Notice of Appointments

Friday 1 June

The Ibec group that represents the pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing sector, BioPharmaChem Ireland, has appointed a new Chairman.

Dr David Keenan, currently Vice President of Global External Supply at, and Managing Director of, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceutical Ireland, has been named for the position. He succeeds current Chair Seamus Fives of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and will remain as Chairman for a two-year period.

BPCI’s Director, Matt Moran thanked Mr Fives for his work over the last two years, while speaking at the announcement. He commented of the new Chairman,

“We work in an exciting, dynamic and innovative industry that is a key driver of the substance behind the Irish business model, and I look forward to continuing this momentum with our incoming Chair”.

Provisions for Health and Social Care professionals to be amended

Dáil discussions are scheduled to include Second Stage discussions for the Health and Social Care Professionals Bill 2017 from Tuesday until Thursday.

The Bill would amend the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 to fill current gaps in the provisions related to “the appointment of professional members to the Health and Social Care Professionals Council and to registration boards”. It would also allow registration boards to require training and practical experience conditions to would-be registrants.

There are 14 professionals covered under the 2005 Act. They are: Clinical Biochemist, Dietitian, Dispensing Optician, Medical Scientist, Occupational Therapist, Optometrist, Orthoptist, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Psychologist, Radiographer, Social Care Worker, Social Worker, and Speech and Language Therapist.

Ten of those now have established registration boards. It is expected that the other four professionals will have been set up by the end of 2018.

You can view the Bill here.

Future of Healthcare Report identifies eight key priorities

This week, members of Dáil Éireann will discuss the Sláintecare Report, published by the Committee on the Future of Healthcare on Tuesday 30 May.

The Report identifies eight key elements for consideration. They are:
• All care planned and provided so that the patient is paramount (ensuring appropriate care pathways and seamless transition backed up by full patient record and information);
• Timely access to all health and social care according to medical need;
• Care provided free at point of delivery, based entirely on clinical need;
• Patients accessing care at most appropriate, cost effective service level with a strong emphasis on prevention and public health;
• The health service workforce is appropriate, accountable, flexible, well-resourced, supported and valued;
• Public money is only spent in the public interest/for the public good (ensuring value for money, integration, oversight, accountability and correct incentives); and
• Accountability, effective organisational alignment and good governance are central to the organisation and functioning of the health system.

You can view the Report here.
The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD, last year published a revised and updated Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. It came into effect on 1 September 2016. This is the fourth version of the Code, coming 25 years after it was first introduced. The Code promotes high standards of corporate governance in regulatory, commercial and non-commercial State bodies.

With enhanced public scrutiny, demand for accountability and transparency, the Code aims to ensure that both commercial and non-commercial State bodies meet the highest standards of corporate governance. The Code is based on the underlying principles of good governance: accountability, transparency, probity and a focus on the sustainable success of the organisation over the longer term.

A balance has been struck in the updated Code between the need for strong accountability and the requirement to support the appropriate autonomy of the State body under the legal framework and the environment within which it operates.

**Key themes to be addressed**

- **Values** – Good governance supports a culture of behaviour with integrity and ethical values;
- **Purpose** – Each body should be clear about its mandate with clearly defined roles and responsibilities;
- **Performance** – Defined priorities and outcomes to achieve efficient use of resources resulting in the delivery of effective public services;
- **Developing Capacity** – Appropriate balance of skills and knowledge within the organisation, to be updated as required.
- **Roles and relationships** – the roles of Chair, members, CEO, relationships with parent Department, Minister, the Oireachtas

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16 June
The Public Spending Code sets down requirements for getting the best value-for-money for all spending and investing done with public money. Those working in the public sector must be aware of, and comfortable abiding by, these requirements. There are tools in place that can measure not only monetary costs but also the benefits involved with all options. This update sessions will look at Cost Benefit Analyses and other tools that can help ensure maximum value-for-money.
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## Tuesday 13 June

- **2.00 p.m.** Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, I4C) (32 mins)
- **2.32 p.m.** Order of Business (30 mins)
- **3.02 p.m.** Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)
- **3.47 p.m.** PQs: Oral - Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (90 mins)
- **5.17 p.m.** Topical Issues (48 mins)
- **6.05 p.m.** Government Business: (115 mins)
  - Motion re. Renewal of Certain Provisions of the OASA 1998 and CJA 2005 (to conclude within 40 minutes) (Department of Justice and Equality)
  - Health and Social Care Professionals Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Health)
- **8.00 p.m.** Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil): Motion re. Mortgages (120 mins)
- **10.00 p.m.** Dáil Adjourns

## Wednesday 14 June

- **12.00 p.m.** Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, I4C, SD-GP) (32 mins)
- **12.32 p.m.** Questions on Promised Legislation (30 mins)
- **1.02 p.m.** Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)
- **1.47 p.m.** PQs: Oral - Minister for Health (90 mins)
- **3.17 p.m.** Topical Issues (48 mins)
- **4.05 p.m.** SOS (40 mins)
- **4.45 p.m.** Private Members Business: (Social Democrats-Green Party Group): (120 mins) Motion re. Building Standards
- **6.45 p.m.** Government Business (210 mins)
  - Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Health)
  - Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages (resumed) (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)
- **10.15 p.m.** Dáil Adjourns

