

Avon LOC  
Committee Meeting  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
1845 for 1900 hrs

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**Attendees:**

John Hopcroft, Amy Hughes, Mark Humphrey-Ali, Andrew Pinn, Amar Shah, Jennifer Ogidi, Carolyn Hudd, Lynne Fernandes, Mona Thacker, Amy Hughes, Andrew Edwards

**Apologies:**

Gordon Batham, Ed Bickerstaffe

**Changes to Conflicts of Interest**

No change to already noted conflicts of interest

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Previous minutes of August 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 approved by committee

**NHSE SW Update**

**Vaccinations**

An email to practices will be disseminated informing members that frontline health workers are now eligible for the COVID-19 booster if they are 182 days past their second vaccine. Flu vaccinations will also be available and fully funded.

**ERS/Referral Solution**

JH and AS continue to meet with BEH and the CCG to discuss the harmony project. The project still remains in its infancy. Dilated image of discs, VAs, visual fields and IOPS are being considered and fees accordingly. The CCG are keen to contract directly with practice but there are question marks over what happens to the patients in between hospital and community. An intermediary is required for a trial to be set up (possibly April 2022). It is hoped that 10 stores will participate with a total of 50 patients spread between them. Carolyn has agreed in principle to aid this process. However, no trial will be set up until fees for imaging are acceptable and agreed.

**NHSE Update**

The LEHN role continues to remain empty but this is now top of the agenda and it is actively being addressed.

PPV visits are continuing to cause concern. Sharon Hargreaves, NHSE, is trying to reiterate that it is an exercise of error or training and not one of defrauding. Any findings of concern will be challenged in line with the inadequate systems.

### **Mental Health; Guidance and funding**

There are two hubs setup in BNSSG and BSW providing support for health care workers. These links will be circulated to all members.

### **BNSSG Update**

#### **Bristol glaucoma and post-cat services**

AP – Currently this remains on pause due to no one accredited given access to medisoft.

#### **BNSSG Future**

Post-Cat service is ongoing due to funding issues.

### **BANES**

#### **CUES**

CUES has been extended until 30 June 2022. Signing will continue with the same spec but this is likely to change in the near future as we enter the next phase of covid recovery.

AH would appreciate any feedback received at upcoming meetings. Several issues were discussed with the current system, such as double entry, inconvenience of the middle step in regards to telemed and payments to contractors. AH reiterated PES are fully aware of the backlog and explained some of the problem is the amount set that can be paid daily and the fact that PES expanded so quickly the financial system did not cope well with the changes and a new system has been really difficult. AH has noted the concerns to feedback. AS will feedback to PES, Avon LOC's discord at the lack of timely payments. JH will document a letter.

AE stated Matt Wakefield, Salisbury, does not believe CUES is working. Salisbury CUES figures are high and yet it hasn't stopped numbers at SDH. Matt is also not keen on different technology and wishes to keep it compatible with the Zeiss forum.

Swindon has not been using CUES very much. GWH has tried to put in its own MECs but this hasn't worked.

RUH is trying to commission its own service to bypass Salisbury.

### **Triage**

AH is discussing communications with the triage team. Small changes can be implemented to replace the big list of instructions. AH planning to send out a quarterly newsletter containing information such as links to LOC websites, useful updates, and refresher information. AS suggested the comms are run past the LOC to check it all makes sense.

The current procedure of cataract referrals was discussed. It was agreed the section that includes 'patient agrees to be sent for cataract surgery' is unnecessary and should be along the lines of 'cataract assessment'. If a patient has not signed this statement, they are bounced back. This needs to be changed.

### **AOB**

**GOS Contract** – Jenny Bowker (BNSSG CCG) is moving towards localising the contract between April 2022 and April 2023. This will not affect BSW.

**GP Collaborative Board** – has a new chair, Dr Jon Hayes

**Amar Shah** is no longer Optical Lead, LOCSU. He is now Optical Advisor. Alvaro Borges is now the rep that will attend meetings.

**Christmas Meal** – AH to liaise with Kensington Arms re organising a Christmas Meal and later liaise with Carolyn.

**Table of Ongoing/Actions**

<b>LOC Member</b>	<b>Action</b>
Andrew Edwards	Liaise with BaNES re ICP
Gareth Whatley	Handover website and social media to Amy and Carolyn (January)
Amar Shah	Look at dates for exploring listening forums
<b>Actions from 04/10/21</b>	
Amar & John	To express discord to PES re untimely payment system for CUES
Amy & Carolyn	Liaise to organise Christmas meal

**Items for next agenda**

Voluntary LOCSU Levy payment

**Date of the next LOC Committee Meeting**

Monday December 6th 2021 645pm for 7pm start