

AVON LOC MEETING

Minutes

Monday 29th March 2021

Zoom Meeting

18.45 for 19.00

Present

Ed Bickerstaffe (EB), Andrew Edwards (AE), Lynne Fernandes (LF), John Hopcroft (JH), Amy Hughes (AH), Mark Humphrey-Ali (MHA), Andrew Pinn (AP), Amar Shah (AS), Gareth Whatley (GW).

Guests:

Richard Brown Avon Local Pharmacy Committee

Apologies

Gordon Batham, Jennifer Ogidi (JO), Meera Patel (MP), Mona Thacker (MT).

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, seconded, and approved.

Materials shared with agenda:

- Draft minutes 8/04/2021.

Conflicts of interest

EB – Optometrist at an independent practice in Wiltshire, AOP council member. Works for Wiltshire CCG optometrist led referral management centre.

AE- Owner of Bath Opticians.

LF- Owner of Lynne Fernandes Optometrists group of three practices, works for NHS England on behalf of LOC.

JH- Professional Services Manager for Boots Opticians and FODO board member.

AH – Locum optometrist. PhD student at the University of Bradford, currently in receipt of FODO funding. PES CGPL South West.

MHA – Dispensing optician, owner and manager of Goldsmith and Harvey, local lead for ABDO.

JO - Director Mike Cees Opticians, piloted community eye service scheme for SG CCG (now part of the merged BNSSG CCG).

MP- Director of Specsavers Bath. NewMedica run post-op cataract clinics once a month in Specsavers Bath.

AP- Partner in Andrew Pinn Optometrist, Director of PEC (Avon).

AS- Owner Keynsham Boots, business consultant and work with owners around UK. LOCSU Optical Lead. Works with RNIB. Works at Bath RUH. Trustee with Vision West of England, J&J faculty associate.

MT – Locum working in practices across the BNSSG area and at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

GW – Resident optometrists Boots Bath Southgate, Senior Lecturer in Optometry University of West England

GB - Director of Goatman and Batham Opticians Bristol

AS - Lecturing – UWE – low vision lead

EB – works for BSW CCG

Matters arising

- AS no longer working at UWE
- Opera and Medisoft integration

Actions agreed Feb 2021.

AH to share CUES audits with whole committee: **Done.**

AS will raise issue with NHS email address that practices have not been made aware of with NHSE. **Done.**

No reply and recent meetings have been cancelled.

LF, JH and AP will write some comms around urgent presentations, GOS and BEH ED. **Done.**

AE to contact Lauraine at BSW regarding school vision screening. **Will raise at meeting tomorrow.**

AH to contact Lisa at LPC to ask for a contact at BNSSG LA regarding school vision screening. **Done. No contact. BNSSG have sent letters re restarting missed school screening for the now Yr. 1.**

AS will ask where the funding for a BNSSG pilot is coming from. **Done. No answer.**

AH to send comms re NHSE comms, lateral flow tests, and updating email contact with NHS regional team where needed. **Superseded.**

AS will chase for follow-up to ICP meeting. **Done.**

AE will chase re BaNES ICP: Outstanding.

AH to add website to next agenda. **Done.**

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AH will work out AGM actions timeline, add to LOC calendar and action. **Done.**

Agenda

1. Richard Brown, Avon LPC

Presentation from Richard Brown, Chief Officer: Avon LPC

2. NHSE SW Update (AS)

2.1 COVID-19 vaccine plan and information

All working as should be. A few have missed comms etc, contacted us and been sorted.

AS to ask about long-term plans for “top up/booster” jab in the winter along with flu jab.

2.2 ERS/referral solutions

Awaiting formal confirmation of procurement results.

2.3 NHSE update

Can now reorder lateral flow, comms have gone out. IPC rules not changing any time soon. The LEHN and the lack of LEHN Chair back on the agenda. back on the radar. Apology from Sharon Grieves that this has been side-tracked. Melissa Kendall-Miles has gone on maternity leave.

