEDICAL COUNCIL

The 331st meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30 hrs on Thursday 5th November 2015 and 08:30 hrs on Friday 6th November 2015 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

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Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)
Dr John Barragry
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Mr Fergus Clancy
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Dr Bairbre Golden
Dr Ruairi Hanley

Mr Séan Hurley
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Ms Marie Kehoe-O’Sullivan
Professor Mary Leader
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In attendance – full meeting

Mr Bill Prasifka (CEO)

Ms Catherine Whelan (Deputy CEO)

Ms Lisa Molloy (Head of Corporate Governance & Secretary to Council)

Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation)

Ms Jane Horan (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Governance and Council)

Ms Niamh Muldoon (Chief Risk Officer and Solicitor, Regulation)

In attendance – for the relevant parts of the meeting

Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)

Mr Jim Mc Dermott (Head of ICT)

Ms Wendy Kennedy, (Finance Manager)

Mr Paul Lyons (Senior Executive Officer, Education & Training)

Ms Aoife Mellett (Solicitor, Regulation)

Mr John Sidebottom (Senior Executive Officer, Regulation)

Ms Roslyn Whelan (Senior Executive Officer, Regulation)

Ms Alicia McGrath (Executive Officer, Education & Training)

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 formally welcomed Mr. Fergus Clancy, representative for the Independent Hospitals Association he also welcomed Mr. Bill Prasifka, CEO to their first Council meeting.

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 that the draft Business Plan for 2016 will be provided to the Audit Strategy and Risk Committee at its December meeting and will then come to Council. The KPIs set out in the business plan will be closely monitored and adequately resourced to support delivery.

The launch of the "Your Training Counts" and "Medical Workforce Intelligence" reports by the Minister for Health on 15th October 2015 attracted wide media coverage and positive stakeholder feedback.

Council was advised that the CEO has commenced a series of one-to-one meetings with individual staff members. It is his intention to meet with every member of staff before the end of the year and that thereafter; such meetings would take place annually.

Due to the streamlining registration procedures the number of registrations completed to date is 40% ahead of last year.

The CEO updated Council in regard to a recent meeting with the Department of Health to progress the amendments to the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

Correspondence from Minister for Health regarding appointment of a Ministerial Nominee to the Medical Council

Council noted that Mr Tom O'Higgins has been appointed to the Medical Council.

President's Business

Medical Council's Register of Interests 2015

Council noted the Register of Interests.

Report for the Medical Council on the Annual Governance Appraisal 2015 Overview and Recommendations

Council noted the report.

Reports of Committees to Council

Ethics & Professionalism Committee (EPC)

The report of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee meeting held on 29th September, 2015 which was approved by Council.

Council noted that the approved Guide would be reviewed by the National Adult Literacy Agency's Plain English Editing service (NALA). The suggestions made by NALA will then be considered by Council at their meeting on 15th & 16th December 2015.

Registration & Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

The report of the Registration and Continuing Practice Committee meeting held on 22nd October, 2015 was presented to Council.

Council was updated in relation to the group at UCD, led by Dr Suzanne Donnelly in relation to the Educational Needs Assessment and the positive progress of the Safe Start Initiative.

Council noted that there are a total of 10 registration decisions made in relation to applications for entry to the Specialist Division.

Council was updated in relation the Professional Competence Scheme (PCS) Audit cycle and PCS Case Management.

The report of the Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC) was approved by Council.

Nominations & Development Committee (NDC)

The report of the Nominations & Development Committee extraordinary meeting held on 21st October 2015 was presented to Council.

Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to appoint three new members to the membership of the Monitoring Committee.

The report of the Nominations and Development Committee was approved by Council.

Education, Training & Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

The report of the ETPDC meeting held on 7th October 2015 was presented to Council.

Council noted recent Education and Training Symposium in relation to entitled '*Supporting the transition from student to doctor*' was well attended by stakeholders and the feedback from delegates afterwards has been positive and that a Symposium report will be issued in due course

Council further noted that arrangements are underway in relation to the forthcoming accreditation visit to RCSI Perdana which is due to take place in January 2016.

Council noted the consent from the Minister of Health in relation to the recognition of Military Medicine as a speciality had been received and that the Executive will now proceed to engage with the relevant parties towards establishing the new speciality on the Register.

Council noted the programmes of specialist training in Emergency Medicine, and in Sports and Exercise Medicine, are due to be formally evaluated in December.

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

Health Committee (HC)

The report of the Health Committee meeting held on 28th October 2015 was presented to Council.

Council noted that there are currently forty one medical practitioners supported by the Health Committee.

Council approved the recommended release of one practitioner from the support of the Committee.

Council noted that eleven review sessions were conducted by the various teams in respect of an equal number of practitioners, to include one of the practitioners referenced above.

Council noted that one practitioner had been released from the undertaking not to engage in the practice of medicine based on the report arising from a recent review session.

Council noted that three practitioners had been offered the support of the Committee and that review sessions have been held in respect of each of the three practitioners.

Monitoring Committee (MC)

The report from the Monitoring Committee meeting held on the 22nd October 2015 was presented to Council.

Council noted that there are currently seventeen medical practitioners who have conditions attached to the retention of their name in the Register and that four of those practitioners are not

currently practising within the State and each of those four have signed a declaration confirming such.

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

Council approved the report of the Monitoring Committee.

Audit Strategy & Risk Committee (ASRC)

The report of the ASRC meeting held on 22nd October 2015 was presented to Council.

Council approved terms of reference for the Nominations and Development Committee (NDC) and the Registration and the Registration & Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC).

Council noted the ICT 3 year Strategy Plan and the Risk Register for October 2015.

Council approved the report of the ASRC meeting.

Media Coverage Log covering period Sept – October 2015

This Item was noted by Council.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Council noted the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 12:30 hrs and Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 08:30 hrs.