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Public Consultation Report

on the

Physiotherapists Registration Board Application for
Registration Bye-Law 2024 &

Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological
Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024

Bord Clárchúcháin na Fisiteiripeoirí
Physiotherapists Registration Board

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Introduction

About the Physiotherapists Registration Board

The Physiotherapists Registration Board has statutory responsibility for: the registration of members of the profession; approval and monitoring of education and training programmes; establishing the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and standards of performance to which social care workers must adhere; and recognition of qualifications gained outside the State.

About CORU

CORU is responsible for regulating health and social care professions. It comprises the Health and Social Care Professionals Council and the Registration Boards established under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (as amended).

CORU's role is to protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through statutory registration of health and social care professionals.

The designated professions under the Act are clinical biochemists, counsellors, dietitians, dispensing opticians, medical scientists, occupational therapists, optometrists, orthoptists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists, radiation therapists, radiographers, social care workers, social workers and speech and language therapists.

The Public Consultation Process

Background

The Physiotherapists Registration Board has prepared a draft Application for Registration Bye-Law 2024 and Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024

Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Physiotherapists Registration Board Approved Qualifications Bye-Law 2024 was held between 25 October 2024 and 21 November 2024.

A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations. These included:

- An advertisement was placed in the Irish Times in both English and Irish. (See appendix 1).
- Information on the consultation along with a link to the online feedback form was hosted on the CORU website. (See appendix 2).
- An online feedback form was developed and a link to this form was included in the public consultation notice on the CORU website. (See appendix 3).

People were invited to participate in the consultation process in a number of ways:

- They could visit www.coru.ie and choose to complete an online feedback form, to print a copy of the form and post it or email it to CORU.
- They could email submissions to consultation@coru.ie.

Overview of responses to consultation

There were 5 responses to the public consultation, however, 3 of these online submissions were incomplete and contained no comments. Only the completed submissions have been included in the table below.

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	2
Email submission	0
TOTAL	2

Respondents were asked to identify if they were offering feedback on their own behalf or on behalf of an organisation:

Individual	2
Organisation	0
Unknown	0

Individuals to be included in this report include:

- Bob Firo

Issues emerging from the consultation process

There were no issues emerging from the consultation process. All respondents were supportive of the draft Bye-Law.

Respondent Bob Firo, responding in a personal capacity, submitted feedback through the online feedback form. In response to question four, **“Please provide any comments you have on the draft Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024 and the Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024”**, the respondent stated their support for the Bye-Law as marking “a significant advancement for physiotherapists” which would “streamline access to necessary diagnostic services, ultimately leading to quicker and more accurate treatment plans” and would benefit service users by “reducing delays in diagnosis, particularly for those experiencing acute or persistent musculoskeletal issues.” The respondent further stated that the Bye-Laws would support “the evolving role of physiotherapists” and “aligns with best practice internationally.”

Another respondent answering in a personal capacity, who did not provide a name, answered question four with “I agree with this bye-law.”

Acknowledgements

CORU would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to all those that participated in the consultation process.

The Physiotherapists Registration Board at its meeting on 3 December 2024 reviewed this consultation process report.

Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement

Public Consultation

The Physiotherapists Registration Board seeks the views of members of the public, the profession and other interested parties on the following consultation:

- **Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024 & Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024**

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the bye-laws, is available on www.coru.ie

The closing date for submissions is **5pm on 21 November 2024**.

Submissions received after this time and date will not be considered.

CORU is responsible for protecting the public by regulating health and social care professionals.

Appendix 2: Notice of Public Consultation on CORU's website

Draft Notice Public Consultation: Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024 & Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024

Background

The Physiotherapists Registration Board is responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of dietitians.

Details of Bye-Law:

The Registration Board is seeking the views of the public, the relevant profession and other interested parties on the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024* and the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024*.

These revised bye-laws replace the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Application for Registration Bye-Law 2016. (S.I. No. 496 of 2016)* to permit registration under the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division.

To read the text of the bye-law, please click on the link below:

[\[Insert link to bye-law\]](#)

How to submit your views:

- By completing the online consultation feedback form which can be found for the bye-laws by clicking on the corresponding link below:

[\[insert link to Online Consultation Feedback Form\]](#)

- By emailing consultation@coru.ie
- In writing to: Public Consultation, CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y

A report outlining the consultation process will be published on www.coru.ie following consideration of all submissions.

Closing Date

The consultation process will close at 5pm on Thursday 21 November. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.

Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form



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Physiotherapists Registration Board: Public Consultation on Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024 & Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024

Thank you for taking the time to participate in CORU's consultation process on the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024* and the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024*.

These revised bye-laws replace the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Application for Registration Bye-Law 2016. (S.I. No. 496 of 2016)* to permit registration under the Referral for Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division.

If you have any queries about the consultation process or completing the survey, please contact CORU on 01 2933160 or email consultation@coru.ie.

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 5pm on Thursday 21 November. Any submissions received after that time will not be considered. A report on the consultation process will be published on www.coru.ie.

We welcome the views of the public and the relevant profession and by participating in this consultation process you are helping to shape how Physiotherapists are regulated.

Yours faithfully,
Claire O'Cleary
Registrar

Q1 Contact Details:

You do not need to provide this information but please do if you would like us to provide you with details on the outcome of this consultation process.

First Name: _____
Surname: _____
Email: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Q2 Are you contributing to this survey in (please tick one)

a personal capacity? _____

on behalf of an organisation? _____

If on behalf of an organisation, please specify
the name of the organisation): _____

Question 3.

Please indicate if you would like your name and/or organisation to be kept confidential and excluded from the consultation report.

Include in consultation report

Exclude from consultation report

It would be helpful if you could explain if you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

Question 4:

Please provide any comments you have on the draft *Physiotherapists Registration Board Application For Registration Bye-Law 2024* and the *Physiotherapists Registration Board Conditions For Registration Referral For Radiological Diagnostic Procedures Division Bye-Law 2024*.

Question 5:

Is there anything you believe should be added to this bye-law and why?

Question 5

How did you hear about this consultation?

(please tick as many as apply)

Advertisement in a newspaper _____

On www.coru.ie _____

By email _____

Other (please specify) _____

Thank you for participating in this consultation process. Your views will be taken into consideration.

If you have any queries please contact CORU on 01 2933160 or email consultation@coru.ie