

## Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

### Quality and Qualifications Ireland

#### APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE

Note of the sixteenth meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held in the **Ground Floor Meeting Room, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Thursday 19 July 2018 at 11:00 am**

#### **Present:**

Dr Kevin Ryan (Chair)  
Dr Ailsa Crum  
Dr Martin Lyes  
Mr Oisín Hassan  
Ms Colette Harrison  
Professor Irene Sheridan  
Ms Mary Sheridan

#### **In attendance:**

Ms Gráinne Power, Secretary  
Mr Walter Balfe

#### **Apologies**

Ms Geraldine Larkin  
Ms Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan

#### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Committee approved the agenda for this meeting and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee. The Chair welcomed Dr Ailsa Crum and Mr Oisín Hassan to their first meeting of the Committee.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee approved the Minutes of the ARC Meeting held on 24 May 2018 subject to the change of title for Professor Irene Sheridan.

#### **3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee approved the Note of the ARC meeting held on 24 May 2018.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES**

##### **5.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Applicant Provider**

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

The Committee noted the request of the QQI executive based on the Explanatory Memorandum (A16/5.1) and supporting documentation (Annex A & B). Following lengthy discussion, the ARC accepted the request of the QQI executive to agree to

defer the decision on the approval of the Applicant Provider application for initial validation of programmes leading to QQI awards: Approval of Quality Assurance Procedures. The Committee agreed to accept the Applicant Provider's observations on the reasons for refusal as stated in the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Report up to 04 September 2018. The ARC will consider the observations at its next meeting in September 2018.

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURE**

**6.1 Approval of Draft Quality Assurance Procedures: Barnardos Republic of Ireland Ltd**

Walter Balfe joined the meeting to present this item.

Following discussion, the Committee noted the recommendation of the QQI Executive (A16/6.1) based on the recommendation of the Quality and Capacity Evaluation Panel report (A16/6.2). The Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI Executive to approve the draft Quality Assurance Procedures of Barnardos Republic of Ireland Ltd.

7. **Briefing on Amendments to the Legislation (Qualifications & Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012)**

The Committee noted the presentation by Mary Sheridan on the key changes to the 2012 Act. The Committee thanked Mary on a very informative presentation. A copy of the presentation will be circulated to the Committee.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None