

## Candidate biographies provided for PSI Council election 2019

### Biography of Siobhán Cuddy (4759)

Dear Colleague,

My name is Siobhán Cuddy and I wish to be appointed to the Pharmacy Council for the following reasons:

1. Pharmacy is changing and I believe that, my 25 years as a pharmacy owner, will bring knowledge and experience to the council.
  2. I want to listen, with curiosity to what all Pharmacists have to say about our profession...listen to their fears, hopes, and what matters most to them as a professional pharmacist.
  3. Pharmacy is expanding and evolving. Where are we going from our current situation? We must ask ourselves these questions and engage with the PSI and all our colleagues concerning these issues.
  4. We do need to engage with our regulator and I would be grateful to be allowed the opportunity to lead you in this process.
- I have been a member of the Medical Coaching Learning Community for two years which has given me the opportunity to develop new skills, which, are necessary for the pharmacy of the very near future....some of these new skills helped me to empower the patient.
5. I believe in self care. We as pharmacists should develop skills to do this and patient care will naturally flow.
  6. Finally, I will listen: I will see with fresh eyes and I will rely on my core values to do the best for our profession pharmacy and you the professional pharmacist /healthcare professional.

Thank You,

Siobhán Cuddy

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### Biography of Dr Sabine Eggers (5677)

Dr Eggers studied pharmacy at Hamburg University, Germany. She qualified in 1988 (BSc) and received a PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1993 (with summa cum laude). Sabine was awarded two fellowships, which she used for research as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Food Biotechnology Centre, UCC Cork and at Cornell University, Upstate NY; she published several research papers.

Sabine has experience in the pharmaceutical industry: she worked as a Clinical Project Manager for Aventis in Germany and as a Regulatory Affairs Officer for Rowex Ltd in Bantry, Ireland. Sabine enjoys her work as a community pharmacist, which she began in Ireland in 1998.

She firmly believes that pharmacists have a vital role in community healthcare, by providing front line services. She would like to see more services such as Medication Usage Reviews and the Minor Ailment Scheme become available to the public. This can only be achieved, if all the members of the dispensing team are trained to a standardised, certified level of knowledge.

It is vital that the pharmacists providing these services receive appropriate remuneration by the HSE and that the PSI registration fees are of a proportionate level. She notes that all staff, including OTC personnel, require continuous professional development to keep abreast of the new developments in pharmacy.

Sabine believes that a standardised dispensary layout (following the BNF categories), would reduce the consequences of possible dispensing errors and enhance drug knowledge among the team members.

She hopes to inspire vital communication and team work between the PSI and pharmacists working in all pharmaceutical disciplines.

Sabine has an abiding interest in the use of vitamins and food supplements in maintaining good health and wellbeing and has lectured on the subject in Ireland, Germany and the Middle East.

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### **Biography of Roy Hogan (5874)**

During my career to date, I have been lucky enough to see Pharmacy from many perspectives. I earned my pharmacy degree from Strathclyde University in Glasgow before completing my preg-reg year, split between Moss Chemists and the National Pharmaceutical Association in England, in 1995. I worked as a locum in Dublin before taking up a full time position in City Clinic dealing with addiction services. In 2000, I bought my own pharmacy on Parnell street in Dublin which I have operated on a full time basis since.

I currently serve on the community pharmacy committee of the IPU, a role I have had since 2010. I was founding shareholder of Independent PLC (Life Pharmacy), having been part of a small team that negotiated the binding foundation agreements on behalf of the pharmacist members.

I would greatly appreciate the support of my fellow pharmacists to afford me the opportunity to serve on council of the PSI.

I feel we practice now in an era overburdened with regulation, where we risk losing sight of our role, first and foremost, as healthcare professionals rather than administrators.

I would hope to use my experience to bring a voice of reason and real-world practicality to PSI House, in an effort to perhaps foster a more harmonious relationship between the regulator and the regulated.

Thank you.

Roy

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### **Biography of Mark Jordan (12026)**

My name is Mark Jordan. I am an enthusiastic, positive and passionate pharmacist working in the community setting based in Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Having qualified in 2016 I quickly became immersed in the rich history of our profession. Before long I was searching for avenues to become more involved, avenues which in my opinion would give me purpose whilst also allowing me to make a positive and lasting impact within the profession of pharmacy.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland is offering that very opportunity and with the help of the electorate I am hopeful of bringing my enthusiasm to the Council table.

Thank you for taking the time to read this short biography. I look forward to representing our profession should I be elected.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Mark Jordan MPSI

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### **Biography of David Kavanagh (10165)**

David graduated from the School of Pharmacy, TCD in 2010 and completed his MPharm in RCSI in 2011. He also holds an MSc (Healthcare Ethics and Law) from RCSI.

He has worked in various community pharmacies up to Superintendent Pharmacist level. His interests include Bioethics and Addiction, and he also assesses at the Professional Registration Examination.

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### **Biography of Johanna Kissane (6960)**

Joanne is the Head of Operational Excellence for LloydsPharmacy. Prior to this post, she held the position of Superintendent Pharmacist for the LloydsPharmacy group for seven years. Joanne graduated from the School of Pharmacy, Trinity College, Dublin in 2000 and has worked in community pharmacy in various roles since qualification. In 2017 she completed her Masters in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Joanne currently chairs the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee of PSI and is a member of the PSI Council since June 2015.

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### **Biography of John Madden (9602)**

I have been a registered pharmacist since 2009, having graduated from UCC the year prior. Since then I have worked mostly as a locum pharmacist in the south-east of the country. My motivation for seeking nomination to the council is to ensure employee pharmacists have adequate representation and the interests of employees are balanced with those of pharmacy owners. I am contactable regarding any queries at [johnmadden86@gmail.com](mailto:johnmadden86@gmail.com).

