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This LPC newsletter is for community pharmacy contractors, managers and team members in Surrey and Sussex. It contains local information and local news items, local diary dates and other local topics to help effectively manage NHS and locally commissioned contracts.

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## LPC News

This update from the Review Steering Group contains information on its work to try to improve community pharmacy contractor support and representation.

### **RSG proposals being finalised and upcoming contractor briefing events**

As announced previously, the Pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) has reached agreement on a proposed way forward to ensure that the support and services offered by PSNC and the LPCs are fit for the future. The RSG is currently in the process of finalising its proposals and they are due to be published during the **w/c 25th April 2022**.

Contractors will have four weeks to read the proposals after which they will be asked to vote to either accept, or reject, the proposals in full. A three-week voting period will start in the **w/c 23rd May**, during which contractors can cast their vote using a secure and trusted online voting system.

Contractors will soon receive a pre-vote notice from Civica Election Services (formerly the Electoral Reform Society) who are managing and overseeing the

vote, also acting as Independent Scrutineer, to ensure the impartiality and integrity of the process. The pre-vote notice contains important information about the vote and will be sent to contractors' NHS.net email addresses and where possible also by post. Contractors will also receive a voting notice nearer to the vote. Only individual contractors will be eligible to vote and the vote results are due to be published in **June 2022**.

### **Upcoming contractor briefing events**

To help contractors to understand the proposals, the RSG plans to hold several contractor briefing events during the pre-vote period in May, including three national contractor briefing events and seven regional briefing events: one per NHS region. These events will be an opportunity for contractors to hear directly from RSG members about the proposals, and to ask them questions.

Information about these events is available below and on the RSG website [here](#).

### **National briefing events**

[\*\*National Contractor Briefing Event: Tuesday 3rd May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*National Contractor Briefing Event: Wednesday 4th May, 12-1pm\*\*](#)

Timing of third event, later in May, **tbc**.

### **Regional briefing events**

[\*\*South East Regional Contractor Briefing Event: Wednesday 4th May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*London Contractor Briefing Event: Thursday 5th May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*Midland Contractor Briefing Event: Monday 9th May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*South West Regional Contractor Briefing Event: Monday 9th May, 8-9pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*North East and Yorkshire Contractor Briefing Event: Tuesday 10th May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*North West Contractor Briefing Event: Monday 16th May, 7-8pm\*\*](#)

[\*\*East of England Contractor Briefing Event: Monday 16th May, 8-9pm\*\*](#)

Please note that while contractors are encouraged to attend their own regional event, all contractors are welcome to sign up to any of these events. There is no need to attend both your regional event and a national event, as the presentations will be the same at all events. National events are also open to trade associations and other

wider sector participants, including pharmacy teams.

Find out more about the RSG and its work at: <https://pharmacy-review.org/>

## Training

### **West Sussex Public Health Alcohol brief intervention and advice locally commissioned service training event Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm-8:30pm**

We invite you to attend the West Sussex Alcohol brief intervention and advice locally commissioned service training event presented by Holly Yandall, Public Health Lead for Substance Misuse. The webinar is for those pharmacies who are currently commissioned to provide the service and for any pharmacies who would like to be commissioned to attend the training and learn more about the service.

The aim of this webinar is to support the delivery of the service across West Sussex and provide a clear understanding of the process, Holly will be accompanied by expert alcohol wellbeing advisors and guest speakers from CGL (Change, Grow, Live) to talk about Nyxoid and Naloxone. Please sign up [here](#).

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The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) has developed some new learning approaches for pharmacy technicians. This includes impact groups to help develop their skills and confidence, and Myers Brigg Type Indicator® online workshops to better understand personality types and their own preferences. [Read more here.](#)



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