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agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

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# Public Consultation Report

On the Bye-Law for Election of Members to the  
Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board  
Bye-Law 2023

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Bord Clárchúcháin na dTeiripeoirí Urlabhartha agus Teanga

Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board



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## Introduction

### **About the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board**

The Speech and Language Therapists 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 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, professional education, training and competence amongst the designated professions.

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 Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board is responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of speech and language therapists.

### Publicising the Consultation Process

A public consultation on the Elections of members to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board Bye-Law 2023 was held between Tuesday 02 May 2023 and Wednesday 31 May 2023. A number of channels were used to publicise the consultation process and invite the submission of observations. These included:

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- An advertisement placed in the Irish Independent on Thursday 22 September 2022. (See appendix 1 for a copy of the advertisement).
- Information on the consultation 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. An email containing this link was sent to the professional bodies. (see appendix 3)
- Social media posts were published on CORU's LinkedIn and Twitter profiles to encourage interested stakeholders to submit their feedback on the bye-law (See appendix 4)

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

- They could visit [www.coru.ie](http://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](mailto:consultation@coru.ie).



## Overview of responses to consultation

There was 1 response to the public consultation:

Source	Number of Respondents
Online feedback form	1
Email submission	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Individual	
Organisation	1

### How did respondents hear about this consultation?

Advertisement in a newspaper	n/a
Article in a publication	n/a
On www.coru.ie	n/a
On another website	n/a
By email	1
Online	n/a

### Feedback was received from the following individuals and organisations:

John McCamley on behalf of SIPTU (Allied Health Professionals Sector)

## Acknowledgements


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

## Conclusion

There were no relevant responses to the Speech and Language Therapists Public Consultation on the Draft Bye Law on Election of Members for Appointment to the Registration Board. The Registration Board therefore recommends that the draft bye law be approved



## Appendix 1: Copy of Advertisement



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### Comhairliúchán poiblí CORU

Tá tuairimí an phobail, na gairme agus páirtithe leasmhara eile á lorg ag CORU maidir leis an gcomhairliúchán faoi n **bhFodhlí um Thoghcháin de chuid an Bhoird Clárúcháin 2023**, le haghaidh na ngairmeacha seo a leanas:

- **Diaitéitigh**
- **Teiripeoirí Ceirde**
- **Coslianna**
- **Teiripeoirí Urlabhra agus Teanga**

Tá faisnéis faoin bpróiseas agus faoin nós imeachta comhairliúcháin, lena n-áirítear téacs an fhodhlí, ar fáil ar [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)

**5pm Dé Céadaoin an 31 Bealtaine 2023** an dáta deiridh chun aighneachtaí a chur isteach.

Ní bhreithneofar aighneachtaí a gheofar i ndiaidh an spriodháta sin.

Tá CORU freagrach as an bpobal a chosaint trí ghairmithe sláinte agus cúraim shóisialaigh a rialáil.

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### CORU Public Consultation

CORU seeks the views of members of the public, the professions and other interested parties on the consultation of the **Registration Board Elections Bye-Law 2023** for the following professions:

- **Dietitians**
- **Occupational Therapists**
- **Podiatrists**
- **Speech and Language Therapists**

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the bye-law is available on [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)

The closing date for submissions is **5pm on Wednesday 31 May 2023**.

Please note, submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.

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

CORU, Infinity Building, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 E98Y. T: 01 2933160 E: [info@coru.ie](mailto:info@coru.ie) W: [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)



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

### Public Consultation on Election of Members to Registration Boards Bye-Law 2023

#### Background

CORU has opened a public consultation on a draft bye-law governing the election of members for appointment to a number of Registration Boards.

CORU's Registration Boards are responsible for protecting the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through the statutory registration of health and social care professionals.

#### Details of Bye-Law:

CORU seeks the views of members of the public, the professions and other interested parties on a draft bye-law governing the election of members for appointment to a number of Registration Boards, including:

- Dietitians
- Occupational Therapists
- Podiatrists
- Speech and Language Therapists

The draft bye-law sets out:

- The form of elections and voting system
- Role of the Returning Officer
- The nominations procedure and categories of candidates
- Ballot papers
- The counting of votes
- Declaration of result

To read the text of the bye-laws, please click on the following links below for each profession

- [Dietitians Registration Board Elections Bye Law 2023](#)
- [Occupational Therapists Registration Board Elections Bye Law 2023](#)
- [Podiatrists Registration Board Elections Bye Law 2023](#)
- [Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board Elections Bye Law 2023](#)

#### How to submit your views:

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- By completing the online consultation feedback form which can be found for each Registration Board bye-law by clicking on the corresponding links below:

[Dietitians Elections Bye-Law - Online Consultation Form](#)

[Occupational Therapists Elections Bye-Law - Online Consultation Form](#)

[Podiatrists Elections Bye-Law - Online Consultation Form](#)

[Speech and Language Therapists Elections Bye-Law - Online Consultation Form](#)

- By emailing [consultation@coru.ie](mailto: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](http://www.coru.ie) following consideration of all submissions.

### **Closing Date**

The closing date for submissions is **5pm on Wednesday 31 May 2023**.

Please note, submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.





## Appendix 3: Copy of Online Feedback Form

Thank you for taking the time to participate in CORU's consultation process on a bye-law on Elections for professional members to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board.

The Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, approved the draft bye-law for public consultation.

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

The closing date for receipt of submissions is **5pm on Wednesday 31 May 2023**. Any submissions received after that time will not be considered. A report on the consultation process will be published on [www.coru.ie](http://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 registrants are regulated.

***Yours faithfully,  
Ginny Hanrahan  
Registrar***

### **Public Consultations, Data Protection and Freedom of Information**

This online feedback form is voluntary. By completing it you are agreeing to allow your responses to be analysed by CORU for the purpose of seeking feedback on the bye-law on Elections for members to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board. A report on the consultation process will be compiled and will be published on CORU's website shortly after the process is complete.

The information you provide in this online feedback form will be stored in a secure and confidential manner by CORU. It will only be used for the purposes outlined above and it will be maintained as per the CORU's record retention policy. CORU uses SurveyMonkey to gather feedback to our public consultations. Full details of how your information is processed via SurveyMonkey is documented in this [privacy policy](#).

Please be advised that submissions made to CORU are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

**1. Do you agree to the terms above? By selecting Yes you are confirming you consent to providing your answers to the questions in this survey.**

Yes

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No

### **Public Consultation Questions**

#### **2. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. 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:

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. Please provide any comments you have on the draft bye-law on Elections of members to the Speech and Language Therapists Registration Board.**

A small, empty text input field with a light gray border and a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

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

- Yes
- No

Please provide details below

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**7. Is there anything you believe should be removed from this bye-law and why?**

- Yes
- No

Please provide details below

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**8. How did you hear about this consultation?  
(Please tick as many that apply)**

- Advertisement in a newspaper
- On [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie)
- By email

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Other (please specify

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**Public Consultation Contact Details**

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

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## Appendix 4: Copy of Social Media Posts

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This Bye-Law aims to enable the digitalization of elections to CORU registration boards.

Information on the consultation process and procedure, including the text of the Bye-Law is available on [coru.ie/public-protect](https://coru.ie/public-protect)

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**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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Registration Board Elections Bye-Law 2023 for **Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, Podiatrists and Speech and Language Therapists**



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