## Thursday 15 June

- **12.00 p.m.** Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, Sol-PBP, RIG) (32 mins)
- **12.32 p.m.** Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)
- **12.47 p.m.** Weekly divisions (43 mins)
- **1.30 p.m.** Government Business (120 mins)
  - Health and Social Care Professionals (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Health)
  - Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages (resumed) (Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government)
- **3.30 p.m.** PQs: Oral - Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (90 mins)
- **5.00 p.m.** Topical Issues (48 mins)
- **5.48 p.m.** Private Notice Question (if any)
- **5.48 p.m.** Committee Report/ PMB: (120 mins)
  - Sláintecare Report - Committee on the Future of Healthcare
- **7.48 p.m.** Dáil Adjourns
Tuesday 13 June

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business

4.45 p.m.
Adoption Amendment Bill 2016 - Report and Final Stages (Department of Children and Youth Affairs)

Wednesday 14 June

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Bill 2016 (changed from Prohibition of the Exploration and Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Bill 2016) - Second Stage (Department Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

3.00 p.m.
Motion regarding Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998
Motion regarding the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2005 (Department of Justice and Equality)

4.30 p.m.
Private Members Business: Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2014 - Second Stage (Sinn Féin Senators)

Thursday 15 June

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Criminal Justice Bill 2016 - Committee and Remaining Stages (Department of Justice and Equality)
The Protected Disclosures Act 2014, in the main, aimed to put in place a mechanism wherein it would not only be easy for employees to report on any wrong-doing in their workplace, but would also provide protections for them.

With the recent strong media focus on notable whistleblowing cases in public organisations, now more than ever it is important to not only ensure transparency but to safeguard the rights and privacy of those who report improper activity.

This conference will look at how the Protected Disclosures Act impacts legal, HR, governance and reputational issues. It will assemble panels of professionals and experts who will discuss the practical issues and best practice in the area. There will be ample opportunity for attendees to participate in the debate and discussion.

**Key themes**

- The policy and political background to the Protected Disclosures Act 2014
- Guidance for public sector organisations on compliance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014
- Emerging legal issues concerning Protected Disclosures and public sector organisations
- Board Responsibilities and Protected Disclosures
- Managing the reputational issues arising when a protected disclosure arises
- HR Practicalities

**Keynote Speaker**

Brendan Howlin TD is the current leader of the Labour Party. His political career has spanned over thirty years. He has represented the people of Wexford as a TD since 1987. During his career he has served as Leas-Cheann Comhairle, and Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health. In 2011, he was appointed Ireland’s first Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, with the eponymous Department being established formally by statute in July of the same year. He retained this appointment in the subsequent election. He is currently the Labour Party’s spokesperson for Justice and Northern Ireland.
This week’s Committee Meetings

Tuesday 13 June

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 4 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Diversification of the Tillage Sector in Ireland [Representatives from Teagasc]

Education and Skills (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

An Ghaeilge, an Ghaeltacht agus na hOileáin (Comh)
CR4, LH 2000 5 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: An Scrúdú Cainte mar chuid lárnach den Teastas Sóisearach [Coláiste Phobail Cholmcille, Príomhoide Máire Clár Nic Mhathúna Uasal]

Thursday 15 June

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee
(ii) HSE Financial Statements 2015 & 2016 and (iii) Clarification on Matters relating to the Meeting of 2 February 2016 [Officials from the Health Service Executive]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Matters relating to the Banking Sector in Ireland [Mr. Jeremy Masding, PTSB]

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Seanad Select)
CR1, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Dáil Business
Room 2, LH 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Social Protection (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 10.30 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Pensions Schemes [Representatives from the Pensions Authority, Pension Equality and Ibec]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 11.30 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: National Shared Services Office Bill 2016 [Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)

Wednesday 14 June

Children and Youth Affairs (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: (i) Session A: 9 a.m. The Seanad Public Consultation Committee’s work on Children’s Mental Health [Senator Joan Freeman, Mr. Gareth Nobel, Children’s Law Specialist and Mr. Peter Hughes, General Secretary, Psychiatric Nurses Association]
(ii) Session B: 10 a.m. Issues arising in foster care services in Ireland (resumed) [Representatives from TUSLA]

Justice and Equality (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: (i) Pre-legislative scrutiny of the General Scheme of Data Protection Bill 2017 Session A: 9 a.m. [Officials from the Department of Justice and Equality]
Session B: 10 a.m. [Data Protection Commissioner]
(ii) 11.30 a.m. Scrutiny of EU Legislative Proposal Com (2017) 252 [Officials from the Department of Justice and Equality]

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Session A : 9 am Examination of Matters arising from Interim Report of AGS Internal Audit Unit on Financial Procedures at the Garda College Templemore (to resume at 5 p.m)
Session B: 5 pm Examination of Matters arising from Interim Report of AGS Internal Audit Unit on Financial Procedures at the Garda College Templemore (resumed)

Transport, Tourism and Sport (Joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m. (T)
AGENDA: Briefing on the EU Transport Council meeting of the 8 June 2017 [Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport]

Health (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Session A: 1.30 p.m. The processes and criteria used when evaluating “Orphan Drugs” [Representatives from the Health Service Executive; and the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics]; and Session B: 3.30 p.m. Funding of ‘Orphan Drugs’ [Representatives from Alpha One Foundation; and Muscular Dystrophy Ireland]

Public Petitions (Joint)
CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Discontinued Mobility Allowance and Motorised Transport Schemes,[Minister of State for Disability Issues]

Budgetary Oversight
CR3, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)
AGENDA: Review of Corporation tax receipts for 2015 and an examination of the stability of the corporation tax base [Officials from the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners]