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Medical Council

Consultation on

- **Student and Training Website.**
- **Student and Trainee Consultation Panel.**
- **Your Training Counts – Consultation on an annual National Trainee Experience Survey.**

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Submission

Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)) is the statutory body which provides for the registration, control and education of nurses and midwives and for other matters relating to the professions and the practice of nursing and midwifery. The *Nurses and Midwives Act of 2011* states that the object of the Board “shall be the protection of the public in its dealings with nurses and midwives and the integrity of the practice of nursing and midwifery through the promotion of high standards of professional education, training, and practice and professional conduct among nurses and midwives”.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) welcome the opportunity to comment regarding the initiatives announced by the Medical Council. It is important that the public and members of the profession are firstly aware of the functions and the on-going work of the Medical Council to ensure public safety and protection of the public.

The Student area of the website is to be welcomed as it is detailed regarding the information provided regarding second level students who are considering medicine as a career choice and those who have started a career in medicine. It is a resource for all medical students and qualified doctors in determining their chosen career pathways. The information provided will

be an invaluable resource particularly regarding the importance of registration and Continuing Professional Practice.

The Student and Trainee Consultative Panel is a positive initiative and the involvement of students at different stages of their training will ensure open communications and feedback to inform the work of the Medical Council in its role regarding Medical Education and Standards.

The National Trainee Experience Survey – “Your Training Counts” is a very positive initiative and will ensure that students will value and see the importance of being a member of a profession early in their training. It will ensure that the Medical Council will be given evidence to allow changes to be made regarding standards of education, current programmes and training thus ensuring public protection and patient safety.

Yours Sincerely



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