

AVON LOC MEETING MINUTES

Monday 4 December 2023

1830 hrs- 2100 hrs

The Venue for the next LOC meeting will be as follows and include a sandwich buffet dinner:

Bocabar, Finzels Reach, Bristol.

Attendees

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

Apologies

None

Action Log review:

LOC Member	Action	Outcome
Actions as of 02/10/23		
JH	Speak with Jenny to understand if there are any issues preventing regular attendance	John referred Jenny to the constitution that clarifies attendance to meetings. Jenny's seat is now considered vacant on the committee. She was thanked for all the work she has participated in over the years and wished the committee well. Jenny is welcome and has offered to help the committee in the future with any projects.
JH	Special Schools Programme - Request more information and updates from LOCSU & John to speak to Jenny Bowker for further clarification	Alvaro confirmed the pilot special schools program has been completed and came up with the following observations: -It's not always easy to have an Optometrist and DO attend at the same time which is a requirement of the service. -The lack of equipment will increase the cost of providing the service. -Whether the service should be Opt-in or Opt-out. The ideal is Opt-out to attract the volume and make it worthwhile. -NHSE would like the Optom to take responsibility for the admin associated with the service and therefore LOCSU are pushing for a properly paid service.

MT	Forward a list in her possession of the all the practices in the Southwest	Completed
JH	To set up a training session on SharePoint	To be arranged in the New Year.
CH	To create a new heading for the website titled 'Wellbeing'	Completed

Agenda

Item	Topic	Notes	Decision ?
	Welcome		No
	Apologies, Minutes, Declarations -	Minutes were approved from October Meeting – one spelling adjustment	No
	Review of actions log	Latest actions above	Yes
	BEH Service Updates	<p>There has been significant progress with post-op cataract service. There is now full alignment to the community preferred portal for delivery of the service. John expressed his thanks to the ICB and BEH for listening to the needs of the community so there are less portals and in turn providing a much more user-friendly process.</p> <p>There has been a significant shift in attitude at BEH and meetings are building on that, seeing the benefits the integration of Opera offers ERS. NHSE are now more interested in the integrated model between Topcon, BEH and Opera. To go live, the contract needs to be in place between BEH and the community, the delivery of a training event needs to take place and the final specification needs to be agreed.</p> <p>The fee is still set at £30 to the community provider.</p> <p>BEH would like to run an education evening with the LOC in January but some concerns were voiced over lack of completion of the finer details. The committee agreed to hold an event with BEH, to include CPD event led by Simon Epps and including PES (Amy Hughes). PES will carry out an expression of interest learning exercise to understand what OCT scanners are available in the area and how this will affect the upload of information and potentially implementation of further subscribed IT licenses.</p> <p>A second event will be held later in the year as a 'Go-live' exercise.</p> <p>Ultimately, the Practices will have a contract with</p>	No

		PES and PES will hold the contract with the ICB.	
	Committee Attendance	<p>Following the additional vacant seat, the committee discussed ways to engage the community and recruit new members. John felt the committee needs to re-address the strategic pillars at the February meeting to understand clearly the aims, objectives and values and this would lead on to be able to advertise and look for missing skill gaps etc.</p> <p>The committee voted on location of the forthcoming meetings and it was decided that Bocabar would be trialled as a new venue and reviewed in April. There was a discussion about making meetings more accessible either by hybrid or alternating F2F and virtual. This will be part of the review in April.</p>	Ongoing
ACTION: Committee meetings to take place at Bocabar Finzels Reach			
	QiO	Only 8 practices in the area have still not completed the QiO – Alvaro spoke to Andrew Pinn to explain LOCSU have carried out some work that maps the local ODS codes with a practice so identifying locations moving forwards will become much easier.	NO
	AOB	<p>Amy suggested co-opting a student to the committee for one year elected by the students. (OUTCOME?)</p> <p>Visioncare for Homeless people in Bristol is now open. Amy will send details to Carolyn to mail out.</p> <p>Practice Plus Group have recently had a backlog of rejections by practices. Following training given by Amy, this has now been addressed but Amy has forwarded a copy of the comms to Andrew Pinn & John Hopcroft for approval before circulation.</p> <p>CUES BSW – Contract is still under review and due to be decided imminently. Due to the implementation of new Procurement rules it is hoped the service can be saved. With the additional support of Wessex LMC it is hoped the service will continue unchanged.</p>	

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2024