

# Branches evolving into Local Practice Forums

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# Background

- **LPF concept crystallised by Transcom**
- **Looking to the future to support a modern profession**
- **Recognise that branches are doing good things and building on that**
- **Need to reach out to the other 90% of members**
- **Web based activity is increasingly popular**
- **LPFs will deliver services that members have chosen to pay for**



# Evolution

- **Best for members if there is:**
  - smooth evolution from branches to LPFs
  - assistance from strong branches to others
  - continuity of local leadership
- **Best for branches if they evolve and embrace the future**
- **Best for the RPSGB if:**
  - Experienced leaders are involved
  - Existing local networks are available
  - The good work of branches is carried forward



# Geography

- **50 LPFs are manageable**
  - Ability to support
  - Ability to fund
  - Availability of leaders
- **“Members will not travel”**



# Funding

- 2010 funding
- Existing branch funds
- Future branch funding
- Branch assets



# Non Members

- **TWG have established a principle:**

*Services that are free to members will not be free to non-members, unless they are ineligible to become members and it is in the interest of members to provide such a service.*

- **Students and pre-regs**
- **Technicians**
- **Scientists or academics**
- **Non members who are GPhC registrants**



# Meetings in 2010 and beyond

- Need to manage funds wisely
- Will want to have some representational meetings from the new LPFs
- No plans at the moment for BRM or BRSM



# Web based networking

- Older system on trial with two LPFs
- New system under trial with “interest groups”
- LPF version will be tested in January 2010
- Full version available ready or April 2010

*.....please take the opportunity to see what this can do for members this afternoon*



**Thank you**

