



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Minutes

## Virtual Council meeting

### 23 February 2023

An Chomhairle um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh  
Health and Social Care Professionals Council



Item	Council decision
<b>1.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Council meeting</b>
	<p>Council approved the minutes of 19 January 2023.</p> <p>The Chair approved the application of her electronic signature by the Secretariat to the Council approved minutes for the meeting on 19 January 2023.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Amendment to the Preliminary Proceedings Procedure - Regulation of Procedure Document</b>
	Council amended the Preliminary Proceedings Committee – Regulation of Procedure document to reflect Council’s decision on 19 January 2023 to reduce the Preliminary Proceeding Committee quorum from seven to five persons.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Payment for Training of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee</b>
	Council approved that non-OPOS (One Person One Salary) members of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee receive their standard rate of payment (per day or half day) for attending CORU required training, limited to four full days of training (which may comprise of full and half days), for each eligible Committee member per annum.
<b>5.</b>	<b>CEO / Registrar update</b>
	<p>Council requested that a response be provided to Council for timeline queries regarding the opening of Counsellors Psychotherapists Registration Board register.</p> <p>Council noted the Executive engagement with Forsa and recommended that SIPTU also be engaged with due to the large number of social care workers being members.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Risk Update</b>
	Council requested that in future, the risk register update also includes the plan for risk mitigation.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Recommendations of the Psychologists Registration Board on divisions of the register.</b>
	Council approved the recommendations of the Board on prioritisation of certain divisions of the register and criteria applied to assess risk and preparedness for statutory regulation, and approved to notify the Minister for Health of these recommendations.



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8.	<b>Report from the Chair of the Registration and Recognition Committee</b>
	Council requested a graph to be included in statistics re; recognition applications out of those that applied in order to provide data on diversity and inclusion piece and engagement with other countries.
9.	<b>Assessor Policy Update</b>
	Council approved of the updated Panel of Assessors Policy.
10.	<b>Budget 2023</b>
	Council approved the Draft Budget 2023.
11.	<b>Nominations Committee</b>
	<p>Council appointed the following to below to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for a for a period of 5 years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orla Murphy - Optometrist</li> <li>• Chijoke Achionye - Optometrist</li> <li>• Alison Sweeney - Occupational Therapist</li> <li>• Ciara McGettigan - Occupational Therapist</li> <li>• Gerrita Russell - Social Worker</li> <li>• John Leinster - Social Worker</li> <li>• Sharon O'Dwyer- Social Worker</li> <li>• Denise Costello - Social Worker</li> <li>• Stephanie O'Brien - Social Worker</li> <li>• Caitriona Whelan - Social Worker</li> <li>• Catherine Burke - Social Worker</li> <li>• Linda Kirwisa Social Worker</li> </ul> <p>Council appointed the below to the Committees of Inquiry as indicated for a for a period of 4 years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne Kelleher to the Conduct Committee as aSocial Worker member</li> <li>• Sarah McNally to theConduct Committee as an Occupational Therapist member</li> <li>• Joe O'Sullivan to the Conduct Committee as an Optometrist member</li> </ul>