

Title: Mid-Year Assurance Statement

Date: 12th October 2022

Presented by: Patricia Higgins, Chief Executive

ACTION REQUIRED

This Paper is	For Recommendation to the Board
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SUMMARY

The Chief Executive of the Social Care Council is required to submit a Mid-Year Assurance Statement to the Department of Health (DoH) mid-year in the business year.

The Mid-Year Assurance Statement (**Appendix I**) highlights key risks, assurances and divergences during the first six months of the business year. The Social Care Council has highlighted in its report the impact of James House accommodation move and the revision of the calculation for deferred fee income following the impact of the Fee Deferral policy during Covid 19.

ARAC are asked to review the Mid-Year Assurance Statement for approval,

BACKGROUND

The Social Care Council accounts for its performance, governance and expenditure through the Board to its Sponsor Department at the DoH. The Social Care Council produces an annual Governance Statement each year (which forms part of the Annual Report and Accounts) and also produces a Mid-Year Assurance Statement using a template provided by the DoH. The template is fixed in format and style, allowing organisations to add additional information/clarity at key points.

The Statement is signed by the Chief Executive once it is approved by ARAC and the Board.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Information Management

The Chief Executive has identified the following issues in the Mid-Year Assurance Statement –

- The implications of the delayed accommodation move to James House
- The work completed to improve the calculation of deferred fee income following the audit completed at year end last year.

Overall the Chief Executive can confirm assurance as set out in the Mid-Year Assurance Statement as detailed in the template attached (**Appendix I**).

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

The paper is being presented to the ARAC for approval. It does not require Equality Screening.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ARAC approves the contents of the Mid-Year Assurance Statement.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS AND/OR LINKS HERE

Appendix 1 – Mid-Year Assurance Statement