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**New President for the College of Mental Health Pharmacy Council**

The College of Mental Health Pharmacy (CMHP) is delighted to announce the appointment of Ciara Ni Dhubhlaing of St Patrick’s University Hospital, Dublin as its new President.

Ciara joined the CMHP Council five years ago and served as Assistant Registrar, Registrar and Vice-President before becoming President at November’s Council meeting.

Ciara is Chief Pharmacist at St Patrick’s University Hospital. She has been a credentialed member of the College since 2013, demonstrating the depth of her knowledge and expertise in the field of mental health pharmacy. In 2015, she completed her MSc with research on the impact of pharmacist counselling on the knowledge of clozapine patients.

Ciara takes over from Juliet Shepherd, who continues to serve on the CMHP Council as Immediate Past President.

Commenting on her appointment new President of the CMHP Ciara Ni Dhubhlaing said:

“I am very honoured to become CMHP President. The College means so much to me professionally and personally. The support enthusiasm and commitment of our members to excellence in patient care is continually inspiring.

“I am really looking forward to helping our marvellous committee members with all the exciting developments in their respective portfolios and to developing new relationships that can progress our charitable aims.”

The College is also very happy to announce a new Council member: Helen Pinney has been coopted onto CMHP Council to support Pharmacy Technician involvement. Helen is a Service Development Officer at Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee.

For more information about our Council members, please see: <https://www.cmhp.org.uk/about-us/governance/council-members/>

Notes

1. The College of Mental Health Pharmacy (CMHP) is a charity which aims to benefit individual care through advancing education and research in the practice of mental health pharmacy.

2. The CMHP Council forms the Board of Directors and Charity Trustees and is

responsible for the organisation of the College and meeting its legal

commitments. For information about CMHP Governance, please see:

<https://www.cmhp.org.uk/about-us/governance/>

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