

# Buckinghamshire Local Optical Committee

Representing all GOS contractors and performers in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes  
[www.loc-online.co.uk/buckinghamshire-loc](http://www.loc-online.co.uk/buckinghamshire-loc)

## CHAIR

Bruce Gilson BSc (City) DOpt

Tel: 07973 222679

Email: [bruce.gilson@nhs.net](mailto:bruce.gilson@nhs.net)

## SECRETARY

Sonal Somaia BSc (Hons) DOpt

Tel: 07958 496874

Email: [buckslocinfo@gmail.com](mailto:buckslocinfo@gmail.com)

## Bucks LOC AGM 20th April 2023

### Report from the Chair

#### Finance

See the Treasurer's report.

#### Post Payment Verification (PPV)

These visits are ongoing. We will support queries from contractors and offer guidance and advice where needed.

#### BOB ICB – Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, West Berkshire Integrated Care Board

We continue to work with this expanded organisation, however we are still working with the same commissioners and the same people at BHT. Progress will be shared via our LOC Secretary, Sonal, in newsletters/bulletins and on our web site, when we have details or information to share.

#### Glaucoma/OHT

Previous discussions currently on-hold due to the volume of backlog in BHT.

#### EeRS (Electronic eyecare Referral Service)

This is now live for most practices across Bucks and MK.

#### Direct cataract referral

This continues to work well in Bucks and will imminently be re-commissioned in MK, along with a post-op scheme in MK.

#### LOCSU

In addition to their pathways, we continue to have support. LOCSU's pathways and training exist for: CUES, Glaucoma Referral Filtering & Monitoring, MECs (Minor Eye Conditions service), Cataract Pre & Post-op, Children, Low Vision, People with Learning Disabilities, Maculopathy Referral Filtering & Monitoring, Medical Retina Monitoring (HCQ – Hydroxychloroquine), Healthy Living Optical Practice Framework, Dry Eye, Naevus.

#### Referrals

Electronic referral is now enabled and encouraged for all of our referral pathways. Information and forms are available on our website. Remember that your email will only be secure if it sent **from** and **to** an address ending in '@nhs.net'. There are a few exceptions where certain other recipients are allowed, like @mkuh.nhs.uk. **Please always state a provisional diagnosis near the top of the letter/form** – even if you're wrong it helps the triager by knowing what's on your mind. Please also state that the patient is happy for the hospital/clinic to feed back to you.

Bruce Gilson

March 2023