



Edited minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in 18/20 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin, on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 starting at 13.00hrs.

Members Present:

Ms E Cassidy, President	Ms M Gorman
Mr J Horan	Ms K Greene
Ms K Lombard	Mr D Manning
M L Minihan	Ms B Liston
Ms E Kelly	Mr M Blake-Knox
Mr L Hamill	Mr M Higgins
Mr P Dolan	

In attendance:

Ms S McClelland, CEO
Ms D Johnston, Director of Midwifery
Mr M Balfe, Director of Corporate Services and Finance
Ms U Byrne, Director of Regulation
Dr J Foley, Director of Professional Standards (Nursing)
Mr C O'Leary, Director of Registration
Dr AM Ryan, Director of Operations (Registration)
Dr A de Búrca, Communications Manager
Ms L Manselli, Crafting Vistas
Ms O Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager

Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Ms K Canning, Ms L Clarke-Bishop, Ms C Cocoman, Ms A Horgan, Dr L Kavanagh McBride, Dr D Lawler, Prof C O'Herlihy, Mr D Murphy, Mr K McGrane and Dr L Sahn.

The Board noted that the President would join the meeting on the conclusion of the meeting of the International Nurse Regulator Collaborative (INRC) which was taking place in NMBI that day. NMBI was a contributing member organisation of the INRC and was hosting the 2019 annual general meeting.

- 1.2 In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Board elected Mr Hamill to be chair of the meeting in accordance with paragraph 18(c) of the Schedule of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011. The chair reminded Board members of the provisions of the conflict of interest policy. The chair then asked Board

members to review the agenda to identify any conflicts of interest. No interests were declared at this time.

Item 2 – CEO’s report

The Board noted that the directorate reports were incorporated into the CEO report for this meeting. Members of the senior management team (SMT), Ms Byrne, Dr Ryan, Mr O’Leary, Dr Foley, Ms Johnston and Mr Balfe, joined the meeting.

The chair welcomed Mr O’Leary to the organisation and to his first meeting of the Board as the newly appointed Director of Registration. Mr O’Leary had taken up the role on 30 September 2019.

2.1 CEO report

The Board noted the CEO report which had previously been circulated to members. Ms McClelland drew the Board’s attention to the following:

100 years of nursing regulation

The conference to celebrate 100 years of nursing regulation would take place in the Clayton Hotel in Liffey Valley, Dublin on 24 October 2019. A copy of the programme for the day was included as part of the CEO report.

2.2 Education Directorate report

The Board noted the Education Directorate report which had previously been circulated to members.

2.3 Fitness to Practise Directorate report

The Board noted the Fitness to Practise Directorate report which had previously been circulated to members.

2.4 Registration Directorate report

The Board noted the Registration Directorate report which had previously been circulated to members.

Correction to chart on page 1

The Board noted that five closed divisions of the Register had inadvertently been included in the chart – Fever, Infectious Diseases, Clinical Teachers, Orthopaedic and Tuberculosis.

2.5 Corporate Services Directorate – management accounts August 2019

The Board noted the management accounts for August 2019 which had previously been circulated to members.

The financial profile of the organisation would be further discussed at the joint meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee which had been re-scheduled to take place in November 2019, before the November Board meeting.

2.6 Midwifery Directorate report

As there had not been a meeting of the Midwives Committee since the last Board meeting, a directorate report was not presented.

Members of the SMT, Ms Byrne, Dr Foley, Dr Ryan, Ms Johnston and Mr Balfe, left the meeting. Mr O’Leary remained in the meeting.

Item 3 – Project Nightingale status update

Ms Manselli and Dr de Búrca joined the meeting.

Ms Manselli updated the Board on the status of the project so far.

Mr O’Leary, Ms Manselli and Dr de Búrca left the meeting.

Item 4 – Professional Standards (Nursing)

Dr Foley joined the meeting.

4.1 University of Limerick and associated clinical sites – site visit reports

The Board considered the site visit reports which had previously been circulated to members.

Decision In accordance with section 85(2) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, the Board agreed that the University of Limerick and associated clinical sites be approved to provide general, psychiatric and intellectual disability nurse registration education programmes for a period of five years or until the next site visit whichever would be earliest.

4.2 Waterford Institute of Technology and associated clinical sites – site visit reports

The Board considered the site visit reports which had previously been circulated to members.

Decision In accordance with section 85(2) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, the Board agreed that Waterford Institute of Technology and associated clinical sites be approved to provide general, psychiatric and intellectual disability nurse registration education programmes for a period of five years or until the next site visit whichever would be earliest.

4.3 UCD Pain Developmental Pathway Programme

The UCD Pain Developmental Pathway Programme is composed of four different postgraduate NFQ level 9 educational programmes that allow registered nurses to study and specialise in pain management in a staggered way. The four programmes are:

1. Professional Certificate in Pain Management (10 credits)
2. Diploma in Pain Management (60 Credits)
3. MSc in Pain Management (100 credits)
4. MSc in Pain Management with Prescriptive Authority (110 credits)

Students who complete the MSc in Pain Management with Prescriptive Authority would be eligible to register as Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Prescribers.

Decision In accordance with section 85(2) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, the Board approved the four programmes.

4.4 **For public consultation – Draft Standards and Requirements for Education and Training Programmes for Nurses and Midwives with Prescriptive Authority**

The Board considered the draft document which had previously been circulated to members.

The draft Standards and Requirements for Education and Training Programmes for Nurses and Midwives with Prescriptive Authority were developed to implement the provisions of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 and the Nurses and Midwives (Education and Training) Rules 2018. The final draft would also replace the 2007 first edition standards and requirements.

Decision The Board approved the draft document for public consultation.

Dr Foley left the meeting.

Item 5 – Professional Standards (Midwifery)

Ms Johnston joined the meeting.

5.1 University College Limerick and associated clinical sites – site visit reports

Ms Liston declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting

Decision In accordance with section 85(2) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, the Board agreed that University College of Limerick and associated clinical sites be approved to midwifery registration education programmes for a period of five years or until the next site visit whichever would be earliest.

Ms Liston returned to the meeting.

5.2 Standards and requirements for return to midwifery practice programmes

The Board considered the draft standards and requirements for return to midwifery practice courses which had previously been circulated to members.

The draft standards and requirements would replace the previous version published in 2015. The updates included an assessment tool which was an adaptation of the four year student midwife competency assessment tool.

Decision The Board approved the draft standards and requirements.

Ms Johnston left the meeting.

The President joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

Mr Hamill left the meeting.

Item 6 – Statement of Strategy 2020-2022

Ms Manselli joined the meeting.

The Board noted the draft Statement of Strategy 2020-2022 which had previously been circulated to members.

The Board discussed the proposed strategic objectives for the next three years.

Ms Lombard left the meeting.



As the Board wished to continue its discussion in private, Ms Manselli left the meeting.

Item 7 – Any other business

There being no further matters for consideration the meeting ended at 17.15hrs.

Signed: _____
Essene Cassidy
President

Date: _____