

## PSI Council Public Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of meeting number 110 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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021. The meeting was held on-line due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, and in accordance with rule 19(2) of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Council) Rules 2008 (S.I. No. 492 of 2008), and (S.I. 532 of 2020) Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 (Section 29) (Health) (Designation) Order 2020.**

### Agenda Item A - Attendees & Apologies

Name	Role	Present (Yes/No)
Ms. Joanne Kissane	President	Yes
Mr. Michael Lyons	Vice President	Yes
Mr. Hugo Bonar	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Graham Knowles	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Veronica Treacy	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Shane McCarthy	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Paul Turpin	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Ann Sheehan	Council Member	Yes
Prof. Brian Kirby	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Fiona Walsh	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Mark Jordan	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Dorothy Donovan	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Ailis Quinlan	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Geraldine Crowley	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Seán Reilly	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Paul Gorecki	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Marie Louisa Power	Council Member	No
Mr. Roy Hogan	Council Member	Yes

Ms. Nicola Cantwell	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Fintan Foy	Council Member	Yes
<b>Members of PSI staff in attendance online for all or part of the meeting included:</b>		
Mr. Niall Byrne	Registrar	
Dr. Lorraine Horgan	Head of Operations	
Dr. Cora Nestor	Head of Policy	
Mr. Dan Burns	Business Transformation Project Manager (Acting)	
Ms. Ciara Dooley	Education Support Officer	
Mr. Éanna Ó Lochlainn	Governance & Planning Officer	
Ms. Damhnait Gaughan	Head of Education and Registration	
Ms. Marie Bjerborg	Strategy and Organisation Change 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

Under item B of the Council Agenda, 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

The President declared a conflict of interest with regard to item E.1 on the agenda.

### Agenda Item C – Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 109.

#### Issue

Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 109.

#### Information

The President noted that no amendments had been received to the minutes as drafted.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

**Decision Approved:** Council approved the minutes of the public session of Council meeting number 109, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, on the proposal of Ms. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin and seconded by Ms. Dorothy Donovan

### 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

One item was tabled for discussion by the Registrar under any other business.

### Agenda Item E.1 – Registrar’s Report

#### Issue

Request for approval by Council of PSI (Education & Training) (Integrated Course) (Amendment) Rules 2021.

#### Information

The President excused herself for this item due to a conflict of interest. The Vice-President took the Chair. Ms. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin, in her capacity as Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee, requested approval from the Council of the PSI (Education & Training) (Integrated Course) (Amendment) Rules 2021. The Rules allow, in exceptional individual circumstances and in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the recognition of a period of six months patient-facing experiential learning to be completed as part of the MPharm, for the purposes of Rule 14(1)(b) of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) (Integrated Course) Rules 2014, as amended. The Rules were issued for public consultation between 11th December 2020 and 3rd January 2021, following which no proposal for change to the proposed Rules had been received. Ms. Ní Shúilleabháin invited questions from Council. Council had no questions.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

**Decision Approved:** Council approved the proposed PSI (Education & Training) (Integrated Course) (Amendment) Rules 2021, on the proposal of Dr. Paul Gorecki, seconded by Ms. Fiona Walsh.

### Agenda Item E.2 – Request for approval by Council of a proposal regarding provision of Practice Reviews in 2021

#### Issue

Request for approval by Council of a proposal regarding provision of Practice Reviews in 2021

#### Information

The President resumed the Chair. Ms. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin, in her capacity as Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee, addressed Council on proposals regarding the provision of Practice Reviews in 2021. Council considered the content of a report submitted by the Irish Institute of Pharmacy and a paper from the Executive which had been circulated to Council in advance of the meeting. She invited questions from Council. Council had no questions.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

**Decision Approved:** Council approved the Executive's recommendation not to hold Practice Reviews in 2021 on the proposal of Mr. Hugo Bonar, seconded by Ms. Dorothy Donavan.

### Agenda Item E.3 – Request for approval by Council of delegation to the Registrar of authority to approve training in the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, and administration of Epinephrine (adrenaline), under Regulation 4F, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No.7) Regulations, 2020 (SI 698 of 2020).

#### Issue

Council was asked to approve the delegation to the Registrar of authority to approve training in the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, and administration of Epinephrine

### Issue

(adrenaline), under Regulation 4F, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No.7) Regulations, 2020 (SI 698 of 2020).

### Information

The President informed Council that the delegation would allow for training approval to be expedited. The delegation would prevent delays in the approval of training for pharmacists who wish to deliver COVID 19 vaccination services as part of the public health response to the pandemic. Council expressed the view that it would be optimal for the PSI to respond at pace to training requirements, as each COVID vaccine was approved, preventing delays in the delivery of training to pharmacists, who wished to deliver COVID-19 vaccination services as part of the public health response to the pandemic.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

**Decision Approved:** Council approved the delegation to the Registrar of authority to approve training in the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, and administration of Epinephrine (adrenaline), under Regulation 4F, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No.7) Regulations, 2020 (SI 698 of 2020) on the proposal of Dr. Ailis Quinlan, seconded by Mr. Roy Hogan.

**[Agenda Item E.4 - Request for formal recognition by Council, of the Health Service Executive \(HSE\), as a training body authorised to issue Certificates of Completion for approved training courses, under Regulation 4B, Medicinal Products \(Prescription and Control of Supply\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2015 \(SI No. 449\).](#)**

### Issue

Request for approval by Council for recognition of the Health Service Executive (HSE), as a training body authorised to issue Certificates of Completion for approved training courses, under Regulation 4B, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 (SI No. 449).

### Information

Council was provided with information regarding the operation of the approval mechanism.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

**Decision Approved:** Council approved the Health Service Executive (HSE), as a training body authorised to issue Certificates of Completion for approved training courses, under Regulation 4B, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 (SI No. 449) on the proposal of Ms. Dorothy Donovan, seconded by Ms. Nicola Cantwell.

### Agenda Item F.1 – Any Other Business

#### Issue

As tabled under Item D of the agenda, the Registrar and Head of Education and Registration provided Council with a brief presentation on proposals regarding the approval of training developed by the National Immunisation Office (NIO), for the purposes of Regulation 4F, Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Amendment (No.7) Regulations, 2020 (SI 698 of 2020).

#### Information

Council was informed that an expert panel had been convened by the PSI, which would assess the NIO training and would advise the Registrar on the approval of the training in the context of the safe supply and administration of COVID-19 vaccines by pharmacists. Council raised a number of queries that were clarified.

### Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

The President thanked PSI staff for the work they had done in addressing this matter at short notice.

**The meeting concluded at 9.47 am.**

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**President**

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**Date**