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## Agenda Item F.1

### Report on material decisions of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

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

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee (RPPC) met on Friday, 9 of April 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- APPEL guidance for remote learning

The Committee discussed the APPEL guidance on remote learning for students, who are undertaking the four-month experiential learning placement in the fourth year of the MPharm programme. The Committee was informed that APPEL is seeking to have the guidelines, previously approved by Council in 2020, to be adapted for placements in 2021, and into the future where remote working options may apply.

The Committee was informed that APPEL training establishments are likely to offer placements, which will have to be undertaken remotely, either fully or partially, in September 2021.

The Committee is recommending the APPEL guidance for remote learning to Council for approval.

#### Agenda Item G - Principles for Programme Validation, Professional Accreditation and Approval, and other Professional Engagements with Education Providers

The Committee discussed the Principles for Programme Validation, Professional Accreditation and Approval, and other Professional Engagements with Education Providers.

The Committee was informed that the statutory regulator, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), commenced work in collaboration with professional statutory/ regulatory bodies and higher education institutions (HEIs), in the development of Principles for Programme Validation,

Professional Accreditation and Approval, and other Professional Engagements with Education Providers.

The principles are aimed at fostering greater working relationships and understanding among the relevant organisations. The Committee was also informed that the QQI is seeking relevant organisations to endorse the principles.

The Committee is recommending to Council that PSI endorse these Principles for Programme Validation, Professional Accreditation and Approval, and other Professional Engagements with Education Providers.

## AOB

A committee member provided the Committee with background information on the EU Regulation 2019/6 in relation to veterinary medicinal products (VMPs), that is due to be implemented in January 2022.

The Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Marine (DAFM) is leading on the implementation of the regulations and has a taskforce in place. The committee member highlighted areas of the regulations of relevance to pharmacy and PSI remit. These include introduction of electronic prescribing; changes in validity period for prescriptions; changes in prescription status of parasitic veterinary medicines and information and education initiatives in relation to veterinary medicines.

The executive proposed to make contact with the statutory bodies involved namely the DAFM, the veterinary Council to understand the work involved and the scope of PSI remit in the area and engage with other stakeholders also including IPU.

The committee agreed that this area should be part of its oversight of ongoing regulatory work under the Committee Workplan for 2021.

## Annex 1



### **Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee held on**

**9 April 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	<b>Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)</b>	Chair
10.10	C	<b>Approval of meeting Agenda</b>	Chair
10.10	D	Draft Minutes	
	D.1	<b>Approval of Minutes February 2021 meeting*</b>	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	<i>2021 Committee Workplan Ongoing Regulatory Work</i>	
	F.1	<b>Appel guidance for remote learning*</b>	D Gaughan
10.35	G	<i>2021 Committee Workplan Ongoing Regulatory Work</i>	
	G.1	<b>Principles for Programme Validation, Professional Accreditation and Approval, and other Professional Engagements with Education Providers’*</b>	D Gaughan



10.45	H	2021 Committee Workplan -Ongoing Regulatory work	
	H.1	Update on the review of the regulation of a Retail Pharmacy Business in a hospital pharmacy**	É.Crimmins
10.55	I	2021 Committee Workplan Strategic Project	
	I.1	Update on the Operational Standards**	J Bryan
11.20	J	2021 Committee Workplan -update	
	J.1	Committee workplan 2021-Project Health Tracker*	Registrar
	J.2	Review the CPD Model for pharmacists*	D Gaughan
	J.3	Develop revised Core Competency Framework (CCF) for Pharmacists*	D Gaughan
11.35	K	AOB	Chair
		Regulation of Veterinary Medicinal Products -N Cantwell	
		Close of meeting- Plus-Delta	
		Next meeting Date 11 June 2021	

**We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 11.45**