

Minutes of LOC meeting Tuesday 13th July 2021

Present: Fawn Bennett, Alvaro Borges, Amy Clarke, Nigel Harris, Sid Maher, Ian Shapcott, Adrian Street, Ankur Trivedi

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Clare Griffin.

2. Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no new declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the AGM and the last Committee Meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising and Action Points

Action Points from last meeting

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| i | Contact Eshmael re high-risk F&F/Maculopathy pathway | Superseded |
| ii | SpaMedica added to referral leaflet | Completed |
| iii | Send out Facebook invite and initial posts | Completed |
| iv | Contact Kerry for help setting up CET | Completed |
| v | Contact consultants and Lorcan re Glaucoma CET event | Completed |
| vi | Update meeting attendance | Completed |
| vii | Contact Eshmael for feed-back on Opera | Completed |
| viii | Information/contact details for PAGs & PLPDs | Completed |
| ix | Notify practitioners of AGM date | Completed |
| x | Share low vision service presentation with ECLOs | Completed |
| xi | Send Worcestershire ECLO referral form | Completed |
| xii | Timing, format & agenda for planning meeting | Completed |

The LOC would not have to facilitate any payments regarding the Homeless Project, the CCG had agreed to deal directly with VCHP. Adrian reported that Karen Gennard had been appointed to set up the service and the target was for the clinic to be self-funding after one year.

Alvaro also felt it might be possible to utilise the Ricknell Health Centre to address other health inequalities in future.

The suggestion of the LOC Regional Reps to match the PCN areas was agreed as below

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| Cheltenham | Amy & Ian |
| Gloucester | Adrian & Ankur |
| North Cotswolds | Sid |
| South Cotswolds | Sid |
| Forest of Dean | Fawn |
| Tewkesbury | Nigel |
| Stroud and Berkeley | Alvaro |

5. Treasurers Report

The account balances are at Appendix 1.

Nigel reported that it had not been possible to rack down the discrepancy in the annual accounts. He felt it was probable the problem was historic and was considering contacting previous treasurers and/or LOCSU for help. ⁱⁱⁱ

Nigel wanted to set up a better system for the current financial year and was trying out a bank app that was free for three months.

Nigel also had a query around the Voluntary Levy, the original purpose of collecting it was for charitable purposes and suggested it could be donated to the Homeless Project. There was also a possibility some contractors were still paying a voluntary levy which would go straight to LOCSU. Nigel would send a County Wide communication to ask Contractors to check they were not paying inadvertently. ^{iv}

It was agreed to put a proposal for donating the amount being held that had been collected in the past at the next AGM.

Nigel reported that it was not possible to pay the LOCSU levy directly from the PCSE and he would implement this as long as there would be appropriate notification of the amount and date of payment.

6. PES Update

Ankur reported that all Community Eyecare Schemes were now on Opera and that the invoicing system was being updated which should improve the speed and accuracy of payments moving forward. He also noted the fee uplift announced at the GM had not been implemented and the outstanding monies would be backdated.

Nigel asked if Spa Medica were planning to use Opera? Ankur responded that he thought so but was aware there were some issues that needed to be resolved with PES.

Alvaro asked if there were any actions the LOC needed to take regarding the contract review? Ankur replied that PES Gloucestershire needed to be included in a provider's framework to make the process easier and would update the committee after an upcoming contract review meeting. ^v

7. Cataract Surgery Waiting Times

Alvaro stated he would be updating cataract waiting times monthly using information from the various providers and note if not information had been forthcoming. He also hoped to be able to feed back to the providers if patients experiences didn't match the published times.

Ankur wondered if the LOC should consider reminding practitioners to discuss co-morbidities with cataract referrals as GHNHSFT might be better placed to deal with these patients, though noted that patient choice was the most important decision when referring.

Alvaro suggested some cataract CET from Andy McNaught which was agreed and Ankur would contact Andy regarding the possibility. ^{vi}

Alvaro asked if other service waiting times should be provided? Ankur thought this would be very difficult as it would be a very long list and obtaining accurate and up to date waiting times would be problematic.

