



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Minutes

## Virtual Council meeting

### 29.07.21

An Chomhairle um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh  
Health and Social Care Professionals Council



Item	Council decision
1.	<b>Agenda</b>
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
2.	<b>Minutes of the Council meeting</b>
	<p>Council approved the minutes of 17 June 2021.</p> <p>The Chair approved the application of her electronic signature by the Secretariat to the Council approved minutes for the meeting on 17 June 2021.</p>
3.	<b>Appointment of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer</b>
	<p>Council appointed Paul Byrne as Returning Officer and Ginny Hanrahan as Substitute Returning Officer for the purposes of the Elections to the Radiographers Registration Board.</p> <p>Council approved the following appointments as Scrutineers for the purposes of the Elections to the Radiographers Registration Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ciara Lynch, Internal Auditor, Pinnacle Consulting</li> <li>2. Edwin Maguire, Institute of Public Administration</li> </ol> <p>Proposed Alternate Scrutineer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. David Coombes, Crowleys DFK Accountancy Advisory Services</li> </ol>
4.	<b>QQI principles for professional engagements with Education Providers</b>
	Council approved the recommendation of the Education Committee to not endorse the QQI principles at this time, due to the requirement to complete a review of Programme Approval and Monitoring Criteria which returns to Council in 2022. It was agreed this decision will be revisited following completion of this project.
5.	<b>RRB Approved Qualification Bye-Law 2021</b>
	Council approved the draft Radiographers Registration Board Approved Qualifications and Divisions of the Register (Amendment) Bye-Law 2021



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6.	<p><b>The Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020 (2020 Act) amendments to FTP procedures</b></p>
	<p>Council approved amendments to the following Fitness to Practise procedures following the commencement of the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate Suspension Guidance Notes</li> <li>• Committee of Inquiry Procedures</li> <li>• Sanction Guidance Notes</li> <li>• Publication Guidance Notes</li> <li>• Protocol for the Minister</li> <li>• Registration Board as Complainant</li> <li>• Prosecution Guidance Notes</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Project Initiation Plan (PID) – Operational and Legal review Councils statutory function under Part 6 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 as amended</b></p>
	<p>Council approved the project plan to commence an operational and legal review of Councils statutory function under Part 6 of the Act.</p> <p>Council requested that the scope be expanded and that procurement for this project is widened to a broader range of firms with operational review and ICT expertise to include professional advisory firms.</p>
8.	<p><b>Joint Statement on policy objectives for digitisation</b></p>
	<p>Council approved the Registration Department &amp; Recognition Department Joint Statement of Policy Objectives for Digitisation subject to it linking to the overall ICT strategy for the organisation.</p>
9.	<p><b>Report from Nominations Committee Chair – James Forbes, Chair Appointments for approval</b></p>
	<p>Council approved the appointment of Marie Culliton to the Medical Council role for a period not exceeding 5 years, and terminating no later than 31st May 2026.</p>