

Summary of Council Meeting – 17 September 2015

The Council met on 17 September 2015 from 10.30am to 3.30pm. There were 9 items on the agenda and 4 pieces of correspondence were tabled for consideration.

The Council considered reports from the Veterinary Nursing Committee, the Veterinary Education and Training Committee, the Legislation and Ethics Committee and the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

The Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)

The VNC met on 2 September 2015 from 9.30am to 11.00am. There were 11 items tabled on the agenda and there were three items on correspondence for consideration.

Nominations to the visitation panels for Letterkenny IT and Dundalk IT for revalidation visits were agreed. The VNC Also considered the VN Course Providers Annual Report reviews.

The VNC considered the draft VN survey which will be circulated to all registered veterinary nurses.

The Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 2 September 2015 from 11.00am to 1.30pm. There were 14 items listed on the Agenda and there were three items of correspondence for consideration.

The VNC discussed the Year One Support Programme and the development of the Safemed programme for veterinary graduates.

The VNC considered two veterinary nurse registration applications and three CVE waiver applications. Three applications to join the specialist register were considered by the VNC.

The Legislation and Ethics Committee (LEC)

The LEC met on 3 September 2015 from 14.00 to 16.30. There were 9 items listed on the agenda and 13 items of correspondence were considered.

The key topics for discussion included the principles of certification, canine surgical insemination, product endorsement and advertising. The Council also considered veterinary nurses and euthanasia and agreed that a veterinary nurse may for the purpose of euthanasia and in accordance with the veterinary medicines legislation, administer an animal remedy designated 'VPO' in the presence of and under the direct supervision of a veterinary practitioner.

Disciplinary Matters

Three applications for an Inquiry were considered.

Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting.

Register of Veterinary Practitioners - It was reported that there are 28 new entries to the Register and 8 names restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act.

Register of Veterinary Nurses – It was reported that there are 6 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act and 1 name restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 6 November 2015 @ 12.45pm.