

Minutes of LOC meeting Tuesday 14th September 2021

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

Alvaro welcomed Christelle Bussett and Fadi Kherdaji from Newmedica

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Clare Griffin.

2. Nemedica Update

Christelle and Fadi provided an update on Newmedica services including the use of telephone consultations and confirmed the referrals from Community Optometrists were helpful and generally very good.

It was noted the cataract questionnaire scores should be attached to Opera referrals but this was not always happening and Newmedica have to then contact practices for the information. Ankur would remind the Community Optometrists about this if required. ⁱ

Fadi reported there were no plans for bi-lateral cataract surgeries at this time and while other areas were considering patient initiated follow-up the current post-operative follow-up in the community was working well and was in the best interest of the patients.

Alvaro mentioned that glaucoma follow-ups were very delayed due to the pandemic, Christelle reassured that Newmedica were able to manage any increase in referrals and reported there was an issue with patients not attending as they didn't feel any urgency regarding their condition.

Ankur raised the issue of patients occasionally being sent to The Community for refraction and stated this was difficult for practices as there was no fee available. Christelle was not aware of this, Ankur would pass on some details. ⁱ

Christelle reported some referrals were being sent by fax or e-mail without all of the necessary information. Christelle would confirm the minimum that was required. ⁱⁱ

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no new declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last Committee Meeting were approved.

5. Matters Arising and Action Points

Action Points from last meeting

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| i | Secretary access to on-line banking | Ongoing |
| ii | Distribute Healthy Living Practice details and contact with PHE <i>Alvaro attending meeting & will update</i> | Ongoing |
| iii | Mechanism for NHSE Post cataract claims | See below |
| iv | Liaise with Will Dean re Cataract CET event <i>Fern not heard anything, will follow up</i> | Ongoing |
| v | Countywide Expression of Interest for Glaucoma | Ongoing |
| vi | Follow-up Tetbury 1 st eye Cataract discharge | See below |
| vii | Report significant need for document revision on website to AT | See below |
| viii | Clarify issue around payment of LOC officers with LOCSU <i>Alvaro not heard anything, will update</i> | Ongoing |
| ix | Report preference to AB for next meeting virtual / face-to-face? | Completed |
| x | Chase Hoya re myopia management | Completed |
| xi | Send out Flashes & Floaters document v4 to community | Completed |
| xii | Upload Flashes and Floaters document v4 to website | Completed |

iii. Alvaro noted there wasn't a simple solution to this issue as NHSE doesn't appreciate the difference between a sight test and post operative check. He had raised a query with LOCSU and would report back

vi. Ankur noted that Tetbury Hospital had been using an old practice list and he had informed that notification of post-operative appointments should be completed through Opera as all of the relevant information was already available.

vii. Ankur felt it was not worth updating the PEG documents as they would be deleted in the not too distant future and suggested adding 'superceded' to old document file names. Ian would implement. ⁱⁱⁱ

Alvoro noted that the distribution of the cataract waiting times had been delayed as GHNHSFT had not responded and that he would send out the information with 'No Response Received' where appropriate.

6. Treasurers Report

Nigel reported that he had moved the Voluntary Levy into the account that had been set up for VCHP to keep it separate. He had not heard anything further regarding the automated levy payments and also noted there had been an extra payment in May as PCSE had not collected the levy correctly at the end of 2020.

The annual accounts were due to be sent to Kevin Rollason to be signed off.

7. Chair's Update

Alvaro felt that contact with the PCNs needed to be revisited and suggested offering an update the proposed Healthy Living Practices or CUES and other new services would be the best approach.

Nigel commented that it was difficult to keep track of the PCN leads and that attending meetings was time consuming. Alvaro felt e-mail contact might be better and Nigel would try to make contact with his local network in Tewkesbury. ^{iv}

Alvaro suggested liaising with other LOCs to provide CET as it would be easier for providers to present to a larger audience. Sid agreed and would try to make contact with neighbouring committees.

Alvaro suggested that the proposed Community Ophthalmic Link would need to be commissioned by the CCG with three possible levels;

Level 1 – Access to basic information to view only

Level 2 – Two-way communication for advice and guidance

Level 3 – Shared decision making

Alvaro reported that he understood there was money available to have the system implemented but not for commissioning at this time. The Trust had designated people to develop the system and it was important to ensure Community Practitioners were well represented and he was very conscious of not providing services for free.

It was noted there were enough test practices for the initial trial and Ankur suggested designating a person to lead for Primary Care. Alvaro would consider the options. ^{vi}

8. PES Update

Ankur had nothing major to report, there was to be a reshuffle of PES Service Leads and while Ankur was uncertain of the exact details of the role at this time he would almost certainly re-apply

Adrian mentioned that there were still some issues with payments from PES but he understood this was out of Ankur's control.

9. Any Other Business

Sid mentioned the Social Media was a bit quiet and asked for content. Nigel suggested CET reminders and Sid requested any appropriate links be e-mailed to him to be uploaded. ^{vii}

Alvaro had heard there was pressure from NHSE to set up a LEHN in the north part of the South West with a suggestion of one LEHN for the region, but as far as he was aware NHSE had not advertised for the role of chair.

Ankur asked for some help with a reply to the Lead Orthoptist regarding pre-school eye examinations as he understood he didn't want to encourage a sudden rush of parents of pre-school age children trying to make appointments. Everyone would review the wording and feed back to Ankur.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th October 7:00pm

Action Points

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| i | Remind Community Optoms of CQ score requirement for referral and provide details of patients being referred to community for refraction. | Ankur |
| ii | Minimum referral information for Newmedica | Christelle |
| iii | Update document titles on web-site | Ian |
| iv | Try to contact PCN | Nigel |
| v | Contact neighbouring LOCs re CET | Sid |
| vi | Possible lead for COL | Alvaro |
| vii | Suitable links for SM to be sent to Sid | All |
| viii | Orthoptis e-mail wording to Ankur | All |