



BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held on 10th October 2019

- for general circulation to College Faculties etc. -



PCS Annual Reports to Medical Council

Annual Reports on the CPsychI PCS were submitted to the Medical Council as required, by end June 2019.

PCS Verification Process underway

The Verification Process on the 2018/19 PCS year is underway. A small number of psychiatrists who didn't log the required credits were selected for Verification, along with a random selection of all psychiatrists enrolled in our PCS.

Medical Council Monitoring and Managing Compliance Policies

The Medical Council has focused on ensuring all doctors who should be enrolled in a professional competence scheme, are enrolled. They are now moving to focus on levels of compliance amongst enrolled doctors.

The Medical Council wrote to all Training Bodies, outlining its plan for managing PCS non-compliance from May 2020 on. All Training Bodies are asked to remind their PCS enrolees that:

- All PCS enrolees must undertake and record their **50 CPD credits** and **one clinical/practice audit** with their Scheme by 30 April 2020.
- The targets specified in the Framework for Maintenance of Professional Competence activity are **annual activity requirements**. CPD credits cannot be transferred from year to year.
- The minimum target in the various CPD categories must be met (**20 internal credits, 20 external credits, 5 personal learning credits**).
- The personal learning category is mandatory: Scheme enrolees must meet a minimum of 5 CPD credits in this category.
- The clinical/practice audit is a stand-alone requirement and cannot be counted as part of the 50 CPD credits. It is a quality improvement process whether clinical or non-clinical.
- Scheme enrolees who are struggling to meet the requirements or have extenuating circumstances should contact their Schemes and let them know of their situation so that appropriate advice and support can be provided.

➤ **The Medical Council says doctors who are not compliant at the end of the 2019 – 2020 PCS Year will be monitored by the Medical Council.**

Exceptions will be (1) doctors whose records are annotated (because they informed their Training Body of a period of certified leave greater than 3 months, e.g. sick leave, maternity leave, etc.) and (2) doctors whose requirement for PCS only began part way through the PCS year and therefore have reduced pro-rata minimum requirements for that first PCS year.

• Keep your Online CPD Diary updated!

Log your CPD credits and Clinical (Practice) Audit on your diary regularly throughout the year. Please make sure you have good evidence to support the external, internal and research / examining / teaching credits you log.

- Don't forget to confirm Clinical (Practice) Audit on your diary!
- Reflective notes can be saved for all categories of CPD if you wish, and the Clinical (Practice) Audit title can also be saved on your diary.
- Contact us in the PCS office if you need advice, assistance with logging, or if you are having particular difficulties with accruing CPD credits or Clinical (Practice) Audit

CPD Approvals

Please send CPD Event Approval requests in to the PCS department (lbreen@irishpsychiatry.ie) in good time throughout the year, to avoid delays towards PCS Year end (April 2020).

... more overleaf



Clinical (Practice) Audit:

The Medical Council asked that we circulate the following links about Clinical (Practice) Audit

- **GDPR & Clinical Audit:** <https://www.medicalcouncil.ie/Existing-Registrants-/Professional-Competence/Guidelines-on-the-implications-of-GDPR-on-Clinical-Practice-Audit.html>
- **Clinical Audit Guides:** <https://www.medicalcouncil.ie/News-and-Publications/Videos/Clinical-Audit-Guides/Clinical-Audit-Guides.html>

College organised CPD Meetings

PIPSIG-organised CPD meeting (5 CPD credits) was held on 27/28 September.

Seminar: Assessing, Diagnosing & Managing ADHD in Children & Adults (3.5 CPD credits) was held on Mullingar on 7th October.

PCS Workshop “Brake at the Border” – Winter Conference, Thursday afternoon 14th November. Joint workshop looking at CME across Europe, Northern Ireland and Ireland. Dr Lorcan Martin, Dr Gerry Lynch (Chair & Vice President, NI College) and Dr John Simpson (Clinical Leadership Solutions & past Medical Director, Southern Health Trust) will present.

Next Hot Topics meetings (2 credits):

- GDPR for Psychiatrists, **Dublin**, Thursday 24th October.
- Autoimmune Encephalitis and Epilepsy & Mental Illness, **Cork**, Thursday 21st November.
- Phenomenology and Mental Health Disorders in Adolescents, **Dublin**, Thursday 5th December.

• **HOT TOPICS eModules** available for CPsychI members

Cardiovascular Disease in Serious Mental Illness	Impact of Psychological Trauma and its Treatment
Psychiatry & Intellectual Disability ‘The same...but different’	A Cognitive Model of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Novel Treatments for Alcohol Dependence	Managing Suicide Risk
Cardiology - The Heart and the Mind	Cannabis Decriminalisation
Cyberbullying: The mental health effects and the implications for prevention and intervention	The Early Detection & Treatment of Young People at Ultra-High Risk of Psychosis
Psychiatric Advance Directives – Are they feasible?	Dementia in People with Intellectual Disability
Review of Neuroleptic Medications	Expressed Emotion and Schizophrenia
The psychoanalytic paradigm of mental functioning and its implications for practitioners in the field of mental health today	Prison & Court Liaison Services: Interaction with Community Services
Rehabilitation Services for Acquired Brain Injury and the Interface with Psychiatry	Medico-Legal Report Writing: What you need to know
The Change Imperative: The youth mental health paradigm as a model for mental health reform in Ireland	The Psychoanalytic Understanding of Schizophrenia according to Jacques Lacan – Therapeutic Implications
Psychiatric Occupational Assessment	An update on Bipolar Disorder
What the Psychiatrist Should Know About Bariatric Medicine	Gender Dysphoria – the shifting diagnostic and treatment paradigms
Psychotic Symptoms and Risk for Psychotic Disorder in Children and Adolescents	Dementia Workshop – Assessment in Persons with Pre Existing Mental Illness
Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson’s Disease	Neuropsychiatric Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury
Suicide Mitigation: compassion and governance	Ticks and Tails down Wicklow way: A case study
Lyme in Ireland: diagnostic challenges, treatment challenges, and neuropsychiatric complications	
Diabetes and Mental Disorders: the Cart or the Horse?	Management of Poorly Controlled Diabetes in Mental Health Settings

1 External or Internal CPD credit per eModule



Watch a [short video](#) of what’s available online.

[Further information, or to Pay & enrol for eModules:](#)

<https://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/professional-competence/hot-topics-ecomodules-online-cpd/cpsychi-hot-topics-ecomodules/>

Fees include access to:

1. Full video of presenter and slides
2. Downloadable PDF document of slides
3. Multi Choice Quiz to be completed for CPD
4. CPD certificate awarded on 80% correct answers to Multi Choice Questions
5. Feedback form to let us know of any comments or difficulties with the eModules
6. Helpdesk to assist with any technical problems
7. Continued access to the online video.