
Agenda Item G.1

Report on material decisions of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

From: Muireann Ní Shuilleabháin, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee met on Friday, 11 June at 10am, by MS Teams, in light of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

The agenda items below refer to the matters that are before Council for decision.

The full agenda items for the Committee meeting can be found in annex 1, and this highlights the additional items discussed and items for information only.

Agenda Item F - Influenza vaccination training requirements for 2021/2022

The Committee discussed the influenza vaccination training requirements pathway for 2021/2022. The Committee was informed that the training requirements for the supply and administration of vaccinations and emergency medicines are reviewed by the PSI in advance of each vaccination season. The Committee was informed that a comparator analysis of international training requirements, and a consultation with two key national stakeholders was carried out.

The Committee is recommending the unchanged influenza vaccination training requirements for 2021/2022 to Council for approval.

Agenda Item G – IOP ePortfolio Review Policy

The Committee discussed the draft ePortfolio Policy Review Policy for 2021/2022. The Committee was informed of the proposed changes in the Policy. The proposed changes include; communications to pharmacists regarding the ePortfolio Review process will be now done by email; review of the ePortfolio submissions will be carried out by the IOP, which was previously carried out by peer review pharmacists; and that 5% of submissions reviewed against the standards will be reviewed by an external examiner, which was previously carried out by the IOP. The Committee was informed that proposed changes to the Review Policy, if accepted, would introduce changes to the service level agreement associated with the contract for the delivery of the IOP, and will introduce

cost savings. Committee discussed the proposal and suggested one minor modification by way of assistance to the external reader.

The Committee is recommending the ePortfolio Policy Review Policy for 2021/2022 to Council for approval.

Agenda Item H – Draft report on the use and learn for the COVID Operational Standards

The Committee discussed the draft report on the use and learn period for the COVID Operational Standards. The Committee was informed that the PSI carried out fieldwork testing in 41 pharmacies during the 'use and learn' period of the Operational Standards. The Committee was informed that an overview report was produced which provides the PSI key learnings and observation from the visits and an overview of the development of the PSI COVID-19 Operational Standards for pharmacies.

The Committee welcomed the report and after a discussion on the content, the committee is recommending the draft report on the use and learn for the COVID Operational Standards to Council for approval.

Annex 1



Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee held on

11 June at 10am

The meeting will be held online via MS Teams

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

Agenda Notation: * - document provided in advance; ** - will be presented in slide deck at meeting;

Indicative time	Item and descriptor		Presenter
10.00	A	<i>Apologies</i>	Chair
10.05	B	Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)	Chair
10.10	C	Approval of meeting Agenda	Chair
10.10	D	Draft Minutes	
	D.1	Approval of Minutes April 2021 meeting*	Chair
10.15	E	<i>External Response to COVID-19 Pandemic</i>	
	E.1	<i>Update on response to COVID-19*</i>	C Nestor
	E.2	<i>Update on COVID-19 vaccinations</i>	D Gaughan
10.30	F	2021 Committee Workplan Ongoing Regulatory Work	
		Influenza vaccination training requirements for 2021/2022*	D Gaughan
10.40	G	2021 Committee Workplan Ongoing Regulatory Work	
		IIOP ePortfolio Review Policy*	D Gaughan

10.50	H	2021 Committee Workplan Strategic Projects	
	H.1	Update on the COVID-19 Operational Standards**	É Crimmins
	H.2	Draft report on the use and learn for the COVID Operational Standards*	
11.15	I	2021 Committee Workplan -Update on Strategic Projects	
	I.1	Committee workplan 2021-Project Health Tracker*	Registrar
	I.2	Operationalise the PSI Regulatory Risk Statement*	Registrar
	I.3	Develop revised Core Competency Framework (CCF) for Pharmacists*	D Gaughan
	I.4	Review of the CPD model*	D Gaughan
	I.5	Reform of the Pharmacy Act*	C Nestor
	I.6	2021 Committee Workplan Ongoing Regulatory Work Update on implementation of Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)*	É Crimmins
11.50	J	AOB Close of meeting- Plus-Delta Next meeting Date 24 September 2021	Chair

We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 12.00