

PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 2pm

via Microsoft Teams

Note of the 74th meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held via Microsoft Teams, at 9.30am on **24 September 2024**.

Present:

Dr Pdraig Walsh (Chairperson)
Ms Andrea Durnin
Ms Barbara Kelly
Dr Jim Murray
Ms Marie Mattimoe
Ms Órla Barry

In attendance:

Ms Therese Masterson
Mr Walter Balfe
Ms Laura McNamee
Ms Michelle Gallagher
Ms Yvonne Agnew
Ms Alex Keys

Apologies:

Ms Mary Grennan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson enquired and confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items of business before the Committee.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 JULY 2024

2.1 The Minutes of the PAEC Meeting held on 17 July 2024 were approved by the Committee.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were covered within agenda items and were discussed during the meeting.

4. NOTE OF THE MEETING, REPORT FOR THE BOARD, TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1 Note of Meeting of 17 July 2024

The Committee APPROVED the Note of the PAEC Meeting of 17 July 2024, for publication on the QQI website.

4.2 Report for the Board on the PAEC meeting of 17 July 2024

The Committee NOTED the Report for the Board on the PAEC Meeting of 17 July 2024.

5. PROGRAMME VALIDATION APPLICATIONS

5.1 Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes

5.1.1 Innopharma Education

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

- 5.1.1.1 PG25787, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Essentials for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 60 FET Credits
- PG25847, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in QA Essentials-Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 30 FET Credits
- PG25849, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Pharmaceutical Chemical Processing, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits
- PG25850, Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Pharmaceutical Bioprocessing Operations, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits

5.1.2 The Open College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

- 5.1.2.1 PG25800, Certificate in Child Psychology, Level 6, Minor Award, 15 FET Credits

5.1.3 Farm Ed

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

- 5.1.3.1 PG25760, Agriculture, Level 5, 120 FET credits, Major Award
- PG25780, All Terrain Vehicle Operations, Level 5, 5 FET Credits, Minor Award
- PG25781, Boom Sprayer Pesticide Application, Level 5, 5 FET Credits, Minor Award
- PG25782, Hand Held Pesticide Application, Level 5, 5 FET Credits, Minor Award
- PG25783, Organic Manure Handling, Level 5, 5 FET Credits, Minor Award
- PG25784, Chemical Fertiliser Application, Level 5, 5 FET Credits, Minor Award

- 5.1.3.2 PG25771, Farming, Level 6, 50 FET credits, Special Purpose Award

5.1.4 DCM Learning

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.4.1 PG25873, Manual Handling Instruction, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits

5.1.5 **Chevron College**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.5.1 PG25863, Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in The Montessori Approach in Contemporary ELC, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 60 FET Credits

5.1.6 **City Education Group**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.6.1 PG25863, Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in The Montessori Approach in Contemporary ELC, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 60 FET Credits

5.1.7 **Cavan & Monaghan Education and Training Board**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.1.7.1 PG26020, Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Supporting Parents, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET Credits
PG26021, Certificate in Supporting Parental Wellbeing, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits
PG26022, Certificate in Supporting Parents of Pre-School Children, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits
PG26023, Certificate in Supporting Parents of Primary School Children, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits
PG26024, Certificate in Supporting Parents of Adolescents, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

5.2 **Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes – Differential Validation**

5.2.1 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Online Awareness and Responsibility**. The programmes as based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan &*

Monaghan ETB in April 2023. Each was screened to ensure that there was only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Online Awareness and Responsibility, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Essential Online Media Literacy, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

Certificate in Essential Online Financial Security, Level 3, Minor Award, 5 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **City of Dublin Education and Training Board** PG26138, PG26139, PG26140
- **Donegal Education and Training Board** PG26048, PG26165, PG26166

5.2.2 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 1 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Level 1, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET credits

Certificate in Speaking and Listening, Level 1, Minor Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Writing, Level 1, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

