

PSWG Update (inc. Learning Brief sharing)

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There have been 3 meetings to date in 2025

- 13th February Cadent Wolverhampton
- 7th May Uniper Solihull
- 23rd September National Gas Warwick



Focus areas include

- PSAT (Inc. GPG 003)
- Learning Briefs
- Process Safety Leadership & Competence



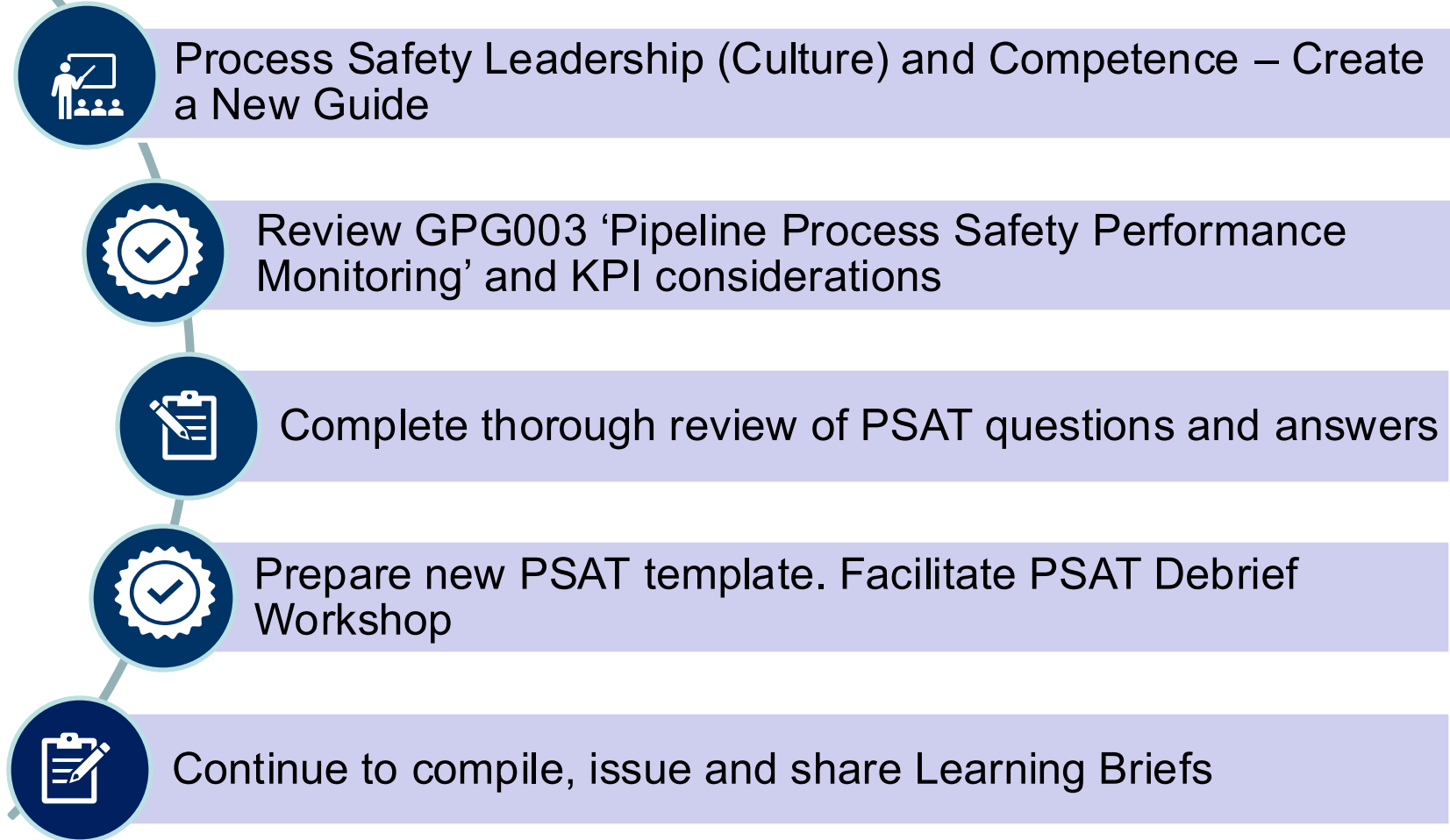
We have 14 Members (including Board Rep) from 10 member companies



Process Safety Forum

- PSWG represent UKOPA on the PSF
- Process safety sharing's from industry representatives
- On-line and F2F meetings

PSWG 2025 Work Plan



PSAT – Process Safety Assessment Tool



Compile Results and Issue

- In 2024, 27 members submitted data (c.f. 20 in 2020)
- The data has been processed and the output reports issued to members

Analyse (trend) results

- A comprehensive report has been prepared and was reviewed at the October 24 PSWG meeting
- This report has been issued to the Working Groups Chairs

Sharing of Trends

- It is proposed to include a PSAT session during the February 2026 Members Meeting. This will cover PSAT trends and the new PSAT template

Review of Questions

- All sections have now been extensively reviewed and many of the questions re-written, removed or replaced.
- A new (11th) section - Physical & Cyber Security – has been added
- Remaining work is to review the answer format /scores for consistency

PSAT Improvements

- Significant improvements have been made to the excel workbooks. This will considerably reduce completion and processing time
- A revised PSAT template is being prepared. This will be signed off at the January 26 PSWG meeting

PSAT Next Survey

- The revised PSAT template will be issued in spring 2026 for member completion

Learning Briefs

Overview

- A key focus area for PSWG
- A mechanism for sharing learnings (both positive and negative) from other pipeline operators both from within and external to UKOPA
- Anonymous

Process & Governance

- An external facilitator receives the information from UKOPA members and prepares a draft for review
- Following approval by the member, the Learning Brief is reviewed by PSWG, approved and added to the UKOPA website (Members Area unless requested otherwise)

Sharing

- Selected Learning Briefs are presented at Members Meetings
- Available on UKOPA Website
- It is proposed to review the implementation of recommendations from Learning Briefs at the February 2026 Members Meeting

Status

- 2023 - 15 Learning Briefs prepared (September onwards)
- 2024 - 18 Learning Briefs prepared
- 2025 - 9 Learning Briefs prepared (to date)
- Proposal to increase number of Learning Briefs - Facilitator to liaise directly with nominated Operator focal points. A trial has worked well

Search Facility

- To enable simplified online searching each Learning Brief will be allocated a primary category and several sub-categories.
- The primary category aligns with the eleven PSAT sections
- Work is ongoing to categorise historic Learning Briefs

Process Safety Work Areas

PSWG Members considered key process safety topics affecting their respective organisations and the wider industry.

Process Safety Leadership (Culture) and Competence

- A literature search has been carried out, and this has identified all existing documentation covering this area. There are no existing pipeline specific documents
- The format of the proposed GPG has been discussed and agreed at PSWG meetings
- Next step is to prepare a RFQ for preparation of a pipeline-focused GPG for issue to external companies

GPG003 -Process Safety KPI

- GPG003 – this has been reviewed at PSWG meetings, and the consensus is that the new PSAT template should
- GPG003 will then be re-written to align with PSAT

Members Meeting Feb 26 - PSWG

It is proposed that PSWG take the lead of the February 2026 Members Meeting with sessions to include;

- PSAT – review of 2023 survey trends
- PSAT – roll-out of new PSAT template
- Learning Briefs – workshop reviewing LB recommendations and member implementation of these
- Status update of new Process Safety Leadership (Culture) & Competence GPG

Questions?

