

Minutes of LOC meeting Tuesday 16th June 2020 (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Alvaro Borges (AB), Amy Clarke (AC), Kerry Irvine (KI), Nigel Harris (NH), Ian Shapcott (IS), Ankur Trivedi (AT)

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Adrian Street (AS), Clare Griffin (CG) & Sue Arnold (SA)

Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no new declarations of conflicts of interest.

Minutes of last meeting

Because of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic no minutes from the last meeting (12th May) were available.

The recording of the AGM has been uploaded but the minutes have not yet been prepared.

Matters Arising

Re-election of Chair – Following his re-election to the committee at the AGM AB was unanimously re-elected as Chair. Everyone congratulated Alvaro on his re-appointment.

The AGM was discussed, it was agreed it was well attended and the virtual format worked effectively.

Steve Guilford's comments at the AGM relating to the proposed merging of the CET fund with the main levy fund were noted. KI explained the difficulty that sometimes arises in what constitutes CET costs/PES accreditation costs. All agreed that the important issue is ensuring that the accounts are transparent and clearly show where the funds are being spent.

Treasurers Report

SA will provide report as soon as able.

PES Update-CUES

AT reported that the Gloucestershire CUES service went live on Friday 12th. Some initial IT issues have been reported but the Help function within the software is promptly answered. There are also some issues around the file format for uploading OCT scans from certain machines which PES are working to resolve.

IS enquired as to how much CUES info should be put on LOC website. AT suggested a short introductory piece about the service with links to PES for the majority of the information. IS also enquired about joining CUES later. AT explained that there is a mop-up service and shared the link.

NH and AB expressed disappointment that Boots are not currently signed up to the service. It is AT's impression that these discussions are happening centrally with PES.

IS felt that the community were not particularly aware that CUES supersedes the existing Flashes & Floaters service. AT will send out a communication at some point to clarify this.

Cataract Pre-op CAQ

AB explained that there have been concerns within the CCG that the current pre-op CAQ deviates from NICE guidance as it contains an element relating to Px VA. At the same time the volume of cataract surgery within Gloucestershire has increased significantly since the arrival of NewMedica. KI, AB and AT have had preliminary discussions around how the questionnaire may be revised to remove the VA element and expand the quality of life elements. There was a feeling that further work could be done on this, if required. However, in the existing circumstances there is no certainty that this will be a priority for the CCG going forward. AB will email Zoe Hamilton and Graham Mennie to try to assess their views on the matter.

GATs

AB has uploaded the location list for the LOC-owned GATs to Dropbox. It is known that some of the information on the list is out of date. AB will contact the practices on the list to ensure all details are up to date and then collate a new spreadsheet.

Glos LOC PPE Stock

It was agreed that the time has come to prepare to distribute the emergency stock of PPE held by the LOC. The stock needs to be collated, shelf-life determined and arrangements made for splitting and distributing between practices equably. AB and AC offered to support in the splitting of the stock. Awaiting information on volume of supplies before aiming to distribute within 2 weeks.

Emergency List Updates

IS noted that, as lockdown is eased, the opening arrangements of practices will be changing. In addition the launch of the CUES service has introduced a new element. IS will circulate a request countywide that practices update their emergency list information and indicate whether they are offering the CUES service.

Any Other Business

Barbara Stephens, the patient representative on the Eye CPG, has retired from the CCG. AT suggested that a joint message of thanks from the LOC for her work would be a nice gesture. All agreed. KI agreed to thank Barbara on LOC's behalf.

AT had been contacted for advice from a community practitioner confused by the mixed messages from our governing bodies about current arrangements for eye examinations. KI clarified that the decision should be determined by the requirements of the practitioner's indemnity provider and recommended checking that before making any decision.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2019

Provisional Dates going forward

Tuesday August 11th

Tuesday September 15th

Tuesday October 20th

Tuesday November 17th

Provisional Date – Strategy Day

Tuesday December 8th

Action Points

Add CUES information/ links to Glosloc website	Ian
Clarify situation to community concerning CUES superseding F&F service	Ankur
Contact Zoe and Graham re view on revising CAQ	Alvaro
Contact practices and collate GAT info	Alvaro
Distribute PPE to community within 2 weeks	
Collate stock levels of PPE	Adrian?/Sue?/Alvaro?
Split PPE appropriately	Amy/Alvaro?
Advertise availability of LOC PPE to community practices	Ian
Collection arrangements for PPE	?
Email countywide to update Emergency list details/ CUES participation	Ian
Thank you to Barbara Stephens on behalf of LOC	Kerry
Discuss LOC having their own Zoom Account (agenda item next meeting)	All

