

COUNCIL FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

The Council for Nurses and Midwives, set up and regulated in terms of the Health Care Professions Act (HCPA) 2003, was constituted of the following members: Dr. Simon Micallef Stafrace, Ms. Joyce Abela, Ms. Isabelle Aquilina, Mr. Geoffrey Axiak, Mr. Rudolph Cini, Ms. Thresanne Howland, Mr. Alexander Manche', Mr. John Mizzi, Mr. Francis Ripard, Mr. Jesmond Sharples, Ms. Marthese Spiteri, and Ms. Astrid Zarb. The Registrar served as secretary to the Council. The Chairman, Dr. Simon Micallef Stafrace resigned from his post in February 2015, and to date a replacement has not been appointed by the Office of the Prime Minister.

During the year the Council was convened thirteen times, during which the general attendance of its members was regular and the chairmanship was assigned by rotation, following the resignation of the Chairman.

Various other committees, appointed by the Council, were convened throughout the year.

- The Disciplinary Committee with Mr. Rudolph Cini, Ms. Astrid Zarb and Mr. Frans Ripard as members held two meetings.
- The Language and Professional Proficiency Committee with Mr. Rudolph Cini, Ms. Thresanne Howland, Mr. Alexander Manche, Mr. Mario Aquilina and Ms. Joyce Abela held four meetings.
- The Committee for the Vetting of Applications by Nurses with Mr. Alexander Manche', Mr. Geoffrey Axiak and Mr. John Mizzi as members held eight meetings.
- The Committee for the Vetting of Applications by Midwives with Ms. Thresanne Howland, Ms. Marthese Spiteri and Mr. Jesmond Sharples as members held two meetings.

During the year under review, the Council approved the registration of two hundred and twenty eight nurses, two hundred and eight Maltese and twenty foreigners. Thirty six temporary registrations were approved during the same period. The registration of eleven Maltese midwives was also approved by the Council.

The Council finalised the proposed Framework for Nursing and Midwifery Specialisation during the first part of the year. The final version of this framework was presented to the competent authorities for their approval.

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