AOP infection control lecture: *EB will check whether this can be made open access for wider teams etc.*

2.4 Connectivity webinar – 31/3/2021

MHA to attend and report back.

3. GOS (AS)

3.1 GOS COVID signatures

Extended to June: comms have gone out today.

3.2 GOCS funding

GOS sight test fee will increase 1.9% to £21.71.

There is no increase on GOS3.

GOS sight test fee will increase 1.9% to £3762.

CET grant fee will increase 1.9% to £584.

4. BNSSG

4.1 Bristol glaucoma and post-cat services (AP/AS)

AP continues to chase regularly re the widening of the service to the whole of BNSSG.

AH will inform when Medisoft/Opera integration complete and we can agree strategy to use this information reconnect with CCG and HES. At this point a working group will be formed on how to move forward. There is likely a need to focus efforts on the BEH. There needs to be further discussion around how to speak with one voice in BNSSG and what the strategy should be moving forward.

It may be worthwhile reaching out to another LOCs who have similar situation with a very influential HES/Trust and a less influential CCG.

The ICS may be an opportunity if we can demonstrate our worth; there may be access to new funding streams.

4.2 ICP progress (AS)

The LPC are 12-18 month ahead of is and supportive of getting us more closely involved. The LMC are keen to have other committees involved. AS has contacted Bev Haworth who came to speak to the LOC around 18 months ago, working to make sure we are involved in invites to the relevant meetings. It is important to be involved in case GOS devolved to that level.

4.3 BNSSG future services discussions update (AS)

Nothing further to report. The BEH have indicated they want the new services live by early 2022.

5. BaNES

There is a survey on community on planned care through the RUH engagement and communication lead. AS has expressed our interest in being involved as an LOC.

5.1 BaNES update (AE)

The Ophthalmology Reference group meets tomorrow. On the agenda will be a cataract post-op service (proposed fee £25) and cataract pre-op/referral refinement (unclear what, if any, fee is being proposed).

There are ongoing concerns regarding the proposed fees.

Network of practices and practitioners on Opera is in place so could mobilise at speed.

5.2 CUES (AH)

Extended for three months to June 30th, 2021.

5.3 Triage service (AH)

Re-tender for the contractual arrangements and supervision of optometrists has been awarded to PES. This contract will run for 3 years from the 1st of April 2021.

6. PES update (AH)

6.1 Opera

All the larger national services have now transitioned from Optomanager to Opera. The remaining services are smaller or locally specific services such as child vision screening services. Practice and Practitioner registration will be suspended for a month from the first of April to allow time to complete necessary behind the scenes work.

6.2 Post-op including NewMedica and Spa Medica

AH will chase on Spamedica coming on to Opera.

7. LOC

7.1 Website (GW)

GW has started the work populating the LOCSU hosted website, including pulling over most of the information from the current site. Generally, it has been quite simple to use. There are some outstanding pieces on Mailchimp integration, displaying the live Twitter feed and how to direct traffic from the existing site that GW will continue to work on with LOCSU support. Suggestion to launch at AGM.

All committee members to explore the site and feed back to GW.

7.2 AGM (AH)

Notice and associated paperwork w will go out tomorrow.

7.3 CooperVision CET (LF)

CooperVision have approached us to do a 1 CET point lecture in April and a 3 CET point peer review in May. It was agreed to offer the peer review at the AGM: *LF will suggest CET dates to CooperVision.*

8. AOB

RUH multi-disciplinary committee

IC is closed to discussing opening it.

AH on leave 1-19th April – AE confirmed that he is available to cover Mailchimp and any comms that need to be sent out.

Meetings ends 21.29.

Agreed actions:

AE will chase re BaNES ICP.

AS to ask NHSE about long-term plans for “top up/booster” jab in the winter along with flu jab.

EB to check whether AOP IPC webinar can be made open access/wider access.

MHA to attend Connectivity webinar and report back.

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