

Welcome to the May 2022 CPWY Committee Blog!

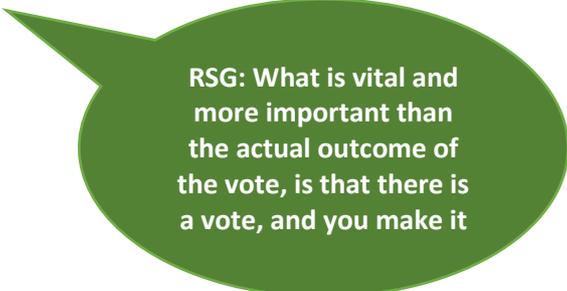
The Review Steering Group (RSG) has published its recommendations on a proposed way forward to try to ensure that the support and services offered by PSNC and the LPCs are fit for the future. The RSG has been working to solve the issues identified by David Wright's Independent Review into the representation and support offered by PSNC and the LPCs.

These recommendations could represent a massive change to how we work as a LPC at a local level ([Previous Blogs](#) have mentioned ICS/ICBs and place plans) and at a national level with PSNC and the DHSC/NHSE&I. We as contractors should read the recommendations, attend webinars or ask questions so we are informed when the voting period starts **on Friday 27th May 2022. What is vital and more important than the actual outcome of the vote, is that there is a vote, and you make it.**

<https://pharmacy-review.org/contractor-proposals/>

Alongside the proposals, two animations have also been produced which summarise the report and its proposals: [watch the animations](#).

Whether you agree or do not agree with the recommendations, please look out in your NHS shared mailbox for information on how to vote.

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Pharmacy in the press again! Is it the exceptional work we have done over the last two years being recognised? An acknowledgement of workforce pressures? No, it's HRT!!! The press has finally released a story on something we all knew a year ago, hopefully though this will highlight to prescribers and also to patients of every increasing amount of medication we are struggling to obtain, however if it was just "it's out of stock" it wouldn't be so bad, it's the angry patient, the endless trawl of finding an alternative (which is in stock) and then sorting out alternative prescriptions. At least there is some help with HRT and the new list of SSPs and the ability to limit supply to three months on certain products. <https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/three-new-ssps-introduced-for-hrt-medicines/>.

Talking of workforce pressures though, it was nice to see [the PSNC Pressures Survey](#) being released which helps support what is happening on the coal face, and a massive thanks to all of us who spared time to complete it a few weeks ago, however one of the few remaining COVID-19 regulation regarding pharmacy closures has now been removed and we need to be aware of that. <https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/psnc-issues-guidance-on-unplanned-pharmacy-closures/>.

On a more positive note, community pharmacy has been ranked the most trusted health sector in a recent survey with 78%¹ of the people sampled saying they trusted their local pharmacy. **Well done all and congratulations.**

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¹ "Nationally representative" UK sample by Edelman's 2022 global trust barometer for health matters