

Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 71
Thursday 28 January 2016
PSI House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2

The Public session of the 71st meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established under the Pharmacy Act, 2007 commenced at 1.57pm on Thursday, 28 January 2016 at PSI House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2.

Present: Dr Ann Frankish, President, Ms Caroline McGrath, Vice-President, Mr Hugo Bonar, Ms Nicola Cantwell, Mr Richard Collis, Mr Fintan Foy, Dr Paul Gorecki, Ms Joanne Kissane, Mr Graham Knowles, Ms Deirdre Larkin, Dr Chantelle Macnamara, Mr Edward MacManus, Prof Kieran Murphy, Mr Rory O'Donnell, Mr Pat O'Dowd, Assist. Prof Sheila Ryder, Ms Ann Sheehan and Mr Paul Turpin.

PSI Staff: Ms Damhnait Gaughan, Acting Registrar/CEO, Mr John Bryan, Ms Roisin Cunniffe, Dr Lorraine Horgan, Dr Cora Nestor, Dr Cheryl Stokes, Ms Cora O'Connell (for part), Ms Ruth McDonnell (for part).

Public Gallery:

The President welcomed the attendees in the public gallery.

On behalf of the Council, the President welcomed Ms D Gaughan to her first Council meeting in her new position as Acting Registrar/CEO.

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Ms Muireann Ni Shuilleabhain. In addition, Prof Sheila Ryder and Mr Shane McCarthy had advised in advance that they would not be able to attend for the entire day.

2 Declaration of Interests

Under item 2 of the Council Agenda, 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. Those requirements are also reflected in the Code of Conduct adopted for Council members which requires that Council members "*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) Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Registration) (Amendment) Rules 2016
- b) Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) (Integrated Course) (Amendment) Rules 2016
- c) Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2016

Further information relating to the respective consultations is addressed under agenda items 6, 7, and 8.

9b Consultation Responses – Proposed changes to the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Fees) Rules, Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Registration) Rules, and Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) (Integrated Course) Rules necessitated by changes to Directive 2005/36/EC

Please refer to 9(a) above.

10a Delegations of functions regarding recognition

Ms Gaughan advised the Council that it may be necessary to delegate certain functions and powers which are contained in the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Registration) Rules to the executive to enable the PSI to process applications for registration expeditiously and in accordance with the Act.

Ms Gaughan explained that the delegations could only occur once the Rules had been commenced. Council noted this and agreed to the processing of any applications in line with current applicable procedures pending the approval of necessary delegations.

Decision	The Council unanimously approved that the Executive will process any applications for recognition in line with the current process and should any applications arise which require ratification by Council these will be brought to the Council meeting in March.
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10b Language Competence Standards

The Council had been circulated with a memo outlining the background in respect of language competence as it pertained to EU migrants, and the detail of the current certification accepted as evidence of Language Competence in the case of Third Country nationals.

Ms Gaughan advised Council that the current amending Directive will clarify the requirements relating to language competence requirements for professionals seeking to freely move and benefit from the provisions of the Directive. The Directive provides for qualifications to be recognised and for language skills to be assessed by a host member state before the professional is granted access to the practice of the profession of pharmacy.

Council was informed that the transposition of the amending Directive will amend the Pharmacy Act to provide for language assessment of individuals wishing to avail of the Directive provisions. It was noted that the proposed amendments to the PSI Registration Rules would require an applicant to satisfy the PSI Council in respect of language competence. Council were asked to recognise particular standards for the purposes of satisfying the Council as to language competence, for the purposes of the proposed amending rules in circumstances where such rules are signed.

Education Authority does not fund postgraduate programmes in the same manner as undergraduate programmes.

13 Master's in Pharmacy at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland awarded on the successful completion of the National Pharmacy Internship Programme.

- **Approval of the summary report of the accreditation team on the interim Master's in Pharmacy degree programme delivered by the RCSI**

Prof Murphy addressed the Council. The Council had been circulated with a memo and draft summary report of the accreditation team on the interim Master's in Pharmacy degree programme delivered by the RCSI for decision. The Council, at its meeting on 3 December 2015, following consideration of the recommendations of the accreditation team contained in the full report, approved and recognised this programme. The PD&L Committee at its meeting on 20 January 2016 considered the above-mentioned summary report and its approval by Council.

