

#### Next Gen Newsletter: Issue 1

### Next Gen will be the only PPL platform available to place business from October 1<sup>st</sup>

## With only 10 weeks until the switchover to Next Gen on October 1st, all underwriting and broking teams need to act now to get ready.

This April, PPL started the transition to its new platform. PPL Next Gen is the new electronic trading platform for the London insurance market. It's not simply a replacement for the existing PPL platform, it's the London market rebuilt and reimagined for a digital-first environment – more intuitive, more flexible, more scalable. It's also a critical component of the market-wide push towards Blueprint 2 and the launch of the Digital Gateway.

We are emailing you directly as part of this transition, to ensure you are fully aware of what you need to do to be ready for the switchover. We will be publishing updates monthly until October.



### Planned shutdown & switchover.

We recently issued a communication to market firms outlining the key dates for the planned shutdown of the old platform (Ebix v3). To re-cap, these dates are as follows:

- October 1st, 2023: the option to initiate new placements on the old platform (PPL v3) will be disabled.
- December 15th, 2023: the option to initiate endorsements on PPL v3 will be disabled.
- December 31st, 2023: user access to PPL v3 will be removed.
- Subsequently the platform will be decommissioned. Each company will have the opportunity to request a full Audit Trail of their platform activity including documentation. After that, all data held will be deleted.

To read the full update, including instructions and guidance for what market firms should do to prepare for shutdown – e.g. request their Audit Trails – please visit our website.



# Adoption update in numbers: number of risks bound on Next Gen grows, as push for adoption begins to see results

During June, we have seen significant growth in usage of PPL Next Gen. As more brokers come on board, we expect that growth to continue in the lead up to the October 1<sup>st</sup> closure of the previous platform to new risks. To read the full press release and to review brokers' adoption plans, please visit our website.



### How do I get trained on Next Gen?

PPL has developed core training videos for brokers (15 minutes) and carriers (6 minutes), which can be accessed via our new, best-in-class learning management system (LMS). The LMS can be accessed directly from the Next Gen platform using the PPL Learning link in the menu on the left-hand side of the main screen.



### Release 1.5.0 is live

PPL is pleased to announce that it has successfully deployed its latest release 1.5.0, our fifth release since Next Gen launched in March 2023. We are committed to delivering regular functional enhancements and defect fixes, with a further three releases planned for 2023.

PPL will follow release 1.5.0 with a major release in August, which will introduce the ability to quote and underwriter team email notifications.

To read the full press release regarding release 1.5.0, please visit our website.





### Why does PPL not have links in its emails?

PPL, in consultation with the market technical and security community, took the decision with PPL Next Gen to remove links in emails due to the potential security risk. Links in emails are the most common way hackers phish (phishing is a type of cyber-attack where a legitimate email with an attachment or link is copied and modified to contain malicious content). You will have noticed that your bank's emails no longer contact such links.

Therefore, when you receive an email notification from PPL Next Gen, you will need to go to the platform via your browser rather than directly from the email.



### How does PPL communicate with you?

Whilst PPL will continue to communicate via a designated Point of Contact at each firm, we have received multiple requests to provide a level of information direct to market users. Until we have completed the cutover, we will look to communicate with you each month via this newsletter. However, if you can't wait for the next edition, you can always visit our website or follow us on LinkedIn.

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