

Edited minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in offices of NMBI and by video on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 starting at 9.30hrs.

### **Members present in person**

Ms E Cassidy, President  
Mr M Blake-Knox  
Mr D Murphy

### **Members present by video**

Ms C Cocoman (from item 4)  
Ms AM Duffy  
Prof C O'Herlihy  
Dr C McKenna  
Mr J Shalbin  
Ms M Gorman  
Dr C Sullivan  
Ms L Collins  
Mr D Murphy  
Ms M Vaughan  
Ms A Lynch (from item 4)  
Prof M Rigby  
Ms E Kelly  
Ms A Horgan

### **In attendance**

Ms S McClelland, Chief Executive  
Mr C O'Leary, Director of Fitness to Practise  
Ms V O'Rourke, Senior Staff Officer, Fitness to Practise Department  
Mr J Sadlier, Head of PPC  
Ms O Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager  
Mr E Lyons, Beauchamps Solicitors  
Ms N McDonald, PA to the CEO

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

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Hamill, Dr L Kavanagh McBride, Mr J Horan and Dr D Lawler.

The President advised the Board that Mr Thomas Glynn, Mr Don Faller and Mr Richard Bruton were incoming Board members awaiting confirmation of appointment by the Minister for Health. Mr Glynn and Dr Faller were attending today's meeting as observers only and would not take part in the Board's deliberations or decisions.

- 1.2 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.

The President advised members that matters discussed during this hybrid meeting were to remain confidential to Board members and attendees.

#### **Items 2-5 – Fitness to practise matters**

The Board considered the following:

- One no prima facie recommendations from the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.
- Six reports from the Fitness to Practise Committee of Inquiry – Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.
- One application pursuant to section 55(1) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011.

#### **Item 4 – High Court sanction confirmations and immediate suspensions**

- 4.1 Mr Glynn and Dr Faller returned to the meeting to observe the proceedings. Ms Lynch joined the meeting. Ms Duffy remained outside the meeting.

Mr O'Leary presented a briefing document which had previously been circulated to members and which updated the Board on recent issues and observations raised by the Mary Irvine, President of the High Court in relation to the following two areas:

1. Applications for registrant privacy/anonymity when sanctions are being confirmed by the High Court.
2. Applications for immediate suspensions where the Board intends to place a flag on the public register where undertakings are given to the High Court.

The Board considered the contents of the briefing document and noted the suggestions outlined by Mr O'Leary to address the concerns raised by Ms Irvine.

#### **Item 6 – Any other fitness to practise business**



**Action**     There being no further matters to consider the meeting ended at 18.00hrs.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Essene Cassidy**  
**President**

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