Certificate in Reading, Level 1, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Kerry Education and Training Board** PG26056, PG26057, PG26058, PG26059
- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board** PG26121, PG26122, PG26123, PG26124
- **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board** PG26143, PG26147, PG26148, PG26149

5.2.3 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 2 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from that curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 2 Specific Purpose Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Level 2, Special Purpose Award, 20 FET credits

Certificate in Speaking and Listening, Level 2, Minor Award, 10 FET Credits

Certificate in Writing, Level 2, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

Certificate in Reading, Level 2, Minor Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Kerry Education and Training Board** PG26063, PG26162, PG26163, PG26164

- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board** PG26120, PG26154, PG26156, PG26159
- **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board** PG26146, PG26150, PG26151, PG26168

5.2.4 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Barista Skills**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Louth & Meath ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Barista Skills, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **City of Dublin Education and Training Board** PG26144
- **Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board** PG26155
- **Tipperary Education and Training Board** PG26193

5.2.5 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement**. The programme is based on a curriculum *Originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in July 2023*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits, non-CAS

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **City of Dublin Education and Training Board** PG26145

5.2.6 The Committee NOTED the re circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Social Innovation in the Community**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for City of Dublin ETB in July 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Social Innovation in the Community, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board** PG26133
- **Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board** PG26160

- **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board PG26188**

5.2.7 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Drugs and Alcohol Awareness**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in February 2024*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Donegal Education and Training Board PG26046**

5.2.8 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainability**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in September 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Sustainability, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 5 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Donegal Education and Training Board PG26050**
- **Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board PG26134**

5.2.9 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to the **Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Certificate in Digital Citizenship**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *originally validated for the City of Dublin ETB in November 2023*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 4 Specific Purpose Certificate in Certificate in Digital Citizenship, Level 4, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board PG26158**
- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board PG26132**
- **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board PG26189**

5.2.10 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Volunteering For Community Engagement**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cavan & Monaghan ETB in February 2024*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate in Volunteering For Community Engagement, Level 5, Special Purpose Award, 15 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Donegal Education and Training Board** PG26052

5.2.11 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to the **Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Mentorship Practice**. The programme is based on a curriculum *Originally validated for Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim ETB in December 2022*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Mentorship Practice, Level 6, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme:

- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board** PG26126

5.2.12 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programmes listed below were presented for validation to lead to **Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Introduction to Climate Justice**. The programmes are based on a curriculum *Originally validated for Louth & Meath ETB in April 2024*. Each was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Level 3 Specific Purpose Certificate in Introduction to Climate Justice, Level 3, Special Purpose Award, 10 FET credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

- **Louth & Meath Education and Training Board** PG26131
- **Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board** PG26157
- **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board** PG26175

5.2.13 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. As per the agreed procedure to facilitate differential validation of ETB programmes based on a shared curriculum, the programme listed below was presented for validation to lead to **Advanced Certificate in Music**. The programme is based on a curriculum *originally validated for Cork ETB in December 2020*. It was screened to ensure that there is only variation from the curriculum in provider-specific aspects.

Advanced Certificate in Music, Level 6, Major Award, 120 FET Credits

The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes:

City of Dublin Education and Training Board PG26200

5.3 Higher Education and Training Programmes – Programme Validation

5.3.1 Hibernia College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.1.1 PG25761, Master of Science in Corporate Governance, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG25763, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Corporate Governance, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits (*Exit Award*)

5.3.2 Dublin Business School

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.2.1 PG25755, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sustainability Management, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

5.3.3 City of Dublin ETB

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation.

5.3.3.1 PG25794, Higher Certificate in Digital and Business Skills, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

5.3.4 National College of Ireland

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed reports presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programmes below for five years (5.3.4.1) and three years (5.3.4.2) subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificates of Validation.