Decision	The Council approved the summary report of the accreditation team on the interim Master's in Pharmacy degree programme delivered by the RCSI on the proposal of Ms A Sheehan and seconded by Mr P O'Dowd, subject to any comments on the content of a minor nature that may be received from the provider.
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14 Approval of certain matters for the purposes of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2015

Prof Murphy addressed the Council. The Council had been circulated with a memo regarding this agenda item for decision. The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (CPD) Rules 2015, which were signed by the Minister of State at the Department of Health, President and Registrar on 15 December 2015 commenced on 1 January 2016. This new statutory instrument provides for the discharging of the PSI's function under section 7(1)d of the Pharmacy Act 2007 in relation to ensuring that all pharmacists undertake appropriate CPD and section 7(2)(a)(iv) in relation to the accreditation of CPD programmes and courses for pharmacists.

The PD&L Committee, at its meeting held on 20 January, considered the following matters and recommends to Council their approval:

Establishment of the Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP)

- a) **Council is requested to recognise the IIOP as established by virtue of the contract entered into between the PSI and the RCSI that commenced in August 2013 (and signed on 25 September 2013) for the purposes of Rule 4(1) of the CPD Rules 2015.**
- b) **Council is requested to recognise the appointment of RCSI as the Managing Body of the Institute in line with its decisions on the PSI-RCSI contract of 25 October 2011 and 25 April 2013 for the purposes of Rule 4(2) of the CPD Rules.**

Recognition and approval of CPD programmes and courses for pharmacists

- a) **Council is requested to recognise and approve the Generic Interim Accreditation Standards for Formal Programmes of Learning for Pharmacy in Ireland that it approved in June 2012**

- The supply and administration of specified POMS, without a prescription, by trained pharmacists, to a person in an emergency, even when the particular medicines has not been previously prescribed for the person requiring it
- Additional vaccines, namely Pneumococcal and Herpes Zoster, that a pharmacist may supply and administer in the course of his or her professional practice.

Pharmacists are required to undertake certified training on the diagnosis/clinical decision and supply/administration of these POMS as provided through this amendment.

The PD&L Committee at its meeting on 20 January 2016 approved each of the 6 programme specifications pertaining to the implementation of SI449 and recommended that they be considered for approval by Council.

1. Diagnosis and Treatment of Hypoglycemia and the Supply and Administration of Glucagon Training Course (15a)
2. Diagnosis and Treatment of a Severe Angina Attack and the Supply and Administration of Glyceryl Trinitrate Training Course (15b)
3. Diagnosis and Treatment of an Acute Asthmatic Attack and the Supply and Administration of Salbutamol Training Course (15c)
4. Administration of Pneumococcal Vaccination Training Course (15d)
5. Administration of Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Vaccination Training Course(15e)
6. Administration of Influenza Vaccination Training Course (15f)

Prof Murphy advised that subsequent to the issuing of the documentation on the iPad, an amendment to the title of agenda item 15e has been made and that the new title of this programme will be: Programme Specification for Administration of Herpes Zoster Vaccination Training Course. He added that following feedback received from the recent consultation, that approval is not being sought at this time to extend the programmes to the vaccination of under 18s. This matter will be brought back to the Council at a future date.

Decision

The Council approved the 6 programme specifications listed below, (subject to the word Shingles being omitted from agenda item 15e)

- a) **Approval of Programme Specification for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hypoglycaemia and the Supply and Administration of Glucagon Training Course**
- b) **Approval of Programme Specification for the Diagnosis and Treatment of a Severe Angina Attack and the Supply and Administration of Glyceryl Trinitrate Training Course**
- c) **Approval of Programme Specification for the Diagnosis and Treatment of an Acute Asthmatic Attack and the Supply and Administration of Salbutamol Training Course**
- d) **Approval of Programme Specification for the Administration of Pneumococcal Vaccination Training Course**
- e) **Approval of Programme Specification for Administration of Herpes Zoster Vaccination Training Course**
- f) **Approval of Programme Specification for the Administration of Influenza Vaccination Training Course**

on the proposal of Assist Prof S Ryder and seconded by Mr P Turpin.

