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Medical Council

Report on the Inspection of Sally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice, Level 1, Sally Place, Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

27th & 28th January 2026

About the Medical Council

The Medical Council's remit is patient safety, and the Medical Council is the regulatory body for doctors in Ireland. The Council is comprised of 25 members (13 non-medical and 12 medical members). The Medical Council maintains the Register of Medical Practitioners in the Republic of Ireland.

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Context for Intern Inspections

As part of the Medical Council's regulatory and quality assurance role, the Medical Council sets and monitors adherence to standards for education and training as set out in Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

For Intern clinic training sites, the standards for education and training are set out in the [Standards for Training and Experience Required for the Granting of a Certificate of Experience to an Intern](#).



These standards have been drawn up in fulfilment of the Medical Council's responsibilities under Part 10 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, to specify and publish in the prescribed manner, the standards for training and experience for interns which is required for the granting of a certificate of experience (section 88 (3) (d)).

The Medical Council monitors compliance and adherence to these standards via site inspections and our monitoring processes.

Inspection Report – Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice

Date of Inspection: 27th & 28th January 2026
Location: Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice, Level 1, Scally Place, Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Inspection Team Details

Assessor Team: Mr Graham Knowles (Chair)
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Inspection considerations and decision-making process:

The assessor team considered all documentation (self-evaluation form and supporting documentation) submitted by Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice received prior to the visit. Additionally, information and explanations were provided by the supervisor and the interns at the site when assessing the clinical training site's compliance with Medical Council Standards for Training and Experience Required for the Granting of a Certificate of Experience to an Intern.

A level of compliance will be applied to each standard based on documentation reviewed as mentioned above, coupled with information gathered from interviews and the facilities inspection on the day of the inspection. The varying levels of compliance that can be allocated to each standard are highlighted below.

Recommendations and Commendations can be offered based on the compliance rating and any general observations by the Team following the inspection visit.

Level of Compliance for each Standard can be rated as:

Non- compliance (NC)



Partial compliance (PC)



Full compliance (FC)



Standard 1: Rotations

Which category of interns did you meet?

Surgery in general	☐	Medicine in general	☐	Emergency Medicine	☐
General Practice	☒	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	☐	Paediatrics	☐
Anaesthesia (to include peri-operative medicine)	☐	Radiology	☐	Psychiatry	☐

Duration of Rotation:

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
Training and experience must comply with the Medical Council's policy on length of internship and approved rotations; that is, a minimum of a total of twelve months, which should normally be consecutive, of which at least three months must be spent in Medicine in general and at least three months in Surgery in general.	FC
As part of this twelve-month period, an intern may also be employed for not less than two months and not more than four months in the following specialties: Emergency Medicine; General Practice; Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Paediatrics; Psychiatry; Anaesthesia (to include perioperative medicine) and Radiology.	FC
Assessor Comments: Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 1- Rotations. - The assessor team noted that the current intern's GP rotation was for 3 months at Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice. - The intern rotation falls within the General Practice speciality. Recommendations: - Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 1. Commendations: - There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 2: Accreditation

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
The training site must be affiliated with a Medical School and/or a PGTB/network and/ or health system which is accredited by the relevant regulator. The responsible body for organising, coordinating, managing, and assessing the training setting and the training process on the site must be clearly identified.	FC
Assessor Comments: 1. Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 2 - Accreditation. The practice is associated with University of Galway and the West-Northwest Intern Network.	
Recommendations: Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 2.	
Commendations: There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 3: Content of Training

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. Practice – based training involving the intern’s personal participation, at an appropriate level, in the service and responsibilities of patient-care activity, in the training institution.	FC
2. Personal participation at a level (not acting “above grade”) appropriate to an intern’s growing competence (including not being asked to undertake clinical activities above their level of competence).	FC
3. Regular opportunities for the intern to exercise responsibility and clinical decision-making appropriate to their growing competency, skills, knowledge and experience.	FC
4. Regular opportunities to work as an integral part of a team with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds.	FC
5. Regular, pre-arranged/ scheduled formal education and training sessions.	FC
6. Evidence that the content of training and syllabus / curriculum is consistent with the eight domains of good professional practice as adopted by the Medical Council.	FC
7. Does this site provide training delivered in an integrated manner to include theoretical learning and practical training during service delivery?	FC
Assessor Comments:	

Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 3 – Content of Training.

