



BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held on 1st September 2016

- for general circulation to College Faculties etc. -



• PCS Annual Reports to the Medical Council

As required under our Agreement with the Medical Council to operate a Professional Competence Scheme, detailed quantitative & qualitative annual reports for the 2015/16 year were submitted at end June. Aggregate figures for the CPsychI PCS are provided to the Medical Council in these reports - individual data is not included.

• PCS Verification Process

Many thanks to those who were randomly selected to participate in the verification process on the 2014/15 PCS year. The review process is now completed and individual feedback has been provided to each psychiatrist.

The verification process is a valuable tool to identify common issues and difficulties encountered by our psychiatrists in the Professional Competence Scheme, and to identify the areas of support we need to focus on in coming years. Participation in the verification process is mandatory for those selected, and every Training Body operating a PCS is obliged to carry out the process annually.

Work on the 2015/16 Verification Process is commencing.

• DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - CPD EDUCATIONAL EVENTS organised by the PCS Department

- **FRIDAY EVENING 30TH SEPTEMBER & SATURDAY MORNING 1ST OCTOBER 2016 (5 External CPD credits)**
[CPD educational meeting organised by PIPSIG](#) (Private & Independent Practice Special Interest Group)
Sandymount Hotel, Dublin 4. Meeting open to PIPSIG members and all CPsychI members.
Friday evening 30th September: 6-8pm. 2 presenters, 2 CPD credits.
Saturday morning 1st October: 9.30am - 1pm. 3 presenters, 3 CPD credits.
Full programme of topics and speakers on Meeting and Events section on www.irishpsychiatry.ie.
- **FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2016: [Complexity of Post-Traumatic Reactions](#)** (6 External CPD credits)
Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. [European Psychiatric Assoc.](#) supported meeting with:
Prof Tanja Frančičković, Dept of Psychiatry & Psychological Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia
Asst. Prof Dolores Britvić, University Hospital, Split, Croatia
Dr Brian Fitzmaurice, Consultant Adult Psychiatrist, HSE Wicklow & TCD
Dr Michael Duffy, Specialist MSc (Trauma) in CBT, Queens University Belfast & Sen Cognitive Psychotherapist
- **THURSDAY 11TH & FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2016: [Winter Conference](#): Slieve Russell Hotel, Co. Cavan**
Thursday Afternoon PCS workshop:
“Professional Competence, North and South: what works, what doesn’t?”
Dr Miriam Kennedy (PCS Director) & Dr Joan McGuinness (Lead appraiser and revalidation lead) Mrs Norma Thompson (Head of medical & nursing revalidation support team).
Compare and contrast CPD/CME systems on both sides of the border, possible directions and developments. Focus and guidance of the Medical Council in Ireland and the General Medical Council in the UK will also be examined. Frameworks, structures and what works.

Search the [Events and Courses list](#) to see full details and booking for the above courses, and more.

▪ HOT TOPICS IN PSYCHIATRY - a series of monthly evening CPD meetings - 2 CPD credits

Hot Topics will kick off again on **15TH SEPTEMBER 2016**, with:

Psychiatric Advance Directives - Dr Enda Dooley *and*
Mental Capacity and the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 - Prof Brendan Kelly.

Save these Hot Topic Thursdays in your diary:

2016: Thursdays 15th September • 20th October • 24th November.
2017: Thursdays 19th January • 16th February • 23rd March • 27th April.



▪ HOT TOPICS IN PSYCHIATRY - continued

The full list of [Hot Topics dates, topics and speakers](#) is available on the Meeting & Events list on www.irishpsychiatry.ie. **Online booking** is available to college members.

Many thanks to all our presenters and attendees to date. The meetings have been very well supported and are proving a relevant and useful source of External CPD credits.

▪ Making HOT TOPICS available to the regions

If you are based outside of Dublin and would like to bring a Hot Topics meeting to your area, **please do contact us**. We would be delighted to work with you to organise a Hot Topics meeting in any of the regions.

▪ HOT TOPICS on Moodle

With the assistance of Prof David Burke and some college members who are kindly giving their time and expertise, we continue to work on the packaging of recorded Hot Topics presentations for online learning and CPD on the college's Moodle platform. We will have online material available very soon.