

Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 41
Wednesday 27 September 2012 at 11.00am
10-12 Hogan Place, Dublin 2

The Public session of the 41st meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established under the Pharmacy Act, 2007 was held at 11.00am on Wednesday 27 September 2012 at 10-12 Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

Present: Mr. P. Fahey (President), Mr. J. Collins, Dr. A. Frankish, Mr. A. Horan, Mr. F. Murphy, Mr. N. Stenson

PSI staff: Ms. C. McGoldrick (Acting Registrar), Mr. J. Bryan, Ms. D. Gaughan, Dr. L. Horgan, Ms. K. O'Flaherty, Ms. D. O'Halloran, Mr. T. Reilly,

By teleconference: Mr. E. Hanly (Vice President), Ms. L. Clarke, Mr. J. Corr, Ms. M. Doherty, Mr. K. O'Hourihane, Ms. R. Purcell.

1. Apologies

Mr. J. Brophy, Dr. J. Holohan, Ms. I. Kelleher, Prof. K. McDonald, Ms. M. Ní Longaín, Prof. C. O'Boyle, Mr. F. O'Cuinneagáin, Prof. C. O'Driscoll.

2. Declaration of Interests

The President referred to item 2 in the Council Agenda and reminded the Council members present of their responsibilities in this regard.

Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Act 2007, deals with the necessary disclosure of certain interests by members of the Council and by members of its various committees. Those requirements are also reflected in the Code of Conduct adopted for Council members which also requires that they "be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Members must not use their position for personal gain in either business, political or social relationships. Therefore, a member who has, or may be perceived to have, such a personal interest in a particular matter under consideration should declare that interest, withdraw from all discussions relating to it and take no part in any vote on such matter."

A copy of paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Act, relating to the disclosure of certain interests is therefore included and all members of the Committee are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with its contents.

3. Draft Minutes of Public Council meeting No. 40 held on 19 September 2012

The President sought approval of the minutes of meeting No. 40. This item was adjourned to the next Council meeting to allow further amendments to be made.

3.1 Registrar's Report

Ms Ciara McGoldrick briefly outlined work on-going in relation to the current 3 year Corporate Strategy, which expires at the end of 2012. It has been agreed by Council that the Corporate Strategy should now be a 5 year term with a mid-term review.

Ms. McGoldrick also stated that discussions were on-going with the RCSI in relation to the Irish Institute of Pharmacy and that the resolution by the HSE of a governance matter that had come to its attention was expected to be resolved shortly.

At this point, the President suggested that the meeting be adjourned for a brief period to give Council time to consider the reports.

3.2 Seasonal influenza vaccination training programmes for the 2012-2013 season

- **Consideration of the accreditation report(s) from the designated accrediting body (School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Dublin, Trinity College).**
- **Approval of course(s) of training for purposes of regulation 4B (a) of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended).**
- **Recognition of those bodies who may issue certificates for purposes of regulation 4B (a) of the of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended).**

The accreditation report submitted by Council's designated body (The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Dublin, Trinity College) in connection with its accreditation of the Hibernian Healthcare/Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Refresher Training Programme was considered and endorsed by Council.

The course of training to be provided for the purposes of 4B (a) of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended) on the basis of the accreditation provided by the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Dublin, Trinity College to Hibernian Healthcare in conjunction with the Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Refresher Training Programme was considered and approved by Council.

The accreditation report submitted by Council's designated body (The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Dublin, Trinity College) in connection with its accreditation of the Hibernian Healthcare/Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Ab-Initio Training Programme was considered and endorsed by Council.

The course of training to be provided for the purposes of 4B (a) of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations 2003 (as amended) on the basis of the accreditation provided by the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Dublin, Trinity College to Hibernian Healthcare in conjunction with the Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Ab-Initio Training Programme was considered and approved by Council.

Pursuant to regulation 4B (a) of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations, 2003 (as amended) Hibernian Healthcare was recognised by Council for the purposes of issuing the certificate prescribed in that regulation in connection with the 'Hibernian Healthcare in conjunction with the Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Refresher Training Programme'. The certificate will be valid up to the end of the period of accreditation which, in this instance, is 31 August 2013.

Pursuant to regulation 4B (a) of the Medicinal Products (Prescription and Control of Supply) Regulations, 2003 (as amended) Hibernian Healthcare was recognized by Council for the purposes of issuing the certificate prescribed in that regulation in connection with the 'Hibernian Healthcare in conjunction with the Irish Pharmacy Union 2012/2013 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Ab-Initio Training Programme'. The certificate will be valid up to the end of the period of accreditation which, in this instance, is 31 August 2013.

There was a discussion regarding the need for the PSI to receive the outcomes of the audit processes that the provider is to ensure, from a governance and quality assurance perspective. Council agreed that any changes must be subject to the same accreditation process with the Accreditation Group to ensure the necessary standards are attained. Council was assured that the relevant follow-up with the designated accrediting body would be carried out and a report would be made to Council in this regard.

The President re-iterated the decision agreed at the last Council meeting that in light of the timing of the confirmation in 2012 by the National Immunisation Office of the 'at-risk' groups to be vaccinated by pharmacists, the PSI would issue a letter to the HSE and the National Immunisation Office outlining the suggestion that an earlier indication of patient cohorts would be helpful in order to facilitate the incorporation of this information into pharmacist training content which should ideally be in development as soon as the previous 'flu season has ended.

The President thanked everyone for their hard work in relation to this matter.

3.3 National Pharmacy Internship Programme 2013-2014 and Integrated Degree

Ms Ciara McGoldrick referred to a letter sent to Professor Paul Gallagher at the RCSI dated 20 September 2012 as circulated by email to Council in relation to the arrangements for the National Pharmacy Internship Programme 2013-2014. Ms McGoldrick confirmed that this morning, Professor Paul Gallagher had verbally confirmed to Dr L. Horgan that the RCSI will deliver an additional year to the agreement on the basis of the same terms and conditions. This was considered by all to be a satisfactory outcome for students.

Mr K O Hourihane asked that this information now be communicated to students as quickly as possible and the President confirmed this would be done once the PSI was in receipt of the written confirmation.

Council noted that work was on-going in relation to Council's agreed course of action at its 19 September meeting in relation to the five-year fully integrated degree programme and that there would be an update on this matter at the next Council meeting on October 25th.

The meeting concluded at 11.45.