

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 20th & 21st March 2013

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 08.30hrs on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March 2013 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)

Dr Richard Assaf

Dr Richard Brennan

Mr Brendan Broderick

Ms Katharine Bulbulia

Professor Gerard Bury

Mrs Anne Carrigy

Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)

Dr Regina Connolly

Professor Des Fitzgerald

Professor John McAdoo

Mr Frank McManus

Dr John Monaghan

Ms Marie Murray

Ms Margaret Murphy

Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue

Dr Daniel O'Hare

Dr David O'Keeffe

Dr John O'Mullane

Dr Michael Ryan

APOLOGIES

Dr Pauline Kane

Ms Marie Kehoe – O'Sullivan

Dr Deirdre Madden

Professor Damien McLoughlin

Ms Cornelia Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)

Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)

Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)

Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation and Legal Adviser)

Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)

Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council, Head of Corporate Services & HR)

Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT & Operations)

Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)

Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Corporate Services)

Ms Finola O'Dwyer (Professional Standards)

Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)

Mr David Holland (Senior Counsel)

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

The minutes of the meetings held on 30th January 2013, 12th February 2013 and 28th February 2013 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

The President welcomed Dr Richard Assaf and Professor Des Fitzgerald to the meeting as recently appointed members.

CEO's Business

Council members noted the CEO report which provided an update to members on a number of operational matters including:

- IAMRA: It was noted that the Medical Council is represented on the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) by the President. In line with previous practice it was proposed that the Council will continue to support the President to continue in this role and that appropriate oversight arrangements would be put in place.
- Council noted that the Head of Education and Training, Dr Anne Keane, was invited by the World Federation of Medical Education to participate in a team which is externally reviewing systems for the quality assurance of medical education in Turkey.
- Council was advised that a two-day training and development session was held for Council and FTPC members on 4th and 5th February.
- A graduation ceremony for the Case Officers was held in the Dublin Dispute Resolution Centre. The certificate, which is accredited by the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, was conferred on each Case Officer.
- Council noted that the Medical Council Business Plan 2013 has been submitted to the Minister for Health, published on the Medical Council website and included in the recent e-newsletter.
- Council was advised that the Minister and Council will be notified of the outcome of the election process in due course. Council was further advised of the number of nominations received to date and the process for appointments to Council by the Minister for Health. Council was advised of the communications activities undertaken to ensure the electorate were aware of the election process. It was noted that in addition to the minimum requirements, a series of letters and emails have been issued to the profession to advise them of the voting process, while press releases and the e-Newsletter have also been issued, resulting in high awareness and significant coverage in the medical media.
- Council was advised that the Annual Report would be made available online with a launch planned for 10th May 2013.

Committees and Working Groups

Professional Development Committee

Council approved the report of the PDC which included the following items:

- Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee that Faculty of Paediatrics, and the Programme of Specialist Training in General Paediatrics be approved under Section 89(1) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

Standards in Practice Committee

- Council approved the report of the SiPC and accepted the recommendation in relation to the conditions applied to a number of doctors

Professional Competence Committee

Council approved the report of the PCC.

Audit Committee

Council approved the report of the Audit Committee which included the following item:

- Medical Council Report and Financial Statements for year end 31-12-2012

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May at 12:30 hrs & Friday 17th May 2013 at 08.30 hrs