

Public Consultation Notice: CORU Draft Statement of Strategy 2021 - 2025

Feedback form

*1. Do you agree to the terms above? By selecting Yes you are confirming that you consent to providing your answers to the questions in this survey.

Yes

No

About the Consultation

CORU is in the process of developing its next Statement of Strategy 2021-2025 and we welcome input from all our stakeholders by way of written submission through this survey.

All submissions are extremely valuable and will help develop the future direction of CORU.

The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete.

Strategic Priorities

2. Are you responding

In a personal capacity

On behalf of an Institution or organisation

3. What would be the one thing you would like to see in CORU's Statement of Strategy?

Evidence based, proportionate and supportive regulation to enable the professions to practise confidently at the 'top of their licence' and to advance their scope of practice to meet growing public health need in the public interest.

4. Is the explanation of CORU's role clear and easy to understand?

Yes

No

5. Do you think our strategic priorities are appropriate in the context of our role and the environment in which we are operating?

Yes

No

6. Do you think we have omitted any area of importance?

We welcome the commitments to partnership working but regret that in Enablers (Section 5) this is narrowly limited to “educational partners and other healthcare regulators’ and focused on ‘education standards’. Important though these ‘lateral’ partnerships are, we feel that, there should also be closer ‘vertical’ partnerships with the professions regulated and especially employers who provide and or fund much of the education, training and CPD for the optical professions. This will harness the collective efforts of the sector more effectively to the CORU strategic goals and would otherwise be a strategic opportunity missed. As the Association of Eye Care Providers of Ireland, we would welcome facilitating such partnership working.

7. Is the structure of the document clear and understandable?

Yes

No

Comment

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8. Any further comments?

As the representative body for eye care providers in Ireland, we strongly support this Draft Statement of Strategy 2021 – 2025. In particular we support the move towards evidence-based ‘right touch’ regulation (Looking Forward 7 and Strategic Priority 2), endorse CORU’s regulatory approach based on the interconnecting pillars of proficiency, professional conduct and ethics and CPD (Strategic Priority 2), support CORU’s preventive approach (Strategic Priority 4) and commend CORU’s modern, grown-up and innovative approach to CPD and to seeking to use digital solutions and automation for CPD audit, etc (Key Enabler 2).

Ireland is far from self-sufficient in the education of optometrists and dispensing opticians. We therefore welcome and would strongly support the commitment to manage and support ‘the challenges arising from the Brexit process, as they relate to our regulatory remit, including the recognition of UK gained qualifications, free movement considerations and facilitation of cross border health-care.’ (Key Enabler 4.b)

Orthoptists have a key role to play in the delivery of eye care together with optometrists and dispensing opticians and bringing this 'sister profession' within CORU regulation will strengthen this and interprofessional working for the public benefit. (Strategic Priority 1).

Finally, we fully support CORU's aims for efficiency and self-sufficiency (Key Enablers 1, 2 and 3). However, the draft strategy contains some significant work commitments including progressing the regulation of seven new professions (Strategic Priority 1) which may not be able fully to bear CORU's costs of bringing them within regulation. It would also be invidious for these costs to be borne by the other regulated professions in what are going to be very tough financial times, so we suggest CORU does not rule out some ongoing State support being necessary for the duration of the strategy. If work had to be sacrificed, we would suggest that public awareness campaigns (Strategic Priority 3.2) are of less priority than the other elements of this excellent strategy.

Thank you for completing this survey. If you have any questions about this consultation, please email strategyandpolicy@coru.ie.