

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting

7th & 8th November 2013

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 12:30hrs on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th November 2013 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Freddie Wood (President)
Dr Anthony Breslin
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Mr Declan Carey
Dr Sean Curran
Dr Audrey Dillon (Vice President)
Dr Rita Doyle
Dr Ruairi Hanley

Mr Sean Hurley
Professor Alan Johnson
Professor Mary Leader
Mr John Nisbet
Dr Colm O'Herlihy
Ms Cornelia Stuart
Dr Consilia Walsh

Apologies

Dr John Barragry
Ms Anne Carrigy
Ms Mary Duff
Professor Fidelma Dunne
Dr Bairbre Golden
Ms Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan
Councillor Sally Mulready
Ms Margaret Murphy
Dr Michael Ryan
Ms Catherine Whelan

In attendance

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr William Kennedy, (Director of Regulation)
Mr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Niamh Muldoon (Solicitor, Professional Standards)
Ms Aisling Malone (Solicitor, Professional Standards)
Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services)
Mr Paul Lyons (Senior 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.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th and 20th September were agreed.

CEO's Business

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

- The President took the opportunity to compliment the Executive and Members of the PPC for improving the turnaround times for initial consideration of complaints.
- Council was advised that items relating to risk management, and to the management of the Risk Register, will be brought to Council at six-monthly intervals.
- Members were also reminded of the forthcoming Education and Training Symposium, and encouraged to attend.

Committees and Working Groups

Ethics and Professionalism Committee

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

- The Vice-President advised that the draft terms of reference of the EPC have been agreed and will proceed to the Audit, Strategy and Risk Committee for final approval. The Committee has a broad membership and range of expertise which is appropriate to the Committee's remit. The Committee is reviewing the approach which is taken in other jurisdictions in relation to the development of ethical guidance by regulators.

Update from the Strategy Working Group

The President provided members with an update in relation to the development of Council's Statement of Strategy. It was noted that good progress is being made.

Registration and Continuing Practice Committee (RCPC)

Council approved the report of the RCPC meeting which included the following item:

- Council accepted the recommendation in relation to the conditions applied to a number of doctors
- Council approved the report of the former Standards in Practice Committee regarding the expiration of the review window for a number of doctor's registration application.

Education, Training and Professional Development Committee (ETPDC)

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

- Council was advised that the Terms of Reference for the ETPDC would be redrafted at the next Committee meeting.
- Council was updated with the progress in relation to the assessment of aspirant specialties.

Nominations and Development Committee (NDC)

Council approved the report of the Nominations and Development Committee which included the following item:

- Council approved the membership of the Committees, including Dr Sean Curran, Mr Sean Hurley and Dr Ruairi Hanley as members of the Fitness to Practise Committee.
- Council also approved that Dr John Barragry as a member of the Fitness to Practise Committee.

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 11th December at 12:30hrs & Thursday 12th December 2013 at 08:30hrs