

PSI Council Public Meeting Minutes

Minutes of meeting number 140 of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI), as established under the Pharmacy Act 2007, the public session of which commenced at 08.30 am on Thursday, January 25th, 2024.

Agenda Item A - Attendees & Apologies

Name	Role	Present (Yes/No)
Ms. Katherine Morrow	President	Yes
Ms. Joan Peppard	Vice President	Yes
Ms. Emily Kelly	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Cyril Sullivan	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Martin Sisk	Council Member	No
Prof. Laura Sahm	Council Member	Yes (Online)
Mr. Martin Higgins	Council Member	Yes
Mr. John Given	Council Member	No
Mr. Rory O'Donnell	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Mark Jordan	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Dorothy Donovan	Council Member	Yes (Online)
Ms. Grainne Power	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Geraldine Crowley	Council Member	Yes (Online)
Ms. Geraldine Campbell	Council Member	No
Mr. Sean Reilly	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Marie Louisa Power	Council Member	No
Dr. Denis O'Driscoll	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Peter Dennehy	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Paula Barry Walsh	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Ann McGarry	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Richard Hammond S.C.	Council Member	Yes (Online)
Members of PSI staff and office holders in attendance included:		
Ms. Joanne Kissane	Registrar & Chief Officer	
Mr. Éanna Ó Lochlainn	Corporate Governance & Planning Officer	
Mr. John Bryan	Head of Community Pharmacy Assurance	
Ms. Damhnait Gaughan	Head of Practitioner Assurance	
Ms. Cora O' Connell	Professional Standards Manager	

Colour code: **Red—for decision; Green—for discussion; Blue—for information**

Agenda Item B – Declaration of Interest by Members of Council

Issue

Declaration of interests by members of Council.

Information

The President drew Council members' attention to their obligations under paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Act 2007, which deals with the necessary disclosure of certain interests by members of the Council.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested by Council

No conflicts were declared by any member of Council.

Agenda Item C – Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 139

Issue

The Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No.139 were tabled for approval by Council.

Information

None.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested by Council

Decision Approved: Council approved the draft Minutes of the public session of Council meeting number 139 held on 14th of December 2023, on the proposal of Ms. Grainne Power, and seconded by Ms. Emily Kelly.

Agenda Item D – Agreement on the Meeting Agenda

Issue

The President invited members of Council to give notice of any items they wished to submit under item F, Any Other Business.

Information

None.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested by Council

No item was tabled for discussion under any other business.

Agenda Item E. Consideration of Practice Review 2024

Issue

Consideration of Practice Review 2024

Information

Ms. Damhnait Gaughan gave a presentation on the provenance of the Practice Review events scheduled for 2024 and invited Council to determine the appropriateness, or otherwise, of proceeding with these events, and express a preference for one of the options set out in a memorandum which had been circulated to Council in advance of the meeting. In summary, these were;

- Option 1: Cancellation: April and October Practice Review events 2024 are cancelled
- Option 2: One Practice Review Event 2024
- Option 3: No Cancellation: April and October Practice Review events proceed, as per current policy

Council noted that the proposal before it had not been brought before the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee (RPP) for consideration. It was noted that specific timelines relating to the delivery of the event were such, that it precluded the Executive from waiting to bring the matter to Council at its next meeting, having first been considered by RPP.

The Committee Chair confirmed that the Mazars Report regarding the Practice Review had been considered by the Committee but that the manner in which the Report recommendations would be implemented had not as yet. It was noted that it is intended this will be brought back to the Council, through the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee, at its April meeting. Council queried the governance around implementing one of the recommendations on an individual basis but noted that the recommendation was a clear positional statement and accepted that further extrapolation would be necessary in respect of others contained in the report.

It was noted that the Executive would be progressing the necessary steps for legislative change to bring about the various recommendations in the Mazars Report, including those relating to Practice Review, within the year. Council queried if there had been any discussion regarding the matter of legislative change with the Department of Health. Council was informed that the matter had not been discussed with the Department, but noted that ongoing engagement and oversight was exercised by the Department, underpinned by regular meetings and structured reporting. Council considered the matter and having regard to the discussions, expressed the view that 'suspension', as opposed to 'cancellation', of the Practice Review events scheduled to be held in 2024, would be appropriate.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested by Council
Decision Approved: Council approved the suspension of the Practice Review for 2024 pending further review, on the proposal of Mr. Mark Jordan, and seconded by Dr. Denis O’Driscoll.

Agenda Item F. Any Other Business

Issue
No item had been tabled for discussion under item D.

Information
None.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested by Council
None.

The Meeting concluded at 9:20 am

President

Date