

The Public session of the 19th Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established pursuant to the Pharmacy Act 2007 was held on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 10.00am at the Ashling Hotel, Parkgate St, Dublin 8.

Council Members present:: Ms. N. Harvey, President, Mr. P. Fahey, Vice-President, Mr. S. Boyle, Ms. L. Clarke, Mr. J. Collins, Ms. M. Doherty, Dr. A. Frankish, Dr. P. Gallagher, Ms. C. Hallahan, Mr. E. Hanly, Mr. A. Horan, Ms. I. Kelleher, Ms. D. Larkin, Ms. K. Mulvenna, Ms. M. Ní Longáin, Prof. J. Nunn, Ms. R. Purcell.

PSI staff in attendance: Dr. A. McLoughlin (Registrar), Ms J. Aylward, Mr. J. Bryan, Ms. C. Dooley, Ms L. Horgan, Ms. C. McGoldrick, Mr. T. McGuinn, Mr. S. O hAodha, Ms. K. O'Flaherty, Ms. E. Pierce, Mr. T. Reilly, Dr. C. Stokes

1. Apologies

Dr. B. Leddy*, Dr. J. Hillery*, Mr Sean Hurley, Asst. Comm. Noirin O'Sullivan

(*Dr. B. Leddy and Dr. J. Hillery joined the meeting by teleconference at 3pm).

2. Declaration of Interests (Appendix A)

Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Act 2007, deals with the necessary disclosure of certain interests by members of the Council and by members of its various committees. Those requirements are also reflected in the Code of Conduct adopted for Council members which also requires that they “be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Members must not use their position for personal gain in either business, political or social relationships. Therefore, a member who has, or may be perceived to have, such a personal interest in a particular matter under consideration should declare that interest, withdraw from all discussions relating to it and take no part in any vote on such matter.”

A copy of paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Act, relating to the disclosure of certain interests is therefore included as Appendix A and all members of the Committee are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with its contents.

3. Amended Minutes of Private Meeting No. 17

Please refer to page 5 of the amended Minutes, which now includes reference to an Inspection report which was approved at the meeting on 25th. This was accidentally deleted from earlier Minutes and therefore needs approval now.

The Minutes were proposed and seconded by:

1. Ms. C. Hallahan
2. Mr. S. Boyle

Action¹: Office of the Registrar

4. Pharmacy Education and Accreditation Reviews (PEARs) Project

The President outlined the structure of the morning session of the meeting, and introduced Prof. Keith Wilson and Dr. Chris Langley from the Pharmacy Practice Research Group at Aston University. The President invited Dr. P. Gallagher to give an overview of the format of the day and to set a contextual background to the Review.

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Dr. Gallagher stressed the importance of the role of the Education function to the PSI's remit and to the future transformation of the profession. He highlighted the importance of a good under-graduate and post-graduate process in helping to ensure that fitness to practice cases become less likely in future. He outlined that the first part of the day's presentations would focus on under-graduate education up to first registration, and that the afternoon session would focus on professional development of qualified personnel. He highlighted the connection between the two parts and that it was important to consider both at the same time and in context.

Dr. Gallagher confirmed to Council that the Aston University team had won the competitive tender process initiated by the PSI and indicated that the Review was the first to be carried out on the pharmacy profession since 1977. A Project Steering Group had been established, which was comprised of: Mary Rose Burke, Superintendent Pharmacist, Boots; Mr. Shaun Flanagan, Chief Pharmacist, Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit, HSE; Dr. Tamasine Grimes, Research Pharmacist, Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin, incorporating the National Children's Hospital; Ms. Noeleen Harvey, Community Pharmacist and member of Council of the PSI; Dr. Ann Marie Healy, Senior Lecturer in Pharmaceutics, Director of Undergraduate Teaching and Learning, School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, TCD; Ms Marita Kinsella, former Head of Legal Affairs, PSI; Mr. Niall O'Shea, Head of Regulatory and External Affairs, GlaxoSmithKline; Dr. Laura Sahm, Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy, University College Cork (UCC) School of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacist, Mercy Hospital, Cork; Mr. Diarmuid Semple, Pharmacy Intern; Ms Judith Strawbridge, Lecturer School of Pharmacy RCSI and Associate Vice Dean for Student Affairs, RCSI. The Project Steering Group had approved the report as had the Professional Development and Learning Committee, in advance of this presentation to Council.

