



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +
Social Care Professionals

Minutes

Council meeting 24.01.19

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



Item	Council decision
1.	Agenda
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
2.	Minutes of the Council meeting
	Council approved the minutes of 5/6 December 2018.
3.	Practice note re: written decisions of Appeals Committee
	Council approved the Practice Note in relation to the making of written decisions on preliminary matters by the Appeals Committee.
4.	Paper based process for Appeals and approval of updated procedures
	Council approved the amendments to the appeals procedures allowing for an initial paper based process which will either dispose of the appeal or determine that an oral hearing is required.
5.	Practice note re McKenzie Friends
	Council approved the practice note on McKenzie Friends.
6.	Update to COI procedures
	Council approved that the Committee of Inquiry Procedures be amended in line with the legal advice received in respect of Section 59(2) of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended).
7.	Code of Practice for Committee Members
	Council approved the Code of Practice for Committee members.
8.	Request for Legislative amendment to remove the Registration Board step in the sanction process under Part 6, as recommended by the President of the High Court
	Council decided to formally write to the Department of Health to seek amendments to the Health & Social Care Professionals Act 2005 ("the Act") to remove the role of the Registration Boards in recommending sanction to Council under Section 65 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act, 2005.



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9.	Approval of Updated Child Protection Policy
	Council approved the updated version of CORU's Child Protection Policy.
10.	Appointment of Designated Liaison Person and Deputy
	Council appointed the Head of Legal Affairs and Fitness to Practice as the Designated Liaison Person and the appointment of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee Manager as the Deputy Designated Liaison Person.
11.	Appointment of scrutineers and substitute scrutineer to assist in the election of members to the Optical Registration Board.
	Council approved the appointment of scrutineers and substitute scrutineer to assist in the election of members to the Optical Registration Board. Scrutineers: Ms. Ciara Lynch Mr. Edwin Maguire Substitute Scrutineer: Mr. Vincent Teo