

## Minutes

The Public session of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established under the Pharmacy Act 2007, was held at 2.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at the Clyde Court Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 2.

Present: Mr. P. Fahey (President), Mr. E. Hanly (Vice President), Ms. L. Clarke, Ms. M. Doherty, Dr. J. Holohan, Mr. A. Horan, Ms. I. Kelleher, Ms. D. Larkin, Ms. M. Ní Longaín, Mr. F. Murphy, Mr. F. O'Cuinneagáin, Prof. C. O'Driscoll, Mr. K. O'Hourihane and Mr. N. Stenson.

PSI staff in attendance: Ms. C. McGoldrick (Acting Registrar), Ms. J. Aylward, Mr. J. Bryan, Ms. L. Crimin, Dr. L. Horgan, Mr. S. O'hAodha, Ms. D. O'Halloran, Mr. T. Reilly and Ms. E. Troy.

### 1. Apologies

Mr. Jim Brophy, Mr. J. Collins, Mr. J. Corr, Dr. A. Frankish, Prof. Ken McDonald, Prof. C. O'Boyle, and Ms. Rita Purcell.

### 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.

### 3.1 Draft Minutes of Public Council meeting No. 38 held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Sent: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

The Minutes of meeting No. 38 held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were unanimously approved

Proposed and Seconded by:

1. Ms. M. Ní Longaín 2. Mr. A. Horan

Action<sup>1</sup> : Registrar's Office

### 3.2 Designation of an accrediting body for the purposes of the 2012-'13 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training for Pharmacists (Sent: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

Dr. L. Horgan confirmed that the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Trinity College Dublin had been designated as the accrediting body for the 2012-13 seasonal influenza vaccination training for pharmacists.

Dr. Horgan explained that following the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012, expressions of interest were sought from those entities that met the Council's previously agreed criteria. Responses were received from the three schools of pharmacy, with the School at TCD indicating it wished to be considered for designation as an accrediting body. This application was subsequently considered by the Council Working Group for the 2012-13

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service (SIVS) by Pharmacists on 13<sup>th</sup> July and was agreed, subject to certain criteria being met as set out in the Acting Registrar's letter of 16<sup>th</sup> July. A response to the clarifications sought was received by way of letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> July from TCD.

Following consideration by the Acting Registrar, a letter confirming conferral of designated status on the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Trinity College Dublin as the accrediting body for the 2012-13 'flu season was issued on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The PSI's website was updated on 26<sup>th</sup> July and both prospective training bodies were informed by email of the identity of the accrediting body.

Council noted the designation of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Trinity College Dublin as the accrediting body for the 2012-13 seasonal influenza vaccination training for pharmacists.

Action<sup>2</sup> : Professional Development and Learning Unit

### **3.3 Approval of minimum content for Refresher Training to be delivered to registered pharmacists for the 2012-'13 Winter Influenza Season (Sent: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012)**

Dr. Horgan indicated that the content of the refresher training was approved by the SIVS Working Group on 13<sup>th</sup> July and that a notice was published on the PSI website on 16<sup>th</sup> July regarding the requirement for prospective providers of flu vaccination courses of education and training to make known their intentions to seek approval by Council of the PSI for their course(s) at the earliest opportunity and no later than 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012. To date, two prospective providers have indicated their intentions to seek approval i.e. Hibernian Healthcare in conjunction with the IPU (for both refresher and ab initio Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Training for pharmacists and Boots.

Dr. Horgan also confirmed that a letter had been received from the HSE dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July (circulated to Council members at today's meeting) informing the Acting Registrar of the HSE's plans to extend the groups that community pharmacists will be eligible to vaccinate to all those aged 18-64 years in the at risk groups for the purposes of the HSE programme in addition to those aged 65 years and older. Dr. Horgan reminded Council that the legislation provides that the legislation covers "all persons". Dr. Horgan confirmed that the information about the patient cohort will be made available to the relevant stakeholders following confirmation from the HSE as to the 'at-risk' groups. The definition of 'At Risk' and 'High Risk' groups were discussed and it was indicated that these are to be found on the HSE website.

Council noted the minimum content for Refresher Training to be delivered to registered pharmacists for the 2012-'13 Winter Influenza Season

Action<sup>3</sup> : Professional Development and Learning Unit

### **3.4 PSI Guidance on the Provision of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service by Pharmacists in Retail Pharmacy Businesses (2012) (Sent: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012)**

Dr. Horgan confirmed that Ms. K. O'Flaherty had issued an email to the Register of Pharmacists on 16 July with the updated Guidance on Provision of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service by Pharmacists in RPBs as approved by the SIVS Working Group on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Also included with this email was a set of Frequently Asked Questions on upcoming 'flu season preparations (Council received a copy of this email communication for its information on 16<sup>th</sup> July).

The President reminded Council that an additional Council meeting may be required in advance of the next scheduled meeting taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012, in order to consider the accreditation reports of the accrediting body. It was also suggested that this meeting (possibly in the last week of August/first week of September) could take place by tele-conference.

Council noted the PSI Guidance on the Provision of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Service by Pharmacists in Retail Pharmacy Businesses

Action<sup>4</sup> : Pharmacy Practice Development Unit/  
Professional Development and Learning Unit

### 3.5 Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Bill 2012 (Sent: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012)

The Acting Registrar indicated that the PSI will consider making a submission to the Department of Health in relation to the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Bill 2012 which was recently published.

It was suggested that a working group of Council members be formed to examine the Bill and to oversee the development of the PSI's submission. The following Council members indicated an interest in joining this group which will be chaired by the President:

Mr. E. Hanly (Vice President), Mr. F. O'Cuinneagáin, Mr. N. Stenson, Ms. M. Doherty, Dr. J. Holohan, Mr. K. O'Hourihane, Ms. L. Clarke, Mr Aidan Horan.

The target date for finalising the PSI's submission should be no later than late August.

Action<sup>5</sup> : Registrar's Office

#### 4.0 Council Members Time

- Prof. C. O'Driscoll said in relation to the item on the Cost Analysis of the 5 year fully integrated MPharm programme which was presented by Dr. F. O'Donnell of PA Consulting at the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, that the Heads of School had been given the opportunity by the National Forum to seek further information and to review the assumptions used by PA Consulting in their analysis. This process was currently underway.
- The Acting Registrar confirmed that work is on-going on the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the RCSI and the HSE, a draft of which had been issued by the HSE to the RCSI on 6 July 2012. Council was informed that both parties had committed to working to a mid-September deadline for the SLA to be finalised.
- The Acting Registrar also reminded Council of the request for information which had been circulated by the CEO of CORU, who has been invited to speak at the CLEAR conference in San Francisco in September. Ms. G. Hanrahan is carrying out research on the role of lay board-members and had circulated a survey via SurveyMonkey®. Ms. McGoldrick asked for Council's assistance in completing this short survey, and thanked them in advance for their co-operation.

The meeting ended at 2.30pm.