

PSI Council Public Meeting Minutes

Minutes of meeting number 121 of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI), as established under the Pharmacy Act 2007, the public session of which commenced at 09:00 am on Thursday, February 3rd 2022. The meeting was held online 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. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin	President	Yes
Mr. Rory O'Donnell	Vice President	Yes
Mr. John Given	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Graham Knowles	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Katherine Morrow	Council Member	Yes
Dr. Shane McCarthy	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Paul Turpin	Council Member	No
Ms. Ann Sheehan	Council Member	Yes
Prof. Brian Kirby	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Fiona Walsh	Council Member	Yes
Mr. Mark Jordan	Council Member	No
Ms. Joanne Kissane	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Dorothy Donovan	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Grainne Power	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Geraldine Crowley	Council Member	Yes
Ms. Geraldine Campbell	Council Member	No
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
Mr. Fintan Foy	Council Member	Yes
Members of PSI staff in attendance online for all or part of the meeting included:		
Dr. Lorraine Horgan	Interim Registrar	
Mr. Éanna Ó Lochlainn	Head of Governance and Programme Delivery (Acting)	
Dr. Cheryl Stokes	Head of Corporate Services (Acting)	

Ms. Ruth Baily	Business Planning & Information Governance Executive
Ms. Caroline Murphy	Legal Affairs & Fitness to Practise Manager (Acting)
Ms. Aoife Mellett	Head of Practitioner Assurance
Mr. John Bryan	Head of Community Pharmacy Assurance
Ms. Éilis Crimmins	Quality and Safety Manager (Community Pharmacy)

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

Ms. Gráinne Power declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item F

Agenda Item C – Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 119

Issue

The Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 119 were tabled for approval by Council

Information

The President noted that the draft minutes had been circulated to Council in advance of the meeting and that no amendments had been received to the Minutes as drafted.

Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

Decision Approved: Council approved the draft Minutes of the public session of Council meeting number 119, held on December 16th 2021, on the proposal of Ms. Ann Sheehan, and seconded by Mr. Fintan Foy.

Agenda Item D – For Noting in the Minutes: Result of Email Vote of Council

Issue

Result of email vote of Council on January 7th, 2022 regarding appointment and contract of Interim Registrar of the PSI.

Information

For the purposes of the Minutes and to ensure a record of the written decision made by Council, the President informed Council that following receipt of Council's email votes on January 7th, 2022, Council had voted by a majority to approve the following:

1. In accordance with paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Act 2007, the contract of employment, as approved by the Minister for the Interim PSI Registrar.
2. The appointment of Ms. Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin, PSI President, as the designated signatory on behalf of Council, to sign the Interim Registrar's contract.
3. The application of the official seal of the PSI to the Interim Registrar's contract of employment, and the appointment of Mr. Fintan Foy and Dr. Paul Gorecki as signatories, in accordance with Section 1, para. 6(2) of the Pharmacy Act 2007.

Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

Council noted the result of the vote.

Agenda Item E. Request for approval from Council for Delegation to the Registrar

Issue

Request to approve a delegation to the Registrar under Sections 56(4) of the Pharmacy Act 2007 as inserted by section 70 (d) of the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020

Information

Council was advised that this delegation relates to a new power arising under the amendment to the Pharmacy Act 2007 by the Regulated Professions (Health & Social Care) (Amendment Act) 2020 and is, therefore, a new delegation for Council. Council was asked to approve a motion to delegate to the Registrar the power to notify regulatory bodies in other jurisdictions of any sanction imposed by the Council on a registrant together with documentation relevant to that sanction, where it has come to the Council's attention that that registrant may also be registered in that jurisdiction and the sanction may not have come to the attention of the regulatory body in that jurisdiction.

Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

Decision Approved: Council approved the delegation of its powers under 56(4) of the Pharmacy Act 2007 as inserted by section 70 (d) of the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020, to the Registrar, on the proposal of Dr. Paul Gorecki and seconded by Ms. Joanne Kissane.

Agenda Item F – Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) Update

Issue

Mr. John Bryan, Head of Community Pharmacy Assurance, and Ms. Éilis Crimmins, Quality and Safety Manager (Community Pharmacy), updated Council on the work being done by the PSI in relation to the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive.

Information

Council queried how the exact percentage of decommissioning in each pharmacy could be ascertained. The Executive informed Council that it would be difficult to establish a precise percentage figure for each pharmacy, as the number of items dispensed in each pharmacy would not be known; however, as a general rule, scanning levels should match, or be close to, the total figure of medicines dispensed and logged in the daily audit for each pharmacy. Council queried if the PSI intended to inspect hospital pharmacies to ensure FMD compliance. The Executive informed Council that it intended to monitor registered retail pharmacy businesses in hospital settings for FMD compliance.

Decision Approved, and/or Action Requested by Council

The update was noted by Council.

The Meeting concluded at 9:18am

President

Date