Minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in 18/20 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin, on Monday, 27 August 2018.

Members Present:

Ms E Cassidy, President   Prof C O'Herlihy
Mr P Dolan   Ms K Canning
Ms B Liston   Mr D Murphy
Mr L Hamill   Ms K Lombard
Ms T King   Mr M Higgins

In attendance:

Ms U Byrne, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director of Regulation
Dr AM Ryan, Director of Operations (Registration) (item 3)
Ms V O'Rourke, Fitness to Practise Department

Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest

Apologies were received from Mr M Blake-Knox, Ms E Cassidy, Ms M Gorman, Ms. E Kelly, Dr D Lawler, Mr D Manning, Mr L Minihan and Ms E Kelly.

The President advised the Board that the following Board members would be joining the meeting by teleconference for item 3: Ms Clarke-Bishop, Mr McGrane, Ms Cocoman and Dr Kavanagh-McBride

The President read the conflict of interest policy and reminded Board members of their obligations under its provisions. The President then asked Board members to review the agenda to identify any conflicts of interest.

Item 2 – Fitness to practise matters

The Board considered an application pursuant to Section 58 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.

Item 3 – Amendment to the approved NMBI English language requirements for registration policy

Dr Ryan joined the meeting.

Mr McGrane, Ms Clarke-Bishop, Ms Cocoman and Dr Kavanagh-McBride joined the meeting via teleconference.

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

Decision   The Board approved the suggested recommendation to remove "within the last 5 years" from the policy.

Action   The Board agreed that the policy should be reviewed at the end of the year and that Dr Ryan should present a short briefing paper at the November meeting.

Item 4 - Board in camera session

As the Board wished to continue its discussion in private, Ms Byrne and Ms O'Rourke left the meeting.

Signed: _____
           Essene Cassidy
           President

Date: _____