5.3.4.1 PG25805, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Digital and Business Skills, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits.
PG25812, Bachelor of Arts in Digital and Business Skills, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits (*Exit-*

Only Award)

PG25813, Higher Certificate in Digital and Business Skills, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits
(Exit-Only Award)

5.3.4.2 PG25864, Certificate in Harnessing Neurodiversity in the Modern Workplace, Level 9, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits

5.4 Devolution of Responsibility for Validation Sub-Processes

No Business

5.5 Validation of Research Degree Programmes

No Business

5.6 Apprenticeship Programmes

5.6.1 Louth & Meath Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated the detailed report presented. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the programme below for five years subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

5.6.1.1 PG25920, Advanced Certificate in Robotics and Automation, Level 6, Major Award, 145 FET Credits

6. REVALIDATION

6.1 Application for Extension of Validation Period

6.1.1 Galway Business School (GBS)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Galway Business School requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programme:

6.1.1.1 PG22708, Bachelor of Business (Honours) with International Business, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

This request represents the second extension for this programme, following the initial extension granted on 7 December 2021. Galway Business School is preparing to submit for revalidation of both the Bachelor of Business (Honours) with International Business Add-on programme along with the Bachelor of Business (Level 7) programme and its embedded awards. The second extension aligns the validation periods of both suites of programmes. GBS are in the final stages of agreeing on the Terms of Reference for this revalidation process. They understand that, as per the feedback, no enrolments may take place after August 2024 under this second extension request.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes to August 2024.

6.1.2 National College of Ireland (NCI)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. NCI requested a one-year extension of validation for the following programmes:

- 6.1.2.1 PG24337, Master of Science in Cloud Computing, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
- PG24338, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Cloud Computing, Level 9, 60 Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

NCI indicated that they wished to extend the duration of the above programmes by one year to further refine the programme learning outcomes and curriculum content of the postgraduate programmes, based on initial results of two EU-funded research projects, which NCI's Cloud Computer Centre in the School of Computing is a partner. Additionally, this will also align with the proposed EU Fit for 55, a legislative package, as part of the European Green Deal, which will have implications for Cloud Computing and datacentres. It is the intention of NCI to work on these programmes in 2025 and into early 2026 to maximise transfer of outcomes from involvement in the EU-funded research projects.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes to August 2026.

6.1.3 Laois & Offaly Education and Training Board

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. Laois & Offaly ETB requested a one-year extension of validation for the following apprenticeship programme:

- 6.1.2.1 PG24431, Level 5 Certificate in Scaffolding, Level 5, Major Award, 120 FET Credits

The rationale for this request was as follows:

Laois & Offaly Education and Training Board indicated that they wished to extend the duration of the above programme until February 2025. As the first cohort of learners completed the 2-year programme in December 2023, the revalidation date of March 2024 limited the timeframe to conduct a thorough programme review. An extension was requested to allow the revalidation team to complete a comprehensive external review of the curriculum, using information and documentation gathered from the first complete programme cycle to inform the review process.

The Committee APPROVED the request to extend the last intake date of the programmes to March 2025.

6.2 Applications for Revalidation

6.2.1 Griffith College

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.1.1 PG26177, Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits
- PG26183, Higher Certificate in Science in Computing, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)*

PG26178, Bachelor of Science in Computing, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits
PG26182, Higher Certificate in Science in Computing, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)

PG26180, Master of Science in Interactive Digital Media, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits
PG26181, Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Interactive Digital Media, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

PG26179, Higher Diploma in Science in Computing, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

6.2.2 **Clanwilliam Institute**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.2.1 PG26208, Master of Science in Systemic Psychotherapy, Level 9, Major Award, 180 Credits
- PG26212, Certificate in Systemic Psychotherapy Theory and Practice Skills, Level 7, Minor Award, 30 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)
- PG26211, Certificate in Systemic Psychotherapy Theory, Level 7, Minor Award, 5 Credits
- PG26213, Certificate in Advanced Professional Development, Level 9, Minor Award, 5 Credits

