

## SINGLE ORGANISATION UPDATE

April 2014

Thank you to all members who completed the survey on the proposal to develop a single organisation. A [summary of the results](#) is available on the single organisation website along with the answers to some further FAQs that have arisen.

Almost three quarters of the members who responded to the survey supported the move to develop a more detailed proposal.

The Single Organisation Working Group is currently working on the business case. This will include the detailed financial information that will enable members to make an informed decision. It will be provided to members before a vote.

Members will also receive a presentation at both the Faculty and Society Annual General Meetings later this year (28 May and 1 July respectively). There will then be a formal voting process in August/September although these will be slightly different for each organisation as they have different voting systems under their respective constitutions. The precise details will be made available shortly.

Other key developments include

- A [new presentation](#) has been developed about the proposal. This is also available on the single organisation website. We hope to deliver this to as many groups as possible before the vote so please get in touch if you have a planned meeting or event.
- The Royal College of Physicians has sent us a letter of support. Sir Richard Thompson, the President said: "The Royal College of Physicians is in principle delighted that the Faculty and Society of Occupational Medicine are planning a merger and I can reassure you that we will be delighted to welcome the new organisation...".
- Dame Carol Black at the Department of Health has also written to the Single Organisation Working Group. In her letter she states: "I strongly support a single organisation for occupational healthcare professionals – it's crucial for the future of occupational health - only by working together will the profession have a clear and consistent voice to Government and other key stakeholders".
- We have had a wide range of interest from other occupational health groups. Nurses and physiotherapists have indicated that they are particularly keen to be involved.

If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas please email these to: [contactus@singleorg.co.uk](mailto:contactus@singleorg.co.uk) and join in the discussions on the [Linked In group](#).