

Proposed change of boundary

Contractor Frequently Asked Questions

At a glance: LLR contractors are being asked to consider a proposal to bring Northamptonshire contractors into an expanded LPC boundary aligned with the wider ICS/ICB footprint.

24 August	28 August	26 September	27 September
Formal notice	Voting opens	Postal vote deadline, 10am	AGM & SGM, 9am

About the proposal

1. What is being proposed?

The proposal is for the 124 Northamptonshire contractors currently represented within the BLMK & Northamptonshire LPC footprint to transfer into an expanded Community Pharmacy Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland boundary. This would create a single representative geography aligned more closely with the wider ICS/ICB footprint.

2. Why is this change being considered?

The NHS increasingly plans and commissions care through Integrated Care Systems. A more closely aligned LPC footprint would support stronger engagement with the ICB, NHS England and other system partners, reduce duplication, improve resilience and create greater capacity to influence future commissioning and service development.

3. Is this a merger of the whole BLMK & Northamptonshire LPC?

No. The proposal relates to the Northamptonshire contractors currently within the BLMK & Northamptonshire LPC footprint. It does not propose transferring the Bedfordshire, Luton or Milton Keynes contractors into LLR.

4. How many contractors would be affected?

The proposal would transfer 124 Northamptonshire contractors into an expanded LLR LPC boundary, subject to contractor approval and completion of the required constitutional and governance processes.

5. What are the expected benefits?

The anticipated benefits include a stronger and more coordinated voice, closer alignment with NHS structures, reduced duplication, shared expertise and resources, increased executive and operational capacity, and improved ability to support contractors and pursue future service opportunities.

Representation, support and finance

6. Will local representation be reduced?

The intention is not to reduce local representation. Maintaining contractor engagement, local visibility and continuity of support is a stated priority. Detailed locality engagement and representation arrangements will be discussed with contractors and developed through the governance process.

7. Who will represent contractors during the transition?

The existing LLR committee would continue to provide representation across the wider area during the transition period. Following the scheduled LPC elections in 2027, contractors across the expanded geography would have the opportunity to elect representatives to the newly aligned committee.

8. Will the way contractors receive support change immediately?

No immediate interruption to contractor support is anticipated. The transition would be planned to maintain continuity while the future operating and locality arrangements are developed.

9. Will contractor levies increase?

The proposal is intended to improve sustainability, share resources and help keep future levy uplifts to a minimum. Final levy arrangements will remain subject to the normal budget-setting and governance processes; contractors will be updated if any future change is proposed.

10. Will existing local services or commissioning arrangements change?

The boundary proposal does not itself alter pharmacy contracts or existing commissioned services. Local service arrangements remain subject to the relevant commissioner and contractual processes. Closer alignment is intended to strengthen the LPC's ability to influence future opportunities.

Voting and next steps

11. Who will decide whether the proposal proceeds?

Eligible contractors will decide through the formal voting process. The formal Special General Meeting notice and voting information will explain eligibility, voting arrangements and how votes must be returned.

12. When will voting take place?

Voting is scheduled to open on Friday 28 August 2026. Postal votes must be received by 10:00am on Saturday 26 September 2026. The AGM and Special General Meeting will take place on Sunday 27 September 2026 at 9:00am at Holiday Inn Wigston, LE18 1JW.

13. Can contractors ask questions before voting?

Yes. Dedicated time at the Special General Meeting will allow contractors to hear more about the proposal, ask questions and take part in the discussion. Questions are also welcome in advance at chiefofficer@leics-lpc.co.uk or on 07984 465387.

14. When would the boundary change take effect?

Subject to contractor approval and completion of the necessary constitutional and governance processes, the proposed realignment would take effect following the scheduled LPC elections in 2027.



15. Will the constitution need to change?

If the proposal is approved, the relevant constitutional and governance documents will need to reflect the expanded geography and future committee arrangements. The detailed approval route and timetable will be confirmed as part of the formal transition process.

16. What happens if contractors do not approve the proposal?

The proposed boundary realignment would not proceed on the basis set out in the Case for Change, and the existing LPC boundaries would remain unless a different proposal were developed and approved through the appropriate process.