

Clarification questions submitted to the Review Steering Group – Week ending Friday 10th June 2022

How do the proposals deal with recommendation 6 from the Wright Review, ‘constitute for a regular independent review of whole system’?

Embedded in the proposals is a commitment to review implementation of the overall changes after 1-2 years to evaluate effectiveness and determine appetite in the sector for further changes. Over that time, transparency will be improved through a series of measures, including publication of KPIs and communication of progress against them at a national and local level. There will also be a regular review of market share/ownership information.

For a commentary against each of the Wright Review recommendation, please click [here](#).

Who is funding the RSG to implement the changes if contractors vote yes. Will any levy we currently pay go towards the RSG?

There is no further resource available to fund the RSG, and its Terms of Reference expire at the point the vote is held. Note it will not be responsible for implementation of changes, that will fall to PSNC and LPCs. Assuming contractors vote in favour of the changes, the RSG envisages that a programme of change will begin from July 2022 through to the end of 2023/24. Any changes will be implemented in a controlled and measured way, led by PSNC and the LPCs.

Does the RSG continue after the vote, especially if the proposals are not approved by contractors?

There is no further resource available to fund the RSG, and its Terms of Reference expire at the point the vote is held. Consequently, the RSG will not continue its discussions if there is a no vote.

On the 7th of June webinar, Janet Morrison mentioned that should there be a "no" vote, there were plans to implement certain aspects of the proposals which were considered not to require contractor approval - I believe the name change to Community Pharmacy England was one. If there is such a plan, please tell us which other proposals might NOT require an approval by contractors?

The RSG has sought clarification from PSNC on this question and the PSNC response is as follows:

“There is no plan as yet – PSNC is awaiting the outcome of the contractor vote and will then consider very carefully what it plans to do next, in light of the result of the vote. This is likely to be considered by PSNC at its July meeting, with further information expected to be issued to contractors over the summer and autumn. In the event of a no vote, Janet believes there are some actions that PSNC would want to take – developing a community pharmacy vision, strengthening governance and looking to change our name are all things that she, as incoming Chief Executive, believes need to happen. But clearly without additional levy, many of the RSG’s proposals – including those which would have led to more money being spent directly on improving

our negotiating strength and capacity – may not be possible, and PSNC will face some very difficult decisions about what it wants and can afford to do.”