

## Minutes of LOC meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Alvaro Borges (AB), Amy Clarke (AC), Sid Maher (SM), Ian Shapcott (IS), Ankur Trivedi (AT)

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Fawn Bennett (FB), Clare Griffin (CG), Nigel Harris (NH), Adrian Street (AS)

### Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no new declarations of conflicts of interest.

### Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

### Matters Arising & Action Points

Action points from September meeting

i	Secretary access to on-line banking	Ongoing
ii	Distribute Healthy Living Practice details and contact with PHE.	Ongoing Low priority
iii	Liaise with Will Dean re Cataract CET event	Ongoing
iv	Mechanism for NHSE Post cataract claims	Ongoing
v	Remind Community Optoms of CAQ score requirement for cataract referral.	Ongoing
vi	Minimum referral information for Newmedica	COMPLETED
vii	Update document titles on web-site	COMPLETED
viii	Try to contact PCN	Ongoing
ix	Contact neighbouring LOCs re CET	COMPLETED
x	Possible lead for COL	COMPLETED
xi	Suitable links for SM to be sent to SM	COMPLETED
xii	Orthoptist e-mail wording to Ankur	COMPLETED

### Notes

iv) AB has raised this with Sharon Greaves from the Area NHSE team. She has forwarded the query to the national NHSE team and will report back.

ix) AB has shared invitation to Worcs LOC members to the Hoya CET event on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

x) Dermot Keogh has agreed to act as lead for community optometry on the Community Ophthalmic Link project. AB & AT will be attending an initial meeting with representatives from GHNHSFT, the CCG and PES in the near future and will report back.

#### Treasurer's Report

The current account balance stands at approx. £76,000 with the ring-fenced funds from the voluntary levy at approx. £6000.

The LOCSU levy will now be sent directly from PCSE and a report sent for the LOC treasurer's reference.

#### Chair's Report (AB)

AB has reached out to the LMC and has been invited to a lunch meeting but is unable to attend on this occasion. There is an awareness that some of the information on the G-Care website is a little out of date and improving lines of communication with GP's will be valuable particularly as PCN's become more established.

Carl Hall from Newmedica has been invited to our November meeting.

The latest LOCSU induction course takes place on November 8<sup>th</sup> and the next leadership course begins in March 2022. AT has expressed an interest in applying for the latter.

AB explained that there is a funding stream available to CCG's for schemes that reduce clinic backlogs. He wondered whether this could be applied to open up glaucoma monitoring in the community. AT will contact the glaucoma consultants at the Trust for their opinion <sup>vi</sup>

No updated information on cataract waiting times from the Trust has been obtained despite several attempts.

The NOC will be virtual again this year and will be held next month.

All being well the December meeting will be face-to-face at the Chase Hotel. This is an opportunity to discuss plans for 2022 so please can all members give some thought to agenda items for the meeting <sup>vii</sup>

#### PES Update (AT)

Recruitment of the new Service Leads continues.

A small number of OHT monitoring patients have had to be re-transferred from Optomanager to Opera so there may be some duplications. Those practices involved have been notified to check for this on their systems.

Payment for PES services continue to present some difficulties. AT has identified that many March 2021 payments remain outstanding but otherwise payments until June 2021 have now been made. AT will raise internally with PES. As the regularity and timeliness of payment improves it is hoped that more practices will return to offering services.

Any Other Business

NH had received a query as to whether the LOC would be organising a peer review CET event before the end of the cycle in December. The consensus is that there is insufficient time for the LOC to arrange this and that there are other sources available. AB will follow up with NH <sup>viii</sup>.

There is always a need for new members to join the committee. AB asked SM to promote this message through our social media channels <sup>ix</sup>.

SM was concerned at the tone of a recent Community WhatsApp discussion. SM will prepare some Moderator Rules and add them to the Community WhatsApp groups at a suitable time <sup>x</sup>.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

ACTION POINTS

i	Secretary access to on-line banking	NH/AS
ii	Distribute Healthy Living Practice details and contact with PHE.	AB
iii	Liaise with Will Dean re Cataract CET event	FB
iv	Remind Community Optoms of CAQ score requirement for cataract referral.	AT
v	Try to contact PCN	NH
vi	Contact Andy McNaught/Nitin Anand re glaucoma monitoring clinics in the community.	AT
vii	Consider strategy for 2022/ Agenda items for December meeting	ALL
viii	Check with NH re peer review request from colleague	AB
ix	Promote committee recruitment via social media	SM
x	Add Moderator Rules to WhatsApp groups	SM

