Avon LOC

Committee Meeting

Monday 8th August 2022

1845 for 1900 hrs

Record by:

Carolyn Hudd

Approved by:

**Attendees:**

Amar Shah, Mark Humphrey-Ali, Alvaro Borges, Andrew Pinn, John Hopcroft, Carolyn Hudd

(Gordon Batham – attempted to attend but had connection issues)

**Apologies:**

Amy Hughes, Jenny Ogidi, Mona Thacker, Andrew Edwards, Lynne Fernandes

**Changes to Conflicts of Interest**

None

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Previous minutes of June 6th approved

Due to the number of committee members available, the agenda was shortened to reflect.

1. **LOC**
   1. **LOCSU Needs Analysis** – This survey has now been completed by 8 members. A doodle poll was circulated to gain an indication of when the results can be analysed together. However, it was agreed that this poll should be resubmitted for some dates in October to attempt a higher attendance. Amar suggested this should be in person but may get higher attendance via zoom. Strategy based discussions maybe difficult to manage online.

**ACTION**: **Carolyn to resend poll suggesting alternative dates in October.**

**Carolyn to forward a copy of the survey results to Alvaro.**

* 1. **LOCSU/PES Effectiveness** – In summary, LOCSU have recently had a change in leadership. Alvaro Borges frequently attends the LOC meetings and provides remote support. PES and LOCSU appear to becoming one in their own entity and this is working better.
  2. **LOC Website** – continues to migrate over to the new website and will be redirected when all documents are in the right place.

1. **NHSE SW Update**

Alvaro Borges - The GOS contract is moving from national contract to local contract. The delegation of the GOS contract for BNSSG will now migrate along with the contracts in April 2023.

There will be changes to the way Quality in Optometry is done, maybe more on a yearly basis. This will be decided later.

1. **BNSSG**
   1. **Bristol Glaucoma and post-cat services**

The service is yet to get up and running and remains in the hands of BEH to press that start button. It is thought there may be more technical problems with Harmony and also some queries raised by contractors over the wording of the sharing of information. This will be clarified and hopefully get the ball rolling.

Mark attended a software education event online two weeks ago where there were technical problems allowing everyone to join. Topcon Harmony is still sending out representatives to practices to iron-out anomalies. Andrew Pinn put himself forward for the pilot and didn’t hear anything more about it.

Once the hospital has a definitive date, an educational event will be organised by them to integrate with the launch.

**ACTION: John Hopcroft to call Frank, Specsavers to prompt clearing up wording queries.**

* 1. **ICS Update**

None

* 1. **BNSSG Future Services Update**

None

**3.4** **BNSSG Eye Care delivery Board** – John confirmed this is still in the forming stage. He has reminded them their purpose is to develop primary and secondary care not just secondary care. They have agreed that there are some principles set out in the national strategy around MECS/CUES and post operative cataracts, that they are quite slow in developing. John seeks to remind them at every call. He is also trying to dissuade them away from the national cataract PIFU and the Bath glaucoma minimum data set. John feels it’s definitely worth the LOC being there and gives an insight into aspects the LOC would never have heard about. Such as the number of GP requests for assistance in requests for what to do. Monthly requests have gone up from 10 a month pre-pandemic to 30 a month post-pandemic. These are requests that have never necessarily touched an optometry practice so John was able to remind them they wouldn’t have to worry about these queries if there was a CUES pathway in the area. Amar thanked John for attending those meetings and keeping the LOC in the picture.

1. **BANES Update**

Andrew Edwards was unable to attend but no significant updates have occurred since the last meeting. Alvaro and John continue to fight the minimum data set.

1. **PES**

SpaMedica have sent an email to say they are now doing automatic payments for those that are updating via Medisoft. This will not stop submission via Opera but they aren’t discharging via Opera so this makes it harder to get payments through Opera. They are not consistently discharging through Opera. This is because it costs them more.

Andrew Pinn queried the necessity to use Opera. John pointed out that if you use Opera you only have to have the wopec accreditation, whereas, if you use Medisoft you have to do the SpaMedica accreditation. So it depends which you want to do, if you haven’t done accreditation John recommends going direct to SpaMedica as it’s easier.

1. **AOB**

Alvaro Borges - LOCSU have circulated an EDI survey that must be completed by 15 August 2022. Please complete as soon as possible. The background of the survey is that it is felt that the LOC should represent the community in your area.

Alvaro Borges - GOC Call for evidence – following an extraordinary meeting to discuss a response an LOC response, LOCSU also published its own response. The LOC then met again to collate a response together. The survey questions were discussed during the call and the answers typed by Amy. This was submitted at the end and the link to the submission was circulated to the committee.

It is to be noted that Amy did an incredible job during this meeting and the committee wishes to recognise her hard work with thanks.

The NOC – registration is now open. This will be on 10/11/12th October. The 11th is the main day. Trains are the best way to attend the NOC as the hotel is right next to the train station. One entry is paid for by LOCSU. If anyone is interested in going please let Carolyn know as soon as possible. John is attending in representing Boots but will happily attend for the LOC. Mark and Andrew Pinn will look at their schedules.

**ACTION: Committee members to let Carolyn know if they are able to attend.**

LOCSU has recently shared a short film illustrating the changes to the NHS. This film can be happily shared to other local committees that would make use of it.

The Southwest Eye Care Transformation Programme – We still don’t have primary care representation however, Alvaro has asked them to keep all the LOC chairs in the area in the loop with all comms. This will reduce time delay as the message filters down through different boards (or doesn’t). Zoe Marjoram agreed to send those updates and Alvaro is now sending these on. Communication needs to be clear as it appears they are starting to push things through free through GOS (i.e. Glaucoma Minimum Data set).

LOCSU – D’lloyds have been hired by Specsavers to produce case studies for the eye health week. They will focus on what is happening with glaucoma in England. Zoe Richmond, LOCSU, is writing a case study based on the Topcon Harmony project for BNSSG. She will share it with the LOC to see if it can be agreed. Amar pointed out that it was supposed to go live in June but it is still not live.

Gloucester received a grant for training from Health Education Training. Alvaro is happy to send the link to LOC.

**Action: Lynne to contact Alvaro for more information to take this forward.** Alvaro was allowed to share the business case and it can be copied and paste. An expression of interest email can be sent out to community first. Gloucester received £45000 for higher education for their area.

There is also more funding from the Green NHS (5-25K) for innovative projects that provide a green solution to eye care. John suggested CCG apply for CUES. Alvaro will share the link.

**Actions**

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| **LOC Member** | **Action** |
| **Actions as of 08/08/22** |  |
| Carolyn Hudd | Resend poll suggesting alternative dates in October for the LOCSU Needs analysis Strategy Meeting.  To forward a copy of the survey results to Alvaro. |
| John Hopcroft | To call Frank, Specsavers, concerning the wording of the sharing of information (BEH/Glaucoma pilot) |
| Committee | To respond to Carolyn on availability to attend the MOC |
| Lynne Fernandes | To contact Alvaro to submit application for grant from Health Education Training |
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**Date of Next Meeting :** 3th October 2022