

CHANGES TO THE ORGANISATION OF NRPSI

Important amendment: Contact information

In response to concerns expressed by many PSIs on the register, it has been decided that the contact information to be shown on the register website should be **amended as follows**:

Registrants will now be able to include **up to three pieces of contact information**: a personal phone number; a personal e-mail address; a web link to a professional membership body where full contact details can be accessed. You may have **all or any** of those shown on the website.

Note 1: **If you have already sent in your consent form, you can provide additional contact details by e-mail to admin.nrpsi@iol.org.uk for the information to be added.**

Note 2: the inclusion of contact information is entirely optional. You do not have to include any contact information if you do not wish to.

Additional Q & As

What measures are in place to ensure the smooth transfer of data?

Provided that a registrant gives consent in good time, the register data held by NRPSI Limited will be transferred to the new NRPSI. There is no need to set up anything new, or change the database.

Have all users been informed of the changes?

All stakeholders have been kept informed throughout the development of the new NRPSI project.

Will there be a redirection notice on the old register?

That won't be required. The new register will take the place of the present one, with the same web address.

Will there be a geographical search facility on the online register?

The online database will have search functions for all the key data points, including geographical searching.

What are the admission criteria for the new register?

The admission criteria are not expected to change in the short term. Current registrants, provided that they consent, will transfer to the new NRPSI with no change of status of any sort.

What will happen to the registration fee that I have paid to the existing NRPSI if I consent to transfer?

The registration fees of PSIs who transfer to the new NRPSI will be transferred with them. For example, for a registrant who registered on 1 November 2010, the proportion of the fee applicable to the period 1 April to 31 October 2011 will be transferred to the new NRPSI as working cash.

What will happen to the registration fee that I have paid to the existing NRPSI if I do not consent to the transfer of my data?

If a registrant declines to transfer to the new NRPSI the appropriate proportion of that person's registration fee will be refunded. For example, for a registrant who registered on 1 November 2010, the proportion of the fee applicable to the period 1 April to 31 October 2011 will be refunded.

Will I be able to continue to use my NRPSI ID card?

The present ID cards will continue to be valid for all registrants who transfer to the new NRPSI.

Who are the directors of the new NRPSI?

The Board is composed of a lay Chair and three other lay members, and three practitioner members (NRPSI registrants). The selection and appointment process has involved an independent organisation (PARN – Professional Associations Research Network) and the Electoral Reform Services. The membership of the Board will be published on the website and elsewhere as appropriate when all arrangements are completed.

What is the absolute deadline for transfer to the new NRPSI?

The cooperation of registrants is requested, in sending in their response as soon as possible. We hope that the majority of registrants will be able to respond to the consent letter by 21 March, as requested. If there are circumstances that make this impossible, the response date may be extended to noon on Friday 25 March. For responses received after this it will not be possible to guarantee that the data will be transferred in time for the start of operations of the new NRPSI on 1 April.