

HPRA Patient Forum Meeting Record

Tuesday 20th June 2023, Hybrid meeting

Chair: Dr. Paula Kilbane

1 Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest (DoI)

There were no DoI's declared.

3 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

4 Record of the last meeting

The record of the meeting held on 28 March 2023 was agreed.

5 Matters arising/issues of interest

Members were updated on two matters related to the 2022 workplan, including that the training module for staff on the HPRA value of being patient focused was launched and the first patient speaker programme event was held in the HPRA. Members were thanked for their contribution.

Members adopted the annual report of the work of the forum in 2022. It was noted that the adopted report would be submitted to the Authority.

6 Reporting suspected safety issues: notice for patient organisation/advocate website's

Members adopted text for a notice with information for the public on reporting suspected safety issues with a medicine or medical device to the HPRA. The notice is intended to be used by patient organisations/advocates in order to raise awareness of the HPRA systems for reporting such issues. Members discussed options to launch the notice and all agreed that further collaboration would be of benefit.

7 Medical Device Overview

Members were updated on medical devices, including information on how medical devices are regulated, how a medical device gets to the market in Ireland, and the HPRA's role. Members provided feedback on how patients and the public as well as the forum could be further engaged in relation to the HPRA's role. Members were thanked for their feedback which would be considered as part of future planning.