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Dear Pharmacy Contractor,

Civica Election Services is sending this on behalf of Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee.

### **National Vote on the Future of PSNC and LPCs**

This is an important notice concerning a contractor vote of all pharmacy owners in England about the future of PSNC and LPCs, scheduled for May-June 2022. It is intended to be read and acted upon by the pharmacy contractor or person who will be responsible to vote on behalf of your organisation. Pharmacy owners with multi premises may receive more than one notice and more than one ballot form.

### **PSNC, LPCs and the Pharmacy Representation Review Steering Group (RSG)**

The Review Steering Group (RSG) was set up jointly by PSNC and LPCs in England to propose a way forward to ensure that the support and services provided to contractors are fit for the future.

Following a year of extensive consultations and discussions with the sector, the RSG is now prepared to set out its proposal to improve community pharmacy contractor representation and support at local and national level. All contractors will be asked to consider the proposal, and to take part in a contractor vote in May-June 2022 to confirm that they are happy for the changes to PSNC and the LPCs to be taken forward.

### **What happens next?**

The proposals will be published shortly after the Easter holidays. The proposals will be made as easy to read and understand as possible, working to the following timetable:

*W/C 25 April 2022* : Proposals published on the RSG website <http://pharmacy-review.org/> and a four-week pre-vote period opens.

Further information will also be provided on the vote, including what contractors will be asked and how it will be independently conducted and overseen.

*End May 2022* : Three-week contractor voting period begins.

*June 2022* : Results announced.

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Contractors will have one month to consider these proposals at which point they will be asked to vote on them in their entirety. You can find out more about the events taking place during this period on the [RSG website](#). These events will give a chance for questions and to hear from those who have worked on the proposals.

### **What you should do upon receiving this notice**

1. If you are not the pharmacy contractor (owner) or responsible person for voting on their behalf, please bring the contents of this communication urgently to the attention of the contractor.
2. Please could you email [info@psnc.org.uk](mailto:info@psnc.org.uk) to confirm an additional named person's email address and if possible an extra shared email address, which we can use to contact your pharmacy organisation with the ballot information. This is for continuity purposes e.g. in case you are away on leave when you receive the voting information.
3. Look at the RSG website <http://pharmacy-review.org/> for a detailed account and timeline of the development of the proposal. The website also includes information and [FAQs](#) about how to vote and how to contact us if you need.

James Wood  
Secretary, Review Steering Group



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