



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Statement on Disclosure of Criminal Offence Information

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (“RCSI”) is required by law to obtain vetting disclosures from the National Vetting Bureau in respect of certain incoming Undergraduate and Postgraduate students in advance of their registering with RCSI. Those students are provisionally registered prior to completing the vetting process. Full registration is contingent on satisfactory completion of the vetting process. Please refer to the RCSI’s Student Vetting (Police Clearance) Disclosures Policy for further details.

In addition to vetting, all students of RCSI are required to disclose, in writing, to the Director of Admissions, prior to RCSI Registration if the student is, or has been, subject to (whether within or outside the Republic of Ireland):

- any charge for a criminal offence ;
- any pending prosecution for a criminal offence; or
- any conviction for a criminal offence (save for “spent convictions”¹).

Students that become subject to any charge, prosecution or conviction in respect of a criminal offence, or any criminal investigation/proceedings (whether within or outside the Republic of Ireland) during the course of their studies at RCSI, must immediately notify the Associate Director for Academic Affairs in writing.

RCSI reserves the right to consider any information and to take any appropriate steps including the discontinuation of the student’s registration from RCSI.

If it comes to the attention of RCSI that a student has become subject to any charge, prosecution or conviction in respect of a criminal offence, or any criminal investigation/proceedings (whether within or outside the Republic of Ireland) during the course of their studies at RCSI, that has not been notified to the Associate Director for Academic Affairs, RCSI reserves the right to take any further action that it deems appropriate.

¹Within the meaning of the Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures) Act 2016) (as amended) or the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 (as amended).