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Dear Claire,

Just to say that I agree with the broad policy approach as a viable basis to guide legislative reform for the statutory framework for ethics.

On Question 2: What, if any, drawbacks can you see with this approach? - What unintended consequences might it have?

My concern would be despite the best intentions of all involved if one were engaging with an organisation that is fundamentally untrustworthy untruthful and unprincipled in its way of doing things, that no amount of ethics or placing certain basic principles on a statutory basis (i.e. concern for the public interest) are likely to be effective without a root and branch investigation of such an organisation in the first place.

For example the Regulator The Irish Medical Council is a prime example of an organisation that covers up the truth and appears to be not coming under the scanner or viewfinder of either ethics standards or moral code. There is substantial evidence that this is a regulator gone rogue and has been acting as such for the last twenty years and needs investigation in the interest of public safety, the following is just a very short list of its discomposure and confusion.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/courts/high-court/judge-slams-defective-medical-council-procedures-1.4099709?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irishtimes.com%2Fnews%2Fcrime-and-law%2Fcourts%2Fhigh-court%2Fjudge-slams-defective-medical-council-procedures-1.4099709&s=09>

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/courts/high-court/medical-council-took-no-steps-to-check-struck-off-doctor-s-story-court-told-1.4279747?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irishtimes.com%2Fnews%2Fcrime-and-law%2Fcourts%2Fhigh-court%2Fmedical-council-took-no-steps-to-check-struck-off-doctor-s-story-court-told-1.4279747%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2i-Xt99QJlq>

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/doctor-lacking-basic-medical-knowledge-employed-in-busy-maternity-hospital-fitness-to-practice-hearing-told-40942361.html?s=09>

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/doconone/1081006-a-fight-to-the-end>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCYwS4NB2Bo>

Thank you Claire for taking the time to read my submission.

Stay safe,

Pat Kenny.