1. Based on conversations with the interns and the supervising GP, it was clear that professional participation was at the appropriate level in terms of service and responsibilities of patient-care activity. The interns felt well supported from the start of their rotation. They were welcomed into the practice and given support throughout.
2. The interns advised they act at a grade appropriate to their growing competence. At the beginning of their rotation at the practice, the intern focused mainly on shadowing GPs in the practice as well as shadowing the wider healthcare team. As they progressed, the interns began to see their own patients. Should the interns have any questions or issues during their consultations with patients, they feel comfortable and are welcome to contact their supervisor, or any member of the wider healthcare team to discuss. The interns are encouraged to feed back to the practice on their interests, in this way it is easier to identify any presentations they have not yet encountered or are interested in seeing.
3. The interns advised the assessor team that they feel they progressed well at the practice. They informed the team that they started this rotation by sitting in with staff and being shown how to navigate the practice management system, shadowing the supervising GPs, nursing staff, advanced nurse practitioners and phlebotomist. Each day, the intern is assigned same-day appointment patients, either by a GP at the practice or the administrative staff. The intern has 20-minute appointment slots, where they take a history and examine the patient and would formulate a treatment plan which is always reviewed and discussed with their supervising GP for the day.
4. The interns advised that they work closely with the GPs at the practice, but also had frequent interactions with practice nurses, advanced nurse practitioners and phlebotomist whom they would work with/shadow when time allowed. The team noted that the practice provides care at a near-by nursing home, and the interns would visit with one of the GP's several times throughout the rotation. The interns also spoke about the value of the interactions with all healthcare and administrative staff on-site.
5. The interns stated that there are regular education and training sessions with protected teaching time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The interns attend Letterkenny University Hospital for these sessions where they would join remotely as the teaching takes place in University of Galway. Daily informal learning also takes place due to the nature of the supervisory relationship in place for the interns. Interns were provided with the opportunity to undertake a clinical audit while in the practice.
6. There was evidence that the content of training and curriculum is consistent with the Eight Domains of Good Professional Practice.
7. The supervising GP on-site has case-based discussions with the interns, and teaching is provided in an integrated manner which includes theoretical learning and practical training during service delivery.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 3.

Commendations

- Scally McDaid Roarty Medical practice provides excellent Multi-Disciplinary Team opportunities for interns through enabling them to work with advanced nurse practitioners, phlebotomists, nurses and practice administration.
- Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice has a very well developed and articulated induction policy and process which is implemented very effectively.

Standard 4: Supervision

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. There must be effective overarching supervision of the intern's training and clinical practice by an identified clinician(s) of appropriately senior level, normally a specialist doctor who is recognised as a specialist by the relevant regulatory authority of the host country.	FC
Assessor Comments: Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 4 – Supervision. 1. It was felt that the interns at Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice are adequately supervised, with overarching supervision from the supervising GP on-site. At the practice, the intern is assigned a daily supervising GP, of whom they are aware in advance. Recommendations: ▪ Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 4. Commendations ▪ There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 5: Assessment

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. There must be evidence of regular and constructive feedback and assessment by the supervisor/trainer who has knowledge of the intern's development and performance and can verify their satisfactory progress.	FC
2. The supervisor/trainer must meet any requirements set by the Medical Council regarding the policy and process of final assessment and sign-off.	FC

Assessor Comments:

Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 5 - Assessment.

1. The practice has taken advantage of available opportunities to provide interns with informal feedback on a once off basis, and to discuss unusual case presentations with multi-disciplinary team members. Interns receive formal feedback six weeks into the rotation and at the end of rotation. However, the Assessor team suggests that the practice begins to schedule formal feedback meetings as this would be of benefit to the interns, providing them with a structured feedback process in addition to the informal feedback they receive.
2. The supervisor advised they already completed the sign-off form for the intern who has finished their rotation at Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice. An intern on their third rotation is currently in-situ at the practice.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 5.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

Standard 6: Professionalism

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. The training environment must emphasise professionalism and the development and maintenance of the relevant knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviour, including communication skills, integrity, compassion, honesty, adherence to professional codes, respect for patients and their families, colleagues and self-care.	FC
2. The intern must be aware of, and comply with, the Medical Council's "Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners", and the training should support these ethical standards.	FC

Assessor Comments:

Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 6 – Professionalism.

