



Council Governance ECM – Minutes

Date	22 June 2026	
Time	2.00 – 2.25pm	
Location	Virtual	
Meeting number	642 nd meeting of the Medical Council - Meeting No 17 of 2026	
Members present	Dr Mary Davoren (Vice-President) Mr Ian Drennan Dr Mai Mannix Dr Louise Kavanagh McBride Prof John F Murphy	Mr Nauman Nabi Mr Martin O'Halloran Prof Alice Stanton Mr Ronan Quirke Dr Aoife Watters
Apologies	Ms Sinead Corcoran Ms Dervilla Eyres Dr Ehtesham Khan Prof Michelle Leech Ms Jill Long Mr Brian Murphy Prof Deirdre Murphy Dr Sinead Murphy	Prof Ronan O'Connell Mr Eunan O'Halpin Prof Conor O'Keane Dr Margaret O'Riordan
In attendance for relevant sections of the meeting	• Dr Maria O'Kane (CEO) • Ms Jantze Cotter (Executive Director of Strategic & Corporate Affairs) • Mr Ciaran Buggle (Executive Director of Professional Standards) • Mr John Sidebottom Head of Inquiries and Health FTP Directorate • Ms Gail McAuley (Head of Corporate Affairs and Secretary to Council) • Ms Sukhneett Dhir (Corporate Governance Manager) • Mr John McBride (Head of IT and Digital Transformation) • Dr Cyril Sullivan (Executive Director, Finance, IT and Digital Transformation)	

Note – all references to ‘the Act’ shall be construed as references to the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 unless otherwise stated.

	The Vice President welcomed Council members to this brief ECM.	
1.	Conflict of interest check	
	Mr Ronan Quirke and Mr Ian Drennan left the meeting for the duration of each relevant item.	
2.	Minutes from the Regulatory Meeting – 28 May 2026	
	The Vice President provided an overview in relation to a discussion and decision at the Regulatory meeting regarding the terms of office for Council members, for the benefit of new Council members in attendance. Council considered the minutes contained in the meeting brief.	



	Council approved the minutes for the 628th Regulatory Council meeting on 28 May 2026.	Decision																												
3.	Council Member Appointments to PPC and FTP																													
	Mr Ciaran Buggle presented the appointments to the Fitness to Practise and Preliminary Proceedings Committee paper, contained in the meeting brief to Council.																													
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	*Ronan Quirke left the meeting. Council approved the continuation of Ronan Quirke’s term, on the Fitness to Practise Committee until 31 May 2027, in line with a maximum appointment of 8 years and on term expiry, to appoint him to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee from 1 June 2027 until 31 May 2029.	Decision																												
	Council was alerted to a typographical error in the date for this appointment which was noted. *Ronan Quirke rejoined the meeting.																													
4.	Council member appointment to the Section 60 Committee																													
	Mr John Sidebottom presented the Appointment to Section 60 Committee paper, contained in the meeting brief to Council.																													
	Council approved the following new members to Section 60 Committee in line with their Council term of office.	Decision																												



		Council membership	Medic / non-Medic	From	To	
		Non medics				
	1	Ms Dervilla Eyres	Non-Medic	22/06 2026	31/05/2031	
	2	Prof Michelle Leech	Non-Medic	22/06 2026	31/05/2031	
	3	Mr Brian Murphy	Non-Medic	22/06 2026	31/05/2031	
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	9	Dr Mai Mannix	Medic	22/06 2026	31/05/2031	
	10	Prof Conor O'Keane	Medic	22/06 2026	31/05/2031	
	11	Prof Alice Stanton	Medic	22/06/2026	31/05/2031	
5.	Reappointments / continuity of terms – current Council members to Committees					
	Ms Gail McAuley presented the Committee Reappointment paper, contained in the meeting brief to Council.					
	Council approved Dr Margaret O’Riordan’s reappointment to the Registration and Continuing Practice Committee until 31 May 2029. Council approved Prof. Ronan O’Connell’s reappointment to the Audit and Risk Committee until 31 May 2028.					Decision
	Ms Gail McAuley presented the Continuity of Membership on Audit and Risk Committee, contained in the meeting brief to Council.					
	Council approved the continuation of Mr Ian Drennan’s term, as Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee until 3 August 2027, in line with the maximum appointment of 6 years to the Audit and Risk Committee.					Decision
6.	Procurement matter - Provision of Cyber Security Services					
	Mr John McBride and Dr Cyril Sullivan joined the meeting. Following an update by the Vice President, Council agreed to defer this matter to the Council Governance meeting on 29 April 2029. As this ECM had been convened at shorter notice, Council agreed that the scale of this procurement matter required that it be considered by way of a detailed presentation at its scheduled Governance meeting on 29 July 2026.					



	This meeting concluded at approximately 2.25pm.	