8. Community Ophthalmic Link

Alvaro reported from the CPG meeting that the funding had been approved for the proposed Community Ophthalmic Link, but no further detail had been provided. It was expected there would be an initial trial involving a limited number of practices.

Alvaro felt this could tie up with the Medical Retina and Maculopathy service, to start with the link would only enable practitioners to look at information but he hoped it would become two-way communication.

The end of 2021 was the target to get have at least a limited service in place, Ankur and Alvaro would keep in touch with Kerry regarding the next steps as Tony had been the person driving this and he had not been replaced. ^{vii}

It was agreed it would be a good introduction for the Regional Reps to contact practices in their areas to introduce the link when it was launched.

The possibility of practices providing images to the hospital for remote clinics was also discussed as in Bristol an Imaging Hub had been set up. There was some concern that there may be some overlap with CUES, and it was also noted GNHSFT were not currently assessing scans.

Alvaro would investigate the Imaging Hub with LOCSU and while it was felt something similar to CUES would continue Alvaro would find out if LOCSU were aware of any changes being proposed for the service. ^{viii}

9. Glaucoma OSCEs and other Community Scheme Matters

Alvaro had received some requests for glaucoma accreditation and Amy had heard that WOPEC were starting or organise OSCE dates. Amy would ask if a joint event with Worcestershire would be possible. ^{ix}

Alvaro had also been asked by LOCSU about a MECS service, it was agreed this wouldn't currently be required with CUES in place.

David Adams had approached Alvaro to ask about funding for in-patient eye examinations. Alvaro would investigate. ^x

There had been clarification regarding post cataract fees for patients not entitled to NHS examinations, it was not possible to charge the patient, NHSE needed to be invoiced. Alvaro would enquire if there was a mechanism for making these claims. ^{xi}

Tetbury Hospital had been approached to discharge 1st eye cataracts into the community for follow-up, but nothing further had been heard. Ankur and Alvaro would follow up. ^{xii}

At the last NHSE meeting and LEHN for the Southwest had been suggested. LEHN had been trialled previously, but nothing had been achieved and there was some uncertainty around the future with the NHS reforms being implemented.

10. Website

Ian had prepared a new contact form and the committee would test it initially. Once it was working satisfactorily Ian would decommission enquiries@glosloc.co.uk and amend the footer.^{xiii}

Alvaro would also send a link to another LOC site that he felt had the document downloads very well organised and Ian would investigate the options^{xiv}

11. Any Other Business

Fawn reported that the CET planning was ready, and she would share via e-mail^{xv}

Alvaro thanks Fawn for her work and also noted that Lorcan had pencilled in a date in September after Nigel had passed on the information following an event for Boots.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th August 2021 via Zoom

Action Points

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| i | Secretary access to on-line banking Nigel to continue with arrangements | Nigel/Adrian |
| ii | Distribute Healthy Living Practice details and contact with PHE. No reply from PHE, LOCSU to assist | Alvaro |
| iii | Contact previous Treasurers/LOCSU re accounts discrepancy | Nigel |
| iv | County Wide communication regarding Voluntary Levy | Nigel |
| v | Update on contract review | Ankur |
| vi | Contact Andy McNaught regarding cataract CET | Ankur |
| vii | Keep in touch with Kerry regarding Community Ophthalmic Link | Alvaro & Ankur |
| viii | Contact LOCSU re Imaging Hub and possible CUES changes | Alvaro |
| ix | Check if joint OSCE event with Worcestershire possible | Amy |
| x | Funding for in-patient eye examinations | Alvaro |
| xi | Mechanism for NHSE Post cataract claims | Alvaro |
| xii | Follow up Tetbury 1 st eye discharge | Alvaro & Ankur |
| xiii | Update web-site contact form & footer | Ian |
| xiv | Document download organisation | Alvaro & Ian |
| xv | Distribute CET plan | Fawn |

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