



CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
19th APRIL 2018
THE WHITE BEAR, MIDDLEWICH AT 7.00PM

Present

Lyndon Taylor, Chairman, Mark Simpson, Nigel Oldbury, Fionnuala Stott, Jane Smellie, Amy Thompson, Chris Houghton, Jill Umpleby, Philip Cooke, Harinder Notay, John Blaney and Gurj Bhamra.

In Attendance

Sandie McBennett – Administrator
Rupesh Bagdai – LEHN Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Lyndon Taylor opened the meeting extending a special welcome to new members; John Blaney, Harinder Notay and Gurj Bhamra.

Resolved: That apologies received from David Knowles be accepted.

2. Membership

The Committee were asked for their nominations for Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Lyndon Taylor was proposed as Chairman by Fionnuala Stott and seconded by Mark Simpson.

Phil Cooke was proposed as Treasurer by Lyndon Taylor and seconded by Nigel Oldbury.

Mark Simpson was proposed as Secretary by Fionnuala Stott and seconded by Jane Smellie.

Resolved: that the above members agreed to accept the stated Offices.

3. Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting on 17th January 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the 17th January 2018 meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising were reported.

5. Treasurer's Report – Nigel Oldbury

Nigel Oldbury, retiring Treasurer, reported on the LOC finances to date; Phil Cooke would continue as Treasurer and report in future.

NO reported the balance at bank to be £54,217, there were some outstanding invoices not reflected in this figure.

The levy had been received up to date. It had been agreed at the 2018 AGM to reduce the levy to 1.25%; it had

proved difficult to instate at present.

Action: LT to assist NO and PC to reduce the levy.

NO and PC had set in motion the change of details and add a signatory to the bank accounts.

NO confirmed PECC had repaid the LOC £3,500 to cover payments for CGPL work that had previously been paid by the LOC. £5,084 remaining had been transferred to PEC North.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no news to report.

7. Secretary's Report

Mark Simpson reported there would be a Colleges Allied Help Professionals Day to be held in Liverpool on 22nd May 2018 at the Arena and Convention Centre.

Action: MS to forward the details to FS and RB.

MS led a discussion on the new GDPR and how it affects the information the LOC hold on the contact database.

Action: SMcB to register with the ICO and review the LOC's position again for the next meeting.

Action: SMcB to transfer any DBS and QIO information held for the LOC to PEC North.

Action: SMcB/JS to draft a letter to be sent to all on the database regarding consent to hold information and offer and unsubscribe link.

8. PEC North

LT confirmed Fionnuala Stott had been appointed as a Director of PEC North and Mark Simpson had been appointed as CGPL for PEC North covering Cheshire and Liverpool, along with Julia Maiden. Rupesh Bagdai had been appointed Chief Governance Officer. All contracts held by Primary Eye Care Cheshire (PECC) had been transferred to PEC North. The current contracts held by PECN were: in West Cheshire, including Chester, Ellesmere Port, Neston and Malpas there was GRR presently. In the South Cheshire/Vale Royal the services were OHT, Pre-Cataract pathway and the Leighton Post Cat Service. In the East including Knutsford, Macclesfield and Holmes Chapel, the GRR Service.

PEC North would look at fresh submissions for QIO which would have to be the latest version from 2018.

RB reported on the potential merger with further areas. A request had been received from PEC North East and South Yorkshire. It was planned that PEC North then would cover the North West, North East, South Yorkshire.

A Liaison from the LOC would be required to communicate with PEC North and report to the LOC.

Fionnuala Stott proposed Amy Thompson, Jane Smellie seconded.

Resolved: that Amy Thompson would act as Liaison to PEC North for the LOC.

9. East Cheshire

Amy Thompson reported the East Cheshire CCG intended to put a triage service in place.

Should this be the case, LT suggested ideally there should be a MECS service on the back of the triage.

Based on the Stockport model 0.4/0.5 of the population would enter a MECS service – it was actually closer to 1%;

EC CCG had been informed by Stockport that the MECS service cost far more than first envisioned. Macclesfield Hospital reported they would not be interested in pre and post cat services.

Action: AT and LT to follow up.

10. Central Cheshire (Vale Royal and South)

OHT

A problem found with the referral process for OHTM had shown the process to be weak, therefore it was decided patients would automatically be referred by email. Unfortunately, 5 referrals had been sent that should not have been sent. The problem having been identified was in the process of being resolved by the end of the week (20.04.18).

LT reported Zoe has been replaced at Leighton as she had been promoted.

11. Western Cheshire

MS reported he and LT had a conference call with Simon Platt, West Cheshire Commissioner. He confirmed that Mediscan would cease the MECS and Triage Service as the contract had come to an end.

The CCG confirmed they would be interested in a Pre and Post Cat Service and OHTM.

Fax referrals are still permitted after September.

12. Learning Disability Service

The PWLD Service had been re-commissioned for a further 12 months.

13. Diabetic Screening

LT reported the service would move the control and admin centre from Eagle Bridge to Alsager in May, giving more space.

Two admin staff had recently left which would impact the department in the interim whilst new appointees were sought.

14. CET

JU reported the feedback received from the CET at the AGM had been excellent.

Action: JU to ask for the slide presentation for lumps, bumps and malpositions.

Action: JU to enquire with Prof Sadiq if he had other CET approved presentations.

A Dementia Presentation in March was supported by the LOC funding the refreshments and provided by NHS England.

Action: JU to enquire if the Dementia Workshop could be repeated.

The next event would be the Peer Review on 10th May 2018 at The Cottons Hotel, open to Optoms and DO's.

AT confirmed she would arrange an event at Macclesfield Hospital "Prescribing Guidelines for Children" towards the end of September to include a BV point also.

JU suggested planning two separate workshops from Peter Black from ABDO covering Visual Impairment, both offering 3 points.

Action: JU/SMcB to book The Cottons Hotel, Knutsford on 8th November 2018.

Nigel Oldbury left the meeting at 21.11.

15. Website

SMcB reported the website would be upgraded over the coming months to a new template. News and new members had been edited on the site.

16. LEHN Update

Rupesh Bagdai reported the Homeless Pilot would be continued and expanded. The Homeless Pilot had been recognised by the All Party Parliamentary Group, the work for the hard to reach groups had been validated on a national level. The update around IG had not been agreed due to funding.

RB reported a Cheshire and Merseyside Eye Health Transformation Plan would be developed

17. AOB

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings of the Cheshire LOC would be held at The White Bear, Middlewich on: -

19th September 2018

6th December 2018