

Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the Thirtieth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held via Teams
on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 11.30 am

Participation:

Professor Irene Sheridan (Chair)

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary

Dr Ailsa Crum

Dr Deirdre Stritch

Ms Siobhan Kinsella

Ms Geraldine Larkin

Mr Kevin McStravock

Ms Colette Harrison

Ms Mary Sheridan

Apologies:

Mr William Kelly

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 3 FEBRUARY 2021 (ARC/M28) AND 12 APRIL 2021 (ARC/M29)

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC meetings held on 3 February 2021 and 12 April 2021.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AND 12 APRIL 2021

The Committee approved the Notes of the ARC meetings held on 3 February 2021 and 12 April 2021 which will be published on the QQI website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

Deirdre Stritch joined the meeting to present items 5, 6 and 7.

5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – Royal College of Physicians in Ireland (RCPI)

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A30/5.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A30/5.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the application from the Royal College of Physicians with a Condition of QA Approval. RCPI is now approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

6. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – Steer Training Academy

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A30/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A30/6.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the application from Steer Training Academy with 2 Conditions of QA Approval. Steer Training Academy is now approved to progress to Stage 2 of the access to initial programme validation process.

7. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES

7.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures – Applicant Provider

The Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI executive (A30/7.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A30/7.2). Following discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to accept the findings of the panel report and therefore the Committee refused to approve, with recommendations, the application from the Applicant Provider.

The Committee commended the Quality Assurance Unit on the commitment, guidance and support given to applicant providers during this process.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the ARC will take place in August 2021 – date to be confirmed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.