

# → FAO Community Pharmacy Owners: **YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED ON THE FUTURE OF PSNC AND LPCs**

Important changes are being proposed for Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) and for the national pharmacy negotiator, the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC). The proposals are all about strengthening these organisations so that pharmacy becomes better at negotiating funding and services, benefitting all contractors.

Contractors need to vote on the proposals for them to go ahead: this is a unique chance for you to influence PSNC and the LPCs, and to mandate them to operate and negotiate more effectively on your behalf in the future.

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to the proposals



## What is all of this about?

### Contractors pay some £11.3m in levies every year to PSNC and the LPCs

As a community pharmacy owner in England, your interests are represented to Government, the NHS and local service commissioners by your local LPC (at local level) and by PSNC (nationally). The levy you pay is split between these two organisations, with some 70% of the average contractor levy going to the LPC, and 30% to PSNC.

### We want to ensure you get best value from that levy

In a 2020 independent review, Professor David Wright found a number of things that could be done better in LPCs and at PSNC to make sure that contractors get more value from their levies.

### Proposals have been put forward to do this

Over the past two years a small group of contractors – together called the Review Steering Group (RSG) – have been looking at Professor Wright's recommendations to work out a way forward that the whole sector – independent and multiple pharmacies – could agree on. The RSG Proposals are their final plan.

## What do the 37 RSG Proposals recommend for PSNC and LPCs?

### Stronger governance of PSNC and the LPCs

We want contractors to have more say over what PSNC and the LPCs do, and to have sight of their KPIs.

### Better alignment of LPCs with the local NHS

We want to stop the duplication of effort between LPCs, and line them up with emerging local NHS bodies.

### Appropriate resourcing of PSNC and the LPCs

We want to adjust how the levy is split between LPCs and PSNC, allowing PSNC to improve its negotiating capacity and capability on behalf of all community pharmacy owners in England, without raising total contractor levies.

### Stronger collaboration between PSNC and the LPCs

We need our representatives to be working better together, aligned to one vision and strategy.

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**WE NOW NEED CONTRACTORS TO VOTE ON THESE RSG PROPOSALS. This is a unique chance to influence LPCs and PSNC to make them stronger and more effective for the future. Contractors must vote by Friday 17th June.**

A positive vote will set a clear path for change for PSNC and the LPCs to respond to. A 'no' vote will mean no changes to either PSNC or LPCs, so they will likely continue to struggle to get better outcomes for contractors.

**“Our proposals have been designed to give community pharmacy owners in England stronger representation, better and more consistent support, and a more unified voice to Government and the NHS. This gives us the best chance of getting better funding outcomes in the future: contractors must not miss their chance to vote for all of this.”**

**Mark Burdon**, Independent contractor and RSG member

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. If you are a contractor, **please vote now.**

*To access the voting portal, check your pharmacy premises NHS shared mailbox for your unique voting link and code (sent on Friday 27 May 2022). The email will be from 'CES' sent out from [takepart@cesvotes.com](mailto:takepart@cesvotes.com).*

2. If you are not the pharmacy contractor (owner) or person voting on their behalf, please **share this with the pharmacy owner.**

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**“These proposals will give us more power to hold our LPCs and PSNC to account. As contractors, we absolutely must have our levy funding spent in the most effective way: to ensure that, contractors should vote for these proposals.”**

**Aneet Kapoor**, Independent contractor and RSG member

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