



Minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in 18/20 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin on Tuesday, 25 September 2018 starting at 10.00hrs.

### **Members Present:**

Dr L Kavanagh McBride, Vice President	Mr L Minihan
Mr L Hamill	Ms K Canning
Ms L Clarke-Bishop	Ms E Kelly
Prof C O'Herlihy (from item 2.2)	Mr K McGrane
Mr M Blake-Knox	Ms C Cocoman
Ms K Lombard	

### **In attendance:**

Ms D Johnston, Interim CEO and Director of Midwifery  
Ms U Byrne, Director of Regulation  
Mr D Holohan, Beauchamps Solicitors (item 6.1)  
Ms V O'Rourke, Fitness to Practise Department  
Ms O Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager

### **Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest**

In the absence of the President, Ms Essene Cassidy, the Vice President assumed the chair.

Apologies were received from Ms A Horgan, Ms Elaine Cassidy, Ms Essene Cassidy, Mr M Higgins, Mr P Dolan, Dr D Lawler and Mr D Manning.

Being members of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, Ms B Liston, Ms M Gorman, Mrs T King and Mr D Murphy did not join the meeting.

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

### **Item 2-7 – Fitness to practise matters**

The Board considered the following:

- Nine no prima facie decisions of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.
- One application pursuant to Section 57(11) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.

- One application pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.
- Reports relating to the following:
  - Monitoring of conditions.
  - Section 44 orders/undertakings.
  - Section 58 orders/undertakings.
  - High Court and Court of Appeal Cases.
- Two reports of the Fitness to Practise Committee under the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.

### Items deferred from 17 September 2018

#### 5.6 Regulation Directorate report

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

Ms Byrne drew the Board's attention to the following items which were detailed in the report.

##### *Membership of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee*

A call for expressions of interest for non-Board members had been placed on NMBI's website. There was also a vacancy for one lay Board member on the committee.

##### *Mediation pursuant to Section 60*

The public consultation had closed and one submission had been received. A final proposal would be brought to the Board for review at the next Board meeting.

##### *Expert witness appointment process*

A meeting took place between NMBI staff and Mason, Hayes and Curran Solicitors. Work is ongoing to develop recruitment criteria, the establishment of a panel, a guidance booklet and to improve the standardised letter of instructions.

#### 8.1 Registration data breach report

The Board noted that the data breach report, presented to the Board on 17 September 2018 and which had recorded incorrectly the measures taken, had been corrected and the amended version uploaded to the Board brief for noting.

#### 8.2 Mental Health Commission

The Board noted that a request had been received from Regina Ward in the

Mental Health Unit of the Department of Health advising that a vacancy had arisen on the board of the Mental Health Commission for a psychiatric nurse representative of registered nurses on the Board. In 2017 the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland had nominated Mr Noel Giblin and Mr John Murray however, neither had been called to sit on the board of the Mental Health Commission. Both Mr Giblin's and Mr Murray's tenures of office on the NMBI Board had ended.

The Board noted that both Ms Cocoman and Ms Liston were eligible to be nominated as they were both registered in the psychiatric nurse division.

Ms Coady advised that she had contacted Ms Ward for more information regarding the time commitment to members. A reply was being awaited.

**Action** Once more information was received, this would be communicated to Ms Cocoman and Ms Liston and an update brought to the Board meeting in October.

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

The meeting concluded at 13.00hrs.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Louise Kavanagh McBride**  
**Vice President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_