

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group update**

The community pharmacy Review Steering Group (RSG) has begun its work to explore the future of community pharmacy representation and support. As part of early work to engage with the sector the RSG has set up a website and contact email address for contractors at: <https://pharmacy-review.org/> and [review@pharmacy-review.org](mailto:review@pharmacy-review.org)

The website will be a key source of information for contractors going forwards and it will include minutes from RSG meetings and any updates from the group. Construction of the website will continue over the next few weeks, but contractors can already use it to find out more about RSG Members, to contact the RSG and to read the minutes of the RSG's December meeting.

The RSG was set up following discussions between PSNC and the LPCs about how to take forward the findings of the independent review by Professor David Wright '[Independent Review of Community Pharmacy Contractor Representation and Support: Providing best value for contractors](#)'. The Group's role is to steer and commission a programme of work following that review. The Group will develop proposals to put to contractors, ensuring that those proposals take into account feasibility of delivery, cost, benefits to contractors and timescales.

RSG Members were appointed by AIM, CCA and independent representatives in November 2020 and the Group met for the first time on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The minutes of that meeting can be found on the new RSG website [here](#).

At its December meeting, the RSG agreed to meet again monthly for the next six months as well as considering first steps for communication and engagement. In January they will consider the overall process of optimising community pharmacy representation and support, exploring how to prioritise the 33 recommendations in the independent review into manageable areas of work and considering how to develop a series of principles which recommendations can be assessed against. RSG Members will also consider what further work that they need to commission, engagement and resources.

Commenting, Sue Killen, convenor of the RSG, said,  
"The RSG met for the first time in December in what was a productive meeting to consider the Group's role and to share initial thoughts on the Wright review looking at improving contractor representation and support and how change could be taken forward. It is clear that there is a major transformational process for the sector ahead and that this will take many months, overseen by the RSG. The next step for the RSG will be to further refine the scope of this work programme so that we can begin commissioning work and engaging with

contractors on the process going forward. We will continue to keep contractors updated by holding webinars and through our website - <https://pharmacy-review.org/>."

### **Notes to editors**

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2. Members of the Pharmacy Representation Steering Group:

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