
Agenda Item F.1

Report on material decisions of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

From: Joanne Kissane, Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee

The Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee met on Thursday, 10 March 2022 at 10 am, by MS Teams, in light of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

The agenda items below refer to the matters before Council for decision.

The full agenda for the Committee meeting can be found in Annex 1, and this highlights the additional items discussed and items for information only.

Agenda Item F – PSI Position Paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act

The Committee was provided with a presentation introducing the draft position paper, which sets out the PSI's position on the need for reform of the Act and outlines why significant legislative reform is needed and the challenges the PSI experiences with using the Act in practice.

The Committee heard that the initial stages of the Advance Reform of the Pharmacy Act project have focused on problem identification and analysis and have involved significant analysis and research.

The Committee discussed the position paper, noting its comprehensiveness and the considerable research and analysis undertaken. The Committee concluded that while the paper makes a clear case for reform and outlines the weaknesses and gaps in the Act which limit the PSI's overall effectiveness, the position paper would benefit from highlighting the most pertinent areas in urgent need of reform early in the document, to strengthen the overall case for reform.

The Executive agreed to review the paper in light of this and circulate the updated paper to the Committee by email before the next Council meeting. On this basis, the Committee recommended that the PSI Position Paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act be approved by Council at its next meeting and for it then to be submitted to the Department of Health.

Annex 1



Agenda for PSI Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee held on

10 March at 10am

The meeting will be held online via MS Teams

Colour code: Red—for decision; Green—for discussion; Blue—for information

Agenda Notation: * - document provided in advance; ** - will be presented in slide deck at meeting;

Indicative time	Item and descriptor		Presenter
10.00	A	<i>Apologies</i>	Chair
10.02	B	Declaration of Interests (See appendix A below)	Chair
10.05	C	Approval of Meeting Agenda	Chair
10.10	D	Approval of Minutes of 17 February 2022 meeting*	Chair
10.15	E	Position paper on the current regulatory approach to the regulation of Retail Pharmacy Businesses*	J Bryan
10.40	F	Position paper on the Need for Reform of the Pharmacy Act*	Interim Registrar/P Corbett
11.05	G	Position paper on the regulation of retail pharmacy businesses in hospital settings*	J Bryan
11.30	H	Report on ongoing work on COVID-19 response**	Interim Registrar/D Burns
11.45	I	Update on regulatory risk*	É Ó Lochlainn/C Dooley
12.00	J	AOB close of meeting Plus-Delta Next meeting Date: 12 April 2022	Chair

We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 12.05

