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Executive Director, John Tiernan, retires after more than 20 years at MPS

John Tiernan, Executive Director of Member Engagement at MPS will retire in July 2016, after 23 years' supporting doctors and dentists in dentolegal and medicolegal issues. Prior to working at MPS John qualified in dentistry at Trinity College and spent 15 years in full time practice. He first joined MPS in 1993 and his career has spanned over numerous roles. Including Assistant Dental Director, Director of Educational Services and most recently Executive Director of Member Engagement for the MPS group, where he has been pivotal in changing MPS's Education programme and helping over 10,000 members improve their interactions with patients.

John currently leads MPS's Educational services, Communications and Commercial departments, with a team of over 130 staff, overseeing the delivery of world class support and education services' for more than 300,000 members around the world.

John Tiernan, Executive Director of Member Engagement at MPS said:

"I have had the privilege of supporting our members in Ireland during my time at MPS. This has been particularly important in the past few years due to the deteriorating claims environment and the increased cost of clinical negligence. MPS has been pushing the government for legal reform to help address the associated rising costs that are becoming unaffordable for society, something I feel strongly about.

"Some of my proudest achievements include helping the HSE introduce the MPS ASSIST model into their Open Disclosure programme and establishing education as a core of what we do at MPS. I pioneered the MPS education department as I strongly believe in the preventative value of education in reducing the risks that arise from practice. When I joined we had 30 to 40 events per year; we now provide in excess of 1,000 worldwide."

"In 2015 we delivered over 650 communication skills workshops to members worldwide. This was a key target that I was determined to fulfil, as many complaints arise from poor communication after an adverse outcome.

"It has been a great pleasure to have spent a significant part of my career supporting colleagues in Ireland; which is particularly special as I was born and educated there. In retirement I will continue to push for change to the Irish healthcare system to make it fairer for both healthcare professionals and patients alike."

Simon Kayll, Chief Executive of MPS said:

“John is well known amongst our members for his passion for education and commitment to supporting medical and dental members around the world. Perhaps what members are less aware of is the respect he commands among his colleagues and his drive for continuous improvement in the service we provide to our members. For more than 20 years John has been a respected leader, colleague, friend and mentor to many at MPS and he will be missed by us all.”

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The Medical Protection Society Limited (“MPS”) is the world’s leading protection organisation for doctors, dentists and healthcare professionals. We protect and support the professional interests of more than 300,000 members around the world. Membership provides access to expert advice and support together with the right to request indemnity for complaints or claims arising from professional practice.

Our in-house experts assist with the wide range of legal and ethical problems that arise from professional practice. This can include clinical negligence claims, complaints, medical and dental council inquiries, legal and ethical dilemmas, disciplinary procedures, inquests and fatal accident inquiries.

Our philosophy is to support safe practice in medicine and dentistry by helping to avert problems in the first place. We do this by promoting risk management through our workshops, E-learning, clinical risk assessments, publications, conferences, lectures and presentations.

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