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HPRA Hosts Information Day on Medical Devices

The Health Products Regulatory Authority (The HPRA) hosted an information day on medical devices on Thursday 23 October at the Crowne Plaza, Santry. Over 200 members of the medical devices industry, health care professionals and other interested parties attended the event which focussed on recent and planned changes to the regulatory environment arising from legislative developments at European level. Delegates discussed the practical implications of the proposed new medical devices regulations which are being introduced to further enhance and protect consumer and patient health.

Interactive and informative sessions were held across the one day event with contributions from a range of speakers including Erik Hannson, DG Sanco, European Commission and Mairéad McGuinness, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament for 'Information and Communications'. Other international speakers included Director of Devices at MHRA UK, John Wilkinson and John Brennan, EUCOMED's Director of Regulations and Industrial Policy. Representatives from the HSE and the research community also presented as did a number of the HPRA medical devices team.

The HPRA outlined its ongoing initiatives in the context of the changing regulatory environment including the life cycle approach to market surveillance.

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ABOUT THE HEALTH PRODUCTS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) protects and enhances public health and animal health by regulating medicines, medical devices and other health products. The products under its remit include human and veterinary medicines, medical devices, blood and blood components, tissues and cells, organs for transplantation and cosmetics. Formerly known as the Irish Medicines Board (IMB), it became the Health Products Regulatory Authority on 1 July 2014.