1. The supervisor and interns at Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice advised that Professionalism was emphasised at induction and that tutorials around Professionalism happen organically. The interns were comfortable to discuss issues of Professionalism with the GPs at the practice and with other members of the healthcare and admin teams.
2. The interns are aware of the Medical Council's "Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners", and the training supports these ethical standards.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 6.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

Standard 7: Resources for Interns

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. Access to a sufficient number of patients and case mix so as to provide exposure to a broad range of clinical cases appropriate to the rotation.	FC
2. Space and opportunity for private study and access to a library with adequate and up to date books and journals, including on-line access to standard library databases for journal access and literature searches.	FC
3. The number of interns on a site should be appropriate to the resources of that site, including its staffing at all levels while at the same time having due regard for patient care and comfort.	FC
4. The training site must emphasise the primacy of patient safety, and interns must be encouraged to raise concerns about ethical issues, should they arise, with their mentor, clinical supervisor and/or the hospital authorities. The intern must have access to appropriate advice and counselling should it be required.	FC
Assessor Comments: Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 7 – Resources for Interns.	
1. The interns advised they have a sufficient case-mix of patients, specifically mentioning walk-in patients, paediatric cases, mental health cases, the provision of care at the nursing home and shadowing the on-call GP. The interns also complete on-call duty at Letterkenny University Hospital which they felt was valuable to keep in touch with the hospital while out on GP	

placement. It is suggested that Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice provide opportunities for the intern to observe/attend the out of hours services via the on-call co-operative.

2. The interns have their own consulting room and space for self-study and for seeing patients.
3. There was one intern on-site at the time of the inspection, and this is the final rotation that will see an intern on site until the next intern year commencing July 2026. There is an appropriate level of resources for the site. Given the good experience and support provided, the assessor team suggest that interns might be placed in Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice for each rotation.
4. The interns are aware of whom to reach out to if they had any cause for concern. In the first instance, it would be their supervising GP. The team were impressed with how open the practice was, and the intern had no issues with raising concerns.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice on Standard 7.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION AND THE INSPECTION VISIT

General observations:

Scally McDaid Roarty is an urban primary care centre, comprising of six GP's and seven administrative staff members. Within the practice itself, there are 8 to 9 consultation rooms which encompasses a nurse's room, a phlebotomy room, an advanced nurse practitioners room, as well as a large waiting room, reception area and admin area. There are patient and staff bathrooms. The practice provides services such as chronic disease management, minor surgery and family planning services to name a few.

To note, the team met with the intern currently rotating in the site as well as the intern who completed their rotation from July 2025 to October 2025.

Given the good experience and support provided, the assessor team suggest that interns might be placed in Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice for each rotation. The team suggest that the intern should not be rostered for regular hospital clinics while working as an intern in a General Practice setting. The team suggest that an enhanced induction or refresher session take place on transitioning to Letterkenny University Hospital for on-call commitments to ensure interns are up to speed on how to book scans, order bloods etc.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance across the Standards there are no recommendations for Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice.

Commendations: Standard 3: Content of Training

- Scally McDaid Roarty Medical practice provides excellent Multi-Disciplinary Team opportunities for interns through working with advanced nurse practitioners, phlebotomists, nurses and practice administration.
- Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice has a very well developed and articulated induction policy and process which is implemented very effectively.

DECLARATION

The Clinical Site at Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice, Level 1, Scally Place, Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal was inspected on 27th & 28th January 2026 for the purposes of:

- **Satisfying the Medical Council that Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice setting meets acceptable intern training standards. (49 (3)(b)) MPA 2007**
- **Monitoring adherence to guidelines on medical education and training for interns and standards for training and experience required for the granting of a certificate of experience. (88(3)(e)) MPA 2007**

It is recommended that Scally McDaid Roarty Medical Practice, Level 1, Scally Place, Justice Walsh Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal be approved by the Medical Council as the site:

- **Is compliant with the standards for training and experience required for the granting of a certificate of experience to an Intern.**
- **Adheres to the relevant Guidelines on Medical Education and Training for Interns**

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