

10. Discussion of roles and relationships between the NSC and the LSER/Regions

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Vote Required (If N is selected, this item is just for discussion to share the Experience, Strength and Hope of the NSC): N

Exact proposal for NSC consideration (2 sentences ideally):

That the NSC starts to discuss the roles and relationships between the NSC and the LSER/Regions.

Supporting background information to be circulated prior to the meeting (please include links to online documents or indicate that there are attachments to be circulated with the agenda):

The LSER would like to attract more GSRs to attend LSER meetings. It is suggested that the NSC is a national business meeting, but the Regions are a service “home group for home groups” as one member put it.

It is anticipated that these discussions, and decisions arising from them, may take several, or even many, NSC and LSER meetings.

(a) What activities/subcommittees should sit where, i.e. at the NSC or LSER/Northern Region? For example,

- WhatsApp Groups
- Sponsorship workshops
- Ken & Mary workshops (used to be London but now North as well)
- Possible future Hospitals & Institutions and/or Public Information subcommittees, etc.

Also, many activities might remain wholly or partially online, reducing the need for funds.

Clarifying this will also help the LSER towards establishing a prudent reserve.

(b) Probably even more long-term: voting. How & where should groups be represented and have their vote in future? Should voting at the NSC be reviewed?

It has been said that prior to the LSER folding a number of years ago, GSRs voted at the Regions and the Regional Reps carried those votes to the NSC (i.e. GSRs did not vote at the NSC) – is that correct? Should it be reverted to? If so, how would it work? With only 2 Region votes amongst more NSC committee members, how would it be made representative? How would groups without a Region be represented? Etc.

Not looking for answers – these are just discussion points.

Committee members are also currently looking at how communications work between the NSC and LSER, protocols for managing contacts, who sends what when and to whom, etc.