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## Agenda Item G.1

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

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From: Joanne Kissane, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee met on Tuesday, 12 April 2022, at 10am, by MS Teams, in light of ongoing COVID-19 health and safety considerations.

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

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

#### Agenda Item E- Position paper on the current regulatory approach to the regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses

The Committee was provided with a presentation on the current regulatory approach, highlighting the elements and changes incorporated into the position paper following feedback received from the Committee at its March meeting. The Committee was informed that this is the first paper in a set of papers to be completed in relation to PSI's regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses and the PSI's use and development of regulatory standards. The Committee was also informed that this paper should be read in conjunction with the position paper on the need to reform the Pharmacy Act.

The Committee is recommending the position paper on the current regulatory approach to the regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses to Council for approval.

#### Agenda Item F – PSI Position Paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act

Considerable changes were made to the draft paper in response to the Committee's feedback in March. The position paper was presented to the Committee to decide if the Committee was satisfied to advise the Council that the Position Paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act be approved.

The Committee discussed the position paper, highlighting that the clarity and readability of the document had much improved following Committee's feedback in March. The Committee discussed

the governance section of the position paper, the broader reform journey and whether further research or consultation should occur at this stage in the Advance Reform of the Pharmacy Act project.

It was decided that as the reform process would be lengthy and involve a number of further stages, including stakeholder consultation, the formation of an advisory group and further research prior to evidence-based proposals being developed that the position paper should proceed to Council.

The Committee is recommending the position paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act to Council for approval.

## Agenda Item M – Revised Accreditation Policy

The Committee was informed that the Schools of Pharmacy are required to submit an Annual Report to the Registrar of the PSI. In consultation with the Schools of Pharmacy, the Accreditation Policy has now been revised to include information on the management of the Annual Reporting process by the PSI.

The Committee is recommending the revised Accreditation Policy to Council for approval.

**Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee**

**held on 12 April 2022 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
10.02	B	<b>Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)</b>	Chair
10.05	C	<b>Approval of Meeting Agenda</b>	Chair
10.10	D	<b>Approval of Minutes of 10 March 2022 meeting*</b>	Chair
10.15	E	2022 Work Plan Project – Define, and move towards, a more effective regulatory model for community pharmacies	J Bryan
	E.1	<b>Position paper on the current regulatory approach to the regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses*</b>	
	E.2	<i>More Effective Regulatory Model Project Health Card*</i>	
10.45	F	2022 Work Plan Project – Advance reform of the Pharmacy Act 2007	Interim Registrar/P Corbett
	F.1	<b>Position paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act*</b>	
	F.2	<i>Advance Reform of the Pharmacy Act Project Health Card*</i>	
11.15	G	<i>Report on ongoing work on COVID-19 response**</i>	Interim Registrar/D Burns
11.25	H	2022 Work Plan Projects – Project Health Card updates	A Mellett
	H.1	<i>Assess emerging risks to the continued availability of a professional pharmacy workforce within community and hospital pharmacy*</i>	

	H.2 H.3 H.4 H.5	Review the CPD Model for pharmacists* Develop a CPD model for pharmaceutical assistants* Adopt revised Core Competency Framework (CCF) for Pharmacists* Revise the current Third Country Qualification Route leading to registration as a pharmacist*	J Bryan
11.45	I	Update on FMD**	É Crimmins
11.55	J	Update on regulatory risk*	É Ó Lochlainn/C Dooley
12.05	K	Quarterly update on IIOP operations and developments*	A Mellett
12.15	L	Revised Committee 2022 Workplan*	Chair
12.25	M	Revised Accreditation Policy*	A Mellett
12.40	N	AOB close of meeting Plus-Delta Next meeting Date: 9 June 2022	Chair

*We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 12.45*

*Joanne Kissane, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee*

## **APPENDIX A**

### ***Pharmacy Act 2007 Schedule 1, Section 9: Disclosure of certain interests***

9. (1) In this paragraph— “connected relative”, in relation to a person, means a spouse, a man and woman who are not married to each other but are cohabiting as husband and wife, parent, brother, sister, child or spouse of a child of the person;

“meeting” means a meeting of the Council or of a committee of the Council;

“member” includes a member of a committee of the Council;

“specified matter” means—

(a) an arrangement to which the Council is a party or a proposed such arrangement, or

(b) a contract or other agreement with the Council or a proposed such contract or agreement.

(2) A member present at a meeting where a specified matter arises who, otherwise than in his or her capacity as a member, has an interest in that matter—

(a) shall at the meeting, disclose that fact and the extent of the interest,

(b) may not influence or seek to influence a decision to be made in relation to the matter,

(c) shall absent himself or herself from the meeting or that part of the meeting during which the matter is being discussed,

(d) may not vote on a decision relating to the matter, and

(e) may not take part in any further deliberation of the Council or any of its committees relating to the matter.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, but without prejudice to the generality of *subparagraph (2)*, a member shall be regarded as having an interest in a matter if a connected relative of that member or a nominee of either of them has such an interest.

(4) The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and, for as long as the specified matter is being dealt with by the meeting, the member making the disclosure may not be counted for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the meeting.

(5) The question of whether a member’s course of conduct, is or would be a contravention of *subparagraph (2)* shall be determined by the chair, whose decision shall be final, and the particulars of the determination shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(6) Where the member referred to in *subparagraph (4)* is the chair, the meeting shall choose another member to chair it for the purposes of the determination.

(7) If satisfied that a member has contravened *subparagraph (2)*, the Minister may remove the member from office and that person is then disqualified from office.