

Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee (PAOC)

Notes of meeting of 4 August 2016

Present: Barbara Brittingham (Chair); Liz Carroll; Anne Mangan; John Mulcahy; Peter Cullen (Key Executive)

Apologies: Maureen Conway; Sarah Ingle; Mary Danagher

In attendance: Andrea Boland (QA - QQI)

This incorporeal meeting was held primarily to consider the decision of the Programmes and Awards Executive Committee (PAEC) at its meeting of 20 July 2016, to refuse to validate seven programme applications from three individual providers.

1. Minutes of PAOC meeting 14 April 2016

The Minutes of the PAOC meeting of 14 April 2016 were AGREED.

2. Negative decisions taken by the PAEC on Programme Validation for confirmation or referral back to the PAEC

2.1 Briefing note

The briefing note was noted.

2.2 Validation refusals

- (i) **New Approach Training Ltd**
PG22346 - Early Childhood Care & Education
PG22393 - Nursing Studies

The QQI executive outlined the conduct of the evaluation process in respect of these programmes.

The committee noted that the evaluation report could have been more clearly drafted.

Committee members reviewed the evaluator's rationale for their recommendation and the PAEC's decision to refuse validation of these programmes was CONFIRMED.

- (ii) **Irish Times Training**
PG22394 - English as a Second Language - Level 3
PG22395 - English as a Second Language - Level 4
PG22396 - English as a Second Language - Level 5
PG22397 - English as a Second Language - Level 6

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- (iii) **IBAT College Dublin**
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Computing & Business Information Systems - Level 8.

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3. PAEC Reports to QQI Board

This item was not considered. *(It will be addressed at the next meeting of the PAOC).*

4. **Report for the PAOC on Strategic Direction of the Activities governed by the PAEC**

The QQI executive member presented the report.

The PAOC members advised that they appreciate and welcome the report and the direction indicated, for example, widening the number of evaluators, consistency in reports, having subject matter experts and panel training.

It was also AGREED that, following reflection, the PAOC will comment on the paper at one of their meetings later in the year.

5. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.