

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 Committee 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