

Edited minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) on Wednesday, 11 July 2020 starting at 10.00hrs by video conference.

Members present

Ms E Cassidy, President
Dr L Kavanagh McBride
Dr D Lawler
Dr L Sahm
Mr J Horan
Mr M Higgins
Mr D Manning
Ms K Canning
Ms L Clarke-Bishop
Ms C Cocoman

In attendance

Ms U Byrne, Director of Regulation
Mr C O'Leary, Director of Registration
Ms V O'Rourke, Fitness to Practise Department
Ms O Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager

Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr L Minihan, Mr P Dolan, Mr L Hamill, Ms E Kelly, Prof C O'Herlihy, Mr M Blake-Knox and Ms K Lombard.

Being members of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee Mr D Murphy, Ms A Horgan, Ms B Liston, Ms M Gorman and Ms K Greene did not join the meeting.

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. No interests were declared.

Item 2 – Fitness to practise matters

The Board considered the following:

- Six no prima facie recommendations from the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Item 3 – Removal of registration for failure to pay the annual retention fee (ARF)



3.1 Mr O’Leary joined the meeting.

The Board noted that it had considered the matter on three occasions in 2020 and that it had deferred making a decision on two occasions due to Covid-19 and the amendment of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2020 arising from the Emergency Provisions under Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020 whereby the insertion of section 108 of this Act into the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 enabled over 1100 registrants to be restored to the register without charge.

At its meeting on 22 July 2020, the Board had agreed to remove registrants for non-payment of the ARF after 31 July 2020 as NMBI had been advised that the emergency provisions, as they pertained to nursing and midwifery, would fall on 31 July 2020.

The Board noted the list of 1294 registrants who had been removed from the register for non-payment of the annual retention fee following confirmation that the emergency provisions had ceased in respect of nurses and midwives and that section 108 was no longer in operation.

The Board further noted that these registrants would not be eligible for free restoration as the emergency provisions allowing for free restoration to the register were no longer in place.

Item 4 – Any other business

4.1 Board Election 2020

Ms Coady advised the Board that nominations had been received and that there would be an election in each of the three categories. The candidates had been contacted that morning and the names would be communicated to the Board and staff in the coming days.

There being no further matters to consider the meeting ended at 10.40hrs.

Signed: _____

Essene Cassidy
President



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Nursing and Midwifery
Board of Ireland

Date: _____