

**CORU** is Ireland's multi-profession health and social care regulator. The name **CORU** originates from an Irish word, "coir" meaning fair, just and proper. We regulate the individuals who provide health and social care services in Ireland.

The role of **CORU** 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 registration process requires anybody practising using one of the titles we regulate to register with **CORU**. This allows us to ensure they meet the required education standards, follow a Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and undergo Garda vetting.

Protection of Title is an essential part of CORU's function to protect the public. Registrants are entitled to use the title that is designated to their profession. It is a criminal offence for a non-registrant to use a protected title and the Enforcement Team at CORU is tasked with investigating and, where there is sufficient evidence, prosecuting, alleged use of protected titles by unregistered persons.



All professionals registered with CORU can obtain a license to use the CORU Registered Logo (see above). Be sure to look out for the logo on business cards, marketing materials, stationery and websites. The logo provides reassurance that the health and social care professional providing you or your family with care is registered with CORU.

For more information, please visit:

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# Protecting you by regulating Ireland's health and social care professions



# Designated Health and Social Care Professions

## What professions does CORU regulate:

- › Dietitians
- › Dispensing Opticians
- › Occupational Therapists
- › Optometrists
- › Physiotherapists
- › Radiographers
- › Radiation Therapists
- › Social Workers
- › Speech and Language Therapists

## CORU will soon regulate:

- › Social Care Workers
- › Medical Scientists
- › Psychologists
- › Clinical Biochemists
- › Orthoptists
- › Podiatrists
- › Counsellors
- › Psychotherapists

As the independent regulator for health and social care professionals we are responsible for:

- › **Providing health and social care professionals** with a Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics that includes the standards of performance expected of them as they practise in their profession.
- › **Requiring educational bodies to deliver qualifications** that prepare professionals to provide safe and appropriate care.
- › **Requiring registered professionals to undertake continuing professional development** so that they keep their knowledge and skills up to date.
- › **Publishing a register of names** of those professionals who meet the specified standards on [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie).
- › **Taking action** after a complaint is made by investigating and, if necessary, conducting a fitness to practise hearing.



## How to raise a concern about a CORU registered professional

We can act if you have serious concerns about a health and social care professional's practice or behaviour. We do this through our fitness to practise process. If we find an individual has not met our standards, we may take action such as telling them to practise in a certain way or to carry out further training. In the most serious cases, we can stop a professional from practising.

If you have a concern please visit the CORU website [www.coru.ie](http://www.coru.ie) for further information or contact us on 01-293 3160.