6.2.3 **Galway & Roscommon Education and Training Board**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.3.1 PG26194, Advanced Certificate in Arboriculture, Level 6, Major Award, 130 Credits

6.2.4 **SOLAS**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years, subject to any special conditions of validation, and all the conditions from the current validation policy listed in the proposed Certificate of Validation:

- 6.2.4.1 PG25980, Advanced Certificate in Craft Vehicle Body Repair, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits
- PG25982, Advanced Certificate in Craft – Stone Cutting and Stone Masonry, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits
- PG25982, Advanced Certificate in Craft – Automotive Technology, Level 6, Major Award, 240 FET Credits

The Committee NOTED the verbal update by the executive on recent engagement with SOLAS.

6.3 **Application for Modification of Validated Programmes**

6.3.1 **Carlow College, St Patricks**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The modification request relates to seven modules and includes changes to module titles, MIPOs, assessment weightings and minor content changes.

The Committee APPROVED the modifications to the following programmes:

- 6.2.3.1 PG23972, BA (Hons) in Social, Political and Community Studies, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits
- PG23973, BA in Social, Political and Community Studies, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits
- PG23974, Higher Certificate in Arts in Social, Political and Community Studies, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits (*Exit-Only Award*)

7. FOLLOW-UP ON PAEC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN PANEL REPORTS

7.1 Update on the follow-up of conditions of validation

As part of its internal quality assurance procedures, the executive is required to follow up on any Conditions of Validation imposed by the Programmes and Awards Executive Committee.

7.1.1 Barrow Consultancy and Training

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

At its meeting on 25 April 2023, the PAEC approved the following programmes from Barrow Consultancy and Training with one outstanding Special Condition of Validation:

- PG25362, Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits
- PG25363, Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Level 5, Major Award, 120 Credits

On 23 August 2024, Barrow Training submitted additional evidence to address the condition set by the panel. The panel confirmed that it had addressed the condition. The Committee NOTED that the executive now considers the condition to be met and that no further follow-up is required.

7.2 Update on the follow-up of conditions of QA Approval

As part of its internal quality assurance procedures, the QA Approval unit is required to follow up on any "Conditions of QA Approval" imposed by the Programme and Awards Executive Committee (PAEC).

7.2.1 NCBI Services

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

At its meeting on 17 July 2024, the PAEC approved the QA procedures of NCBI Services with four Conditions of QA Approval. On 19 August 2024, NCBI Services confirmed that it had addressed conditions numbers 2, 3 and 4 and outlined what actions have been taken by the provider in respect of these conditions.

The Committee NOTED that the Executive is satisfied that conditions numbers 2, 3 and 4 of QA Approval have been appropriately addressed by NCBI Services.

8. QA FOR COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PROVISION

No Business

9. APPROVAL OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR LEGACY PROVIDERS (RE-ENGAGEMENT)

9.1 Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet – Blended Learning QA Approval

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee APPROVED Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet's application to extend its current scope of provision to include blended learning.

10. ROUTINE STANDARDS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

No Business

11. REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PAOC)

11.1 Report from the Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee of 23 August 2024

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

The Committee NOTED the Note of the PAOC meeting held on 23 August 2024.

12. WITHDRAWAL OF VALIDATION OF PROGRAMMES/WITHDRAWAL OF PROVIDER QA APPROVAL

12.1 A Named Provider - Withdrawal of Provider QA Approval

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated.

A panel recommended QA approval with four conditions of QA approval which was approved by the PAEC on 25 April 2023. The provider submitted evidence of having addressed conditions numbers 1, 2 and 3 which was noted by the PAEC at its meeting on 25 April 2023. Following submission of evidence addressing the final condition number 4, the provider notified QQI of its intention to withdraw as a provider of QQI awards.

The committee APPROVED the withdrawal of approval of the Named Provider's quality assurance procedures and APPROVED the withdrawal of validation of its programmes.