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### **Biography of Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin (5279)**

Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 1989 and has very extensive experience working in all facets of pharmacy. More than twenty five of those years were as a hospital pharmacist - ten years in a clinical role in California and Washington states and the next fifteen + years as a hospital pharmacist in Ireland. She has been in a Chief / Superintendent role since 2001.

Currently working in Community Pharmacy, Muireann maintains her connection with hospital practice, whether as external interviewer or as a Project Manager of patient safety initiatives, being that she has a Black Belt qualification in Lean Six Sigma.\*

Muireann's primary focus is quality in medicines management to ensure patient safety and she has a particular interest in the transitions of care, where arguably most errors arise. She has been an active advocate for quality and safety in medicines management on a national level for years - as an executive member of the Hospital Association of Hospital Pharmacists (HPAI) and as an attending member (Oncology & Southern representative) of the Irish Medication Safety Network (IMSN), among others.

She is a PSI Council member who sits on the advisory committee of the Regulatory & Professional Policy Committee and is Deputy Chair of the statutory Professional Conduct Committee. She is also a peer support pharmacist for the Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP).

Muireann is currently in the final year of her law degree (LLBH at Griffith College Dublin) and hopes to graduate later on this year.

*\*Black Belt in Lean Sigma from Cork Institute of Technology: leadership, statistics and project management.*

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### **Biography of Shane O'Driscoll (7814)**

I graduated from the School of Pharmacy, Trinity College Dublin in 2001. I began my career as a community pharmacist before getting my MBA from Smurfit School of Business in 2016. Since then I have gone on to work as a management consultant, gaining a broad range of experience in the public and private sectors. I have experience in areas including Healthcare Governance, Patient Safety, Patient Experience and Strategy Development. I also worked in the Further and Higher Education sectors. I went on to work as Project Manager at a

software form focussing on incident management and patient safety in pharmacies before taking up my current position as Manager in KPMG's Strategy and Operations Division.

Since the launch of the PSI's Corporate Strategy 2018-2020, the Sláintecare Report presented a vision for the delivery of healthcare in Ireland. Implementation of the Report's recommendations on integrated care will undoubtedly transform how healthcare will be delivered. A key focus of mine on the Council will be to ensure strategies and projects allow the pharmacy professions to be central to the evolving narrative on how future healthcare is delivered; but to do so while continuing to promote good professional practice through developing regulations and standards which are outcome based and patient-centric.

A particular interest of mine is the evolving role of pharmacy. I intend to ensure that any regulations, standards and assessments required to underpin changes to practice, will enable innovation in pharmacy practice and encourage the development of skillsets which will improve patient outcomes and allow the profession to contribute in a meaningful way to the ever changing needs of the population.

I hope that my diverse experience will help promote and inform good professional practice by providing a strategic perspective, strengthen the necessary partnerships, allow for the sharing of best practice.

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### **Biography Leon O'Hagan (7943)**

As a pharmacist of over 15 years' experience having worked in both the North and South of Ireland, England and Australia, as a community locum, manager and practice pharmacist – I have seen the best of pharmacy and the challenges pharmacists face on a daily basis restricting them from providing exceptional care.

I want pharmacists to be able to work to the pinnacle of their practice – to use their expertise to improve the health and wellbeing of their patients, to be a valued part of the health service and be treated as such. To do so, they need to have the support, training and resources to enable them to get away from the dispensary bench – and have a strong voice on council advocating for them.

I have a long history of working to support pharmacists and engaging to improve the profession. As the regional rep for the Pharmacist Defence Association Union, I have assisted and supported colleague pharmacists through grievance and disciplinary procedures, and have worked to improve working conditions, the safety and security of pharmacists.

I believe regulation is for the protection and safety of patients, but it should also be proportionate, measured, and take a common sense approach to its application. To that end, I was co-opted to the PSI's Pharmacy Practice Development Committee in 2016 and was a community voice over the last few years on work such as the PSI's revised Code of Conduct.

I will work on council to advance, develop and protect the profession, so that colleagues no longer feel isolated, disengaged or disenfranchised, but are instead connected, excited and inspired by the future.

I will be open and transparent in my views and welcome engagement from fellow pharmacists on Poitigeir.com, Pharmabuddy.ie or at my personal email address; leonforpsi@gmail.com.

Thank you

Leon O'Hagan

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### **Biography of Eugene Renehan (8638)**

Having graduated from TCD in 2005 I started my career as a community pharmacist working for Meaghers Pharmacy Group as support pharmacist in 2007, becoming supervising pharmacist in 2010 and Superintendent Pharmacist in 2016.

Educating pharmacy students and developing the profession of pharmacy is a special interest of mine. As a tutor pharmacist since 2010 I have overseen the successful progress of over 50 interns through the National Pharmacy Intern Programme (NPIP) in our group. Since 2017 my role as Adjunct Assistant Professor in Practice of Pharmacy in TCD has helped the development of communication and conflict resolution skills in the future graduates.

I have substantial committee experience having in the past advised RCSI with the NPIP and sat on the steering group for the Irish Institute Of Pharmacy. I am currently a Strategic Advisory Board member for the School Of Pharmacy TCD and sit on the Drugs and Therapeutics committees in MMUH and for the Daughters of Charity Services in Dublin 7. I am also a sitting member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the PSI. As a superintendent I am very aware of the legal and professional responsibilities we have as patient facing pharmacists. Drawing on all this experience I feel I would be a worthy representative of our profession on the council.

I would appreciate your vote to strengthen the representation of pharmacists in patient-facing roles on the council. I have an up to date understanding of community practice and practical experience of the implications and burden of changes placed on community pharmacy since the introduction of the Pharmacy Act. I would work to ensure that any future developments have been robustly reasoned with the working pharmacist in mind.

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