HSE HR Circular 012/2014

To: Each Member of Management Team, HSE;
    Each Regional Director of Performance & Integration, HSE;
    Each Assistant National Director of Human Resources, HSE;
    Each Employee Relations Manager, HSE;

Re: HSE Policy on Annual Certification of Registration of Social Workers with the Social Workers Registration Board at CORU 2014

Dear Colleagues

The HSE HR Circular 008/2013 HSE Policy on Annual Certification of Registration of Social Workers with the Social Workers Registration Board at CORU 2013 was appropriate to the initial registration process and “grandfathering” arrangements put in place by CORU. As the “grandfathering” process is drawing to a close it is now necessary that the HSE issues a new circular and policy to match the new situation.

The HSE HR Circular 008/2013 HSE Policy on Annual Certification of Registration of Social Workers with the Social Workers Registration Board at CORU 2013 is therefore withdrawn and replaced by this circular which is effective for 2014.

This new circular and policy protocol only applies to Social Workers employed in the HSE. The essence of the new requirement is that Social Workers must:

a) Sign the Patient Safety Assurance Certificate, (Attached as Appendix 1 to the policy), and provide proof that they are registered with the Social Workers Registration Board at CORU by 30th July 2014 to their Principal Social Worker or head of function,

or

b) If they are still going through the assessment process provide recent documentation from CORU, dated June 2014, confirming that they are engaging with CORU on their application for statutory registration.
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c) Providing the proofs as specified at a) or b) above to their Principal Social Worker or head of function by 30th July 2014.

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This policy is effective from 16th July 2014

Please bring this policy to the attention of all relevant staff in your area of responsibility.

The policy will be available on the HSE Intranet and Website at the following links:


http://www.hse.ie/portal/eng/staff/Resources/hrppg/PoliciesProcedures.html

Any queries in respect of this Circular should be directed to Mr. Paddy Duggan, Workforce Planning, Analysis, & Informatics HSE, Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co, Kildare. Tel: (045) 882541 or by e-mail to paddy.duggan2@hse.ie.

Any queries relating to applications for registration with the Social Workers Registration Board should be directed to registration@coru.ie and general queries on registration boards established by CORU should be directed to info@coru.ie or visit www.coru.ie

Yours sincerely,

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