

Edited minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in 18/20 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin and by video conference on Tuesday, 16 June 2020 starting at 10.30hrs.

Members in attendance:

Ms E Cassidy, President of NMBI	Ms K Lombard
Dr L Kavanagh McBride, Vice President of NMBI	Mr D Manning
Mr J Horan	Mr L Minihan
Mr D Murphy	Dr D Lawler
Ms A Horgan	Ms B Liston
Ms K Canning	Ms Greene
Mr M Blake-Knox	Prof C O’Herlihy
Ms C Cocoman	Ms L Clarke-Bishop
Mr P Dolan	Mr M Higgins
Ms M Gorman	

In attendance:

Ms S McClelland, CEO
Ms U Byrne, Director of Regulation
Ms D Johnston, Director of Midwifery
Ms V O’Rourke, Senior Staff Officer, Fitness to Practise Department
Ms O Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager
Mr J Hussey, IT Manager

Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest

1.1 The President noted that the meeting was starting 30 minutes later than scheduled due to technical difficulties and thanked Board members for their patience.

Apologies were received from Mr L Hamill, Ms E Kelly and Dr L Sahn.

The President reminded Board members of the provisions of the conflict of interest policy. The President then asked Board members to review the agenda to identify any conflicts of interest.

Items 2-8 – Fitness to practise matters

The Board considered the following:

- Four no prima facie decisions of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.
- Three applications pursuant to section 57(11) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.

- Two applications pursuant to section 55(1) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.
- Undertakings not to practice – consideration of a change of procedure.
- Reports relating to the following:
 - Monitoring of conditions.
 - Section 44 orders/undertakings.
 - Section 58 orders/undertakings.
 - High Court and Court of Appeal Cases.

Item 9 – Professional Standards – Midwifery

9.1 MSc Advanced Practice (Nursing/Midwifery) for Midwives Undertaking Advanced Midwifery Practice

Ms Johnston joined the meeting.

The Board considered the briefing document in relation to the above programme which had previously been circulated to members.

The Board noted that the proposed conditions had been revised following a lengthy discussion at the Board meeting and concerns raised by Board members on 20 May 2020.

Decision Following consideration of the matter, the Board decided to approve the programme for one cohort only. As the programme for one cohort would run over two years, a proposal for a second cohort would be presented after one year. This programme would be reviewed and mapped against the progression of the first cohort.

Ms Johnston left the meeting.

Item 11 – Any other business

Programme for government 2020

The CEO drew the Board's attention to the recently agreed programme for government and advised that the section which related to healthcare policy and themes might impact on NMBI's priorities in the future.

Item 10 – Training – IT security awareness

Mr Noel Comerford, Deloitte, joined the meeting to provide the Board with training on IT security awareness. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session with the Board.

There being no further matters for consideration, the meeting ended at 14.00hrs.



Signed: _____
Essene Cassidy
President

Date: _____