



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte  
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +  
Social Care Professionals

# Minutes

## Council meeting

### 23 March 2023

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



<b>1.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
	The agenda was agreed by Council.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes from Minutes 23 February 2023 and publication of decisions</b>
	Council approved the minutes of 23 February 2023 and publication of decisions.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval to apply Chairpersons electronic signature to minutes 23.03.2023</b>
	The Chair approved the application of her electronic signature by the Secretariat to the Council approved minutes for the meeting on 23 February 2023.
<b>4.</b>	<b>CEO / Registrar update</b>
	<p>Council approved that it will write to the Minister for Health to request the establishment of a working group with key government departments and other relevant stakeholders specific to the regulation of psychologists. It was also agreed that Council will request a specific meeting to outline Council's current position and the concerns in relation to the recent media attention on psychologists.</p> <p>Council requested that the information booklet for the Public Appointment Service campaign, for new members, be updated also to advise those applying of the requirement to be on one Committee of Council.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Draft Council Annual Report 2022</b>
	Council approved the Annual Report for 2022, subject to suggestions in the meeting being incorporated to the report.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Terms of Office members for the Committees of Inquiry</b>
	Council adopted the Committees of Inquiry appointment procedure document and Register presented to it, which regulates the procedure for appointment to the Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee. In doing so, the Council noted that this document consolidates previous Council decisions regarding the procedure of appointments to the Committees of Inquiry, as per Appendix 1.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Update to Publications Policy on foot of Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020 and Beauchamps Report Publication Guidance Notes Approved by Council 20.10.2022</b>
	Council approved the update to Publications Policy on foot of Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020 and Beauchamps Report Publication Guidance Notes, and adopted same.



<b>8.</b>	<b>Updated Appeals Procedures 2023</b>
	Council approved the updated appeals procedures 2023 to reflect the appeal fee increase previously approved.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Report from ARG Committee Chairperson</b>
	<p>Council approved the draft financial statements 2022.</p> <p>Council approved the updated risk management policy.</p> <p>Council approved the revised elections guide.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Contract award – CORU Managed Services Provider Presidio New ICT Provider</b>
	Council approved Presidio as the successful tenderer following the evaluation process for the Provision of a Managed Services Provider to CORU. The contract is for 36 months with a maximum of 2 extensions of 12 months each.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Nominations Committee</b>
	<p>Council re-appointed Sara Van den Bergh as a member of the Professional Practical Advisory Committee, effective from the expiration of her term, for a period of two years.</p> <p>Council re-appointed Maureen Carolan as a member of the Professional Practical Advisory Committee, effective from the expiration of her term, for a period of three years.</p> <p>Council appointed the following to the conduct Committee, effective from the expiration of their term for a period of 4 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Susan Ahern</li> <li>- Georgina Farren</li> <li>- Cleo Yates</li> <li>- Anita O'Donovan</li> </ul> <p>Council re-appointed Martin Lawlor to the Health Committee, effective from the expiration of his term for a for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>Council appointed Frances Duggan (Medical Scientist) to the Health Committee for a for a period of 4 years.</p>



<p>Council temporarily removed Cian Doyle as a member of the Conduct Committee and appointed Cian Doyle as an ad hoc member for the purposes of a specific inquiry case C277. As of the conclusion of this case Cian Doyle may be reappointed to the Health Committee.</p>
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