5. Pharmacy Education and Accreditation Reviews (PEARs) Project. Pharmacy Practice Research Group – Aston University
a) Review of 5 Year Qualification
b) Review of Accreditation Process and Criteria

Prof. K. Wilson and Dr. C. Langley presented the recommendations of the report. They thanked all participants in the process of generating the PEARs report, including the members the Project Steering Group, Ms. L. Horgan and staff of the PSI. Prof. K. Wilson and Dr. C. Langley left the room while Council made a decision on the recommendations of the PEARs report.

An intensive discussion took place following which Council unanimously accepted the recommendations of the PEARs report and requested the Registrar to present an outline implementation plan for the September meeting of Council. Council directed that the outline implementation plan must take full account of the legal and governance parameters including the formal legal obligations of the PSI Council as outlined in the Pharmacy Act 2007.

It was proposed that the advisory forum be established as recommended in the PEARs report, subject to further discussion with other statutory stakeholders.

Prof. J. Nunn left the meeting at 12.00pm.

6. Review of CPD Models – Presentation of findings and recommendations contained in CPD report.

The President introduced the co-author of the Report on the Review of International CPD Models, Mr. Colm Reilly, PA Consulting. Mr. Andrew Brownlee of PA Consulting was unable to attend the meeting. The President invited Dr. P. Gallagher to address the meeting.

Dr. P. Gallagher advised that the Professional Development and Learning Committee was entrusted to advise Council on education matters outlined in the Pharmacy Act 2007. In 2008 it put out a tender for a review of optimum CPD models in order to guide Council in this area. This tender was won by PA Consulting. A Project Steering Group was established to oversee the review, and had consequently recommended the attached report to the Professional Development and Learning Committee, prior to its presentation to Council today.

Dr. P. Gallagher thanked the members of the Project Steering Group for their work: Mr. John Bourke, Community Pharmacist, Managing Director (CastleMartin Care Ltd); Mr. Tom Concannon, Superintendent Pharmacist, Hickey's Pharmacy Ltd; Mr. Shaun Flanagan, Chief Pharmacist, National Hospitals Office, HSE; Dr. Paul Gallagher (Chair), Council member, PSI; Prof. Julia Kennedy, Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, University College Cork (Nominee of Prof. Anita Maguire, Head of School of Pharmacy UCC); Ms Pamela Logan, Director of Pharmacy Services, IPU; Ms Liz Hctor, Community Pharmacist and Member of the Executive Committee, IPU (replaced Pamela Logan end of 2009); Mr. Ciaran Meegan, Head of Pharmacy Services, Mater Misericordiae Hospital; Ms Rita O'Brien, Lecturer at Dublin Institute of Technology and pharmaceutical Assistant; Mr. Niall O'Shea, Head of Regulatory and External Affairs, GlaxoSmithKline; Ms Sheila Ryder, Lecturer, School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, TCD (Nominee of Prof. Marek Radomski, Head of School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, TCD); Mr. Noel Stenson, Community Pharmacist, (Nomine of ICCPE Management Committee); Ms Judith Strawbridge, Associate Vice Dean for Student Affairs, RCSI (Nominee of Prof. John Kelly, Head of School of Pharmacy, RCSI).

Mr. Reilly presented the findings of the report following an overview of the work undertaken.

Prof. J. Nunn re-joined meeting at 2.25pm.

An intensive discussed ensued. Dr. J. Hillery and Dr. B. Leddy joined the meeting by tele-conference and Ms. D. Larkin left the meeting at 3pm. Council unanimously endorsed the model presented in the Review of International Models of CPD report as the optimum model for CPD for pharmacy in Ireland, subject to legal and governance parameters including the statutory obligations of the PSI Council as outlined in the Pharmacy Act 2007.

The Council directed that the Registrar and PSI management team begin the essential implementation planning immediately and to report progress on that process at the September meeting. The Registrar undertook to report on the preferred option of Council (Option 5, Independent Management Body with a dedicated focus on development and management of the CPD system) regarding CPD provision having regard to the formal legal responsibilities of the PSI as set out in the Pharmacy Act 2007.

The President closed the meeting by thanking Prof. K. Wilson, Dr. C. Langley and Ms. Alpa Patel of Aston University for their work on the Pharmacy Education Accreditation Reviews (PEARs) project and report. She also thanked Mr. C. Reilly and Mr. A. Brownlee of PA Consulting for their work on the Review of International CPD Models. In addition, the President thanked the members of the Professional Development & Learning Committee, along with the Registrar, Ms. L. Horgan and Ms C. Dooley of the PSI.

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____