

Avon LOC

Committee Meeting

Monday 9th August

1845 for 1900 hrs

Record by:

Carolyn Hudd

Approved by:

Attendees:

Ed Bickerstaffe, John Hopcroft, Amy Hughes, Mark Humphrey-Ali, Andrew Pinn, Amar Shah, Jennifer Ogidi, Carolyn Hudd

Apologies:

Lynne Fernandes, Mona Thacker, Gordon Batham, Amy Hughes, Andrew Edwards

Resignations:

Meera Patel has resigned due to personal commitments. She will be missed and the LOC thanks her for her contribution to date.

Changes to Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest will be addressed at the next meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Previous minutes will be proposed at the next meeting with more attendance

Ongoing Actions from previous meeting

To be addressed at the next meeting.

Matters Arising

Carolyn to attend ICP provider group meeting on 10th August 2021 in place of Amar & Amy. Feedback to committee any relevant information or questions.

LOC Update

No update

NHSE SW Update

2.1 COVID-19 Vaccine Booster – No further updates. They are still working on the possibility of coinciding the flu jab with a COVID booster. This may mean the Flu jab will be free but there is not enough information available yet.

2.2 ERS/Referral Solution – BNSSG still going with Topcon Harmony, BSW going forward with Opera in due course, with Somerset being proof of concept solution first.

2.3 NHSE SW Update - are very apologetic they have been unable to take forward the LEHN role as they have been very short staffed. This subject is to be top of the

agenda when they reconvene and Amar has offered a working group to help mould the expectations of the role.

PPV visits have now started in practises. It has been pointed out to them that they need to accept that some early errors will be there due to PCSE early adopters and the poor computer system PCSE provided, users cannot be penalised for that.

BNSSG Update

There are currently two projects relating to BNSSG

1. Deborah El-Sayed, Director of Transformation at the CCG, recently had to been seen by a Welsh urgent eyecare scheme. The effectiveness of the scheme has now set the ball rolling to implement a MECS service in the area. Dates for discussion will be decided this week. Amar has already given a fee indication and an estimate of the percentage of practises that would participate. Whilst still early days, the outcome looks very positive.
2. There are three meetings scheduled for the following three Fridays for the Glaucoma pathways. Bristol Eye Hospital will be taking the Topcon Harmony solution. John and Andrew offered to attend. The outcome of the meetings should identify the exact equipment that will be required and attempts at increasing the current suggest fees. The contract will be ironed out and attempts to get uplift on the fee annually (as the NHS would) will be made.

John Hopcroft will create a NHS mail group for those with an interest in this so that documents can also be shared between them securely.

BANES

The CCG are disappointed the RUH have decided to send post-cats to the community using PIFU. However, due to capacity issues in the hospital this has become necessary. They are still calling patients after surgery and recalling any that are symptomatic.

This system may force the CCG to implement a new pathway. Concerns were raised however, that the RUH are still being paid for these follow-ups and should a community Optom be paid instead. As a patient initiated follow up, only those who are symptomatic would be eligible for a face to face follow up at the RUH.

A letter recently written by John will be circulated with the minutes to the committee and a response to the contents will be required by Monday 23rd August.

AOB

- Somerset LOC has stepped away from LOCSU. Unfortunately, an agreement could not be made over the levy.
- Migration from GOS to ICS's will begin in 2022
- ICS' are now called ICBs (Boards)

Table of Ongoing/Actions

LOC Member	Action
Andrew Edwards	Liaise with BaNES re ICP
Amar Shah	Continue to Liaise with NHSE re COVID winter booster
Gareth Whatley	Handover website and social media to Amy and Carolyn
Amar Shah	Look at dates for exploring listening forums
BaNES Facing members	Attend CCG meeting with Lauraine Jones, Wilts CCG on 01/07/21
Actions from 9/8/21	
Amar Shah	Speak to LOCSU re Voluntary Levy to Central Optical Fund
Carolyn Hudd	Circulate John's letter with minutes for a timed response
Carolyn Hudd	To attend ICP provider group meeting 10/8/21
John Hopcroft	To create a working NHS mail group for Glaucoma pathways

Date of the next LOC Committee Meeting

Monday October 4th 2021 645pm for 7pm start