



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Minutes

## Council meeting 21.06.18

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



Item	Council decision
1.	<b>Agenda</b>
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
2.	<b>Minutes of the Council meeting</b>
	Council approved the minutes of 24 May 2018.
3.	<b>Approval of Case Officer Warrant</b>
	<p><b>Council approved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To appoint a Case Officer to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee;</li> <li>2. To determine the Conditions of Appointment of Case Officers; and</li> <li>3. To issue a Case Officer warrant pursuant to section 53A</li> </ol>
4.	<b>Professional Practice Advisory Committee</b>
	<p><b>a) Sharing of information from appeal files</b></p> <p><b>Council approved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. in line with legal advice received, redacted information from specific appeal files should not be circulated amongst members of the Appeals Committee; and</li> <li>2. the Executive will provide details of general issues arising in relation to appeals to this Committee on a quarterly basis with a view to keeping Council updated and that urgent matters will be relayed by the Appeals Unit to the relevant Units in CORU as they arise.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>b) Appointments to Disciplinary Committees</b></p> <p>Council approved that office holders in professional bodies should not be appointed to Disciplinary Committees and that persons in that category who have already been appointed should not sit for the purposes of an Inquiry relating to a member of their own profession.</p>
	<p><b>c) Publication of data re Fitness to Practise</b></p> <p>Council approved that the data in the meeting pack was acceptable to be published in the Annual Report.</p>
5.	<b>Audit Risk and Governance Committee - Terms of reference</b>
	Council approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Audit Risk and Governance Committee which is now in compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Agencies.



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<b>6.</b>	<b>Audit Risk and Governance Committee – Code of Corporate Governance</b>
	Council approved the revised Code of Corporate Governance which is now in compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Agencies.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Audit Risk and Governance Committee – Financial Policy</b>
	Council approved the revised Financial Policies.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Extension of contract for education research and policy development.</b>
	Council approved the extended contract for the specialist advisor for Education Research and Policy Development Services.
<b>9.</b>	<b>S 91.2 Council Guidelines on employer endorsement of competency for social care workers registration</b>
	Council approved the Registration Committees consideration and development of Council guidelines with regard to S 91.2 of Act. These guidelines will be in addition to S91.1 and are a specific provision allowing an employer’s endorsement of competence for social care workers seeking to register during grand parenting as set out in the Act.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Nomination to Education Committee</b>
	<p>Council approved the reappointment of the following persons to Education Committee:</p> <p>Council Member (Professional): John O’Mullane (Clinical Biochemist)</p> <p>External Member: Marion O’Rourke (Northern Ireland Social Care Council) Carmel Kearns (The Teaching Council) Ann Kearney (HSE)</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Nominations to the Appeals Committee</b>
	<p>Council approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Appeals Committee:</p> <p>Council Member representative of the interest of the general public: Joe Martin*</p> <p>External members: John Leinster, Fiona Coughlan Younge</p>



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12.	<b>Nomination to Registration Committee</b>
	<p>Council approved the reappointment of the following persons to the Registration Committee:            Council member (Professional) and Chair of Committee:            Marie Culliton is reappointed until the end of Council Term of 20/03/2019**</p> <p>Council Member (Professional):            James Forbes (Social Care Worker)            Maeve Murphy (Speech and Language Therapist)</p> <p>Council Member representative of the interest of the general public:            Joe Martin* Catherine McKenna,</p> <p>External Member:            Damhnait Gaughan**, Norma Judge**</p>
13.	<b>Nomination to Audit, Risk and Governance Committee</b>
	<p>Council approved nomination of reappointment of the following Council members:</p> <p>Professional Member:            Maeve Murphy (Speech and Language Therapist)**</p> <p>To appoint newly appointed Council member, representative of the interest of the general public:            Stephanie Manahan</p>