



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

Present

Lyndon Taylor, Chairman, Mark Simpson, Fionnuala Stott; Jane Smellie, Amy Thompson, Chris Houghton, Jill Umpleby, Harinder Notay, and Gurj Bhamra.

In Attendance

Sandie McBennett – Administrator

Guests

Rupesh Bagdai – LEHN Chair

Julia Maiden – CGPL, PEC North

Andy Riley – Observer

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Lyndon Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting.

Resolved: That apologies received from Phil Cooke, Nigel Oldbury, John Blaney and David Knowles be accepted.

2. Membership

a) To receive the Secretary's resignation.

Mark Simpson gave his resignation to the Cheshire LOC; as he was now a contractor he would not have enough time to devote to holding office, although he would remain as an elected member of the Committee.

The Chairman accepted the resignation and wished to note his and the committee's sincere thanks for Mark's service over the past few years.

Resolved: that the resignation of Mark Simpson be accepted.

b) To receive nominations for Secretary.

Mark Simpson nominated Fionnuala Stott as Secretary, Amy Thompson seconded.

Resolved: that the new Cheshire LOC Secretary be Fionnuala Stott.

Action: SMCB change all paperwork and contact details for Secretary of Cheshire LOC.

3. Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting of 19th April 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the 19th April 2018 meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising were raised.

5. Treasurer's Report

Report received. The Treasurer had sent his apologies in advance.

LT reported for the Treasurer that administratively, it had been very difficult to reduce the levy; it had taken 4-5 months to put in place. As some time had passed to initiate the 1.25% levy; it was suggested the levy be dropped to 1% to quickly effect the levy collected to the correct amount over the year. LT added, it may mean the levy would have to be increased slightly to bring it to the correct amount next year; this would be done using the mandate of the LOC to increase/decrease the levy by 0.25% in year. PC had arranged for the LOC accounts to be accessed via internet banking; with Lyndon Taylor, Mark Simpson and Phil Cooke being signatories. Two signatories would be required for every payment. The balance at bank was reported to be £63,387 including expenses paid up to June LOCSU levy.

Action: LD/PC to send an email communication to Contractors to inform them of the procedures taken to reduce the levy.

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported a substantial amount of the LOC/PEC Cheshire related work had now passed over to the new PEC North.

7. **Secretary's Report**

Mark Simpson welcomed guest Julia Maiden, CGPL for PEC North, covering the whole of Cheshire and Merseyside. Mark wished Julia good luck in taking on the singular CGPL role.

MS introduced observer Andy Riley who was attending as a performer; he would shortly take over a local practice in Cheshire.

MS reported he had received an update that a national GOS contract variation; electronic signatories were enabled and as such a notification would be forwarded to every GOS Contractor.

Action: LT to prepare an email notification to the same effect notifying the profession of the variation.

MS reported Cheshire LOC was now registered with the Information Commissioners Office.

MS asked for opinions regarding using Eventbrite to organise the register for CET events. It was agreed to see how efficient the service was for the November CET Event in the first instance.

8. **PEC North**

Julia Maiden reported the Glaucoma Repeat Reading had a low number of episodes recorded.

OHT monitoring: JM noted she did not have an NHS email account at present, although when reporting a field defect, information could be sent omitting the patient data to her usual email address. It was noted that coverage in some areas was low. LT reported this was linked to the problem of accreditation; there had been little interest shown for a Part 2 Glaucoma OSCE.

Action: JM to speak with Stockport to enquire if a joint OSCE could be arranged.

LT suggested the Part 2 Glaucoma OSCE could be arranged at the same time as another OSCE; e.g. MECS. Amy Thompson had been nominated as liaison for PEC North.

Action: JM and AT to arrange to speak about news and information to be disseminated for PEC North and the CGPL.

JM reported the friends and family feedback was very good.

JM noted the LD pathway numbers were low. Jane Smellie agreed to be the new PwLD Clinical Lead.

Action: JS to liaise with JM regarding the PwLD role.

Action: JS/RB to locate the promotional leaflets for the PwLD service.

Rupesh Bagdai reported on developments from PEC North. The company now represented four North West areas; PEC North East were also accepted into the company. A tender had been received from West Midlands; agreement had been reached to merge with PEC North to form a national company, which then led to Primary Eyecare Services. A further raft of applications from PEC companies and LOCS had since been received to also join. Following this, a planned merger with Essex would give a total representation of 85-95% of PECs and LOCs operating under Primary Eyecare Services.

FS added, the aim was to ensure all monies would go back to the practitioner, to make the services as robust as possible, have governance that is robust and give all practices the opportunity to access the services.

Action: LT to forward the Memorandum of Understanding to SMcB to be published on the website.

RB reported QIO submissions would evolve into QIO accounts being held by Optoms as well as Contractors.

9. **East Cheshire**

AT reported on the Triage Scheme; she had received two emails about it but no other guidance.

10. **Central Cheshire (Vale Royal and South)**

LT reported no response had been received regarding the remainder of outstanding payments.

11. **Western Cheshire**

MS, JM and LT had held conversations with Western Cheshire particularly about Mediscan problem.

Cheshire LOC were asked to consider implementing a MECS Service for flashes and floaters. The suggestion was to implement the service and progress to a full MECS service in the near future, possibly by December. LT suggested, subject to the service agreement would practices be prepared to take on flashes and floaters on a pro bona basis in the meantime? The LOC advice had been to refer all flashes and floaters; to send straight to A&E which had been circulated to the members.

One of the suggestions is that Eastern Cheshire are looking at doing the same.
RB noted the advertisement for an Accountable Officer for the four CCG's to merge into one.

12. People with Learning Disability Service

Resolved: that Jane Smellie would be the PwLD Service Lead.

13. Diabetic Screening

LT reported an audit of practices had been conducted, with only two minor concerns reported.

14. CET

JU reported since the last meeting the LOC had held a Peer Discussion on 10th May for 3 point with 45/50 attendees giving excellent feedback. The following events had been arranged: -

11th September which the LOC applied for the points on their behalf.

27th September an AMD Session at Leighton Hospital had been arranged with 2 points offered.

17th October at Wilmslow Hospital "To prescribe or not prescribe for pre-school children" delivered by Amy Thompson offering 1 CET point.

8th November "Seeing Beyond the Eyes" 60 places offered which were already booked. Essilor had kindly sponsored the speaker fees.

JU suggested the competencies that could be covered next year to be contact lenses and refractive management for DO's.

15. NOC Attendance

The NOC would be held on 14/15th November 2018. Fionnuala Stott would attend the NOC as the new LOC Secretary and book the free place offered. Jane Smellie, Gurj Bhamra and Phil Cooke would also attend.

16. Website

SMcB reported she had liaised with JS regarding the content of the website. The website would move over to a new format working with the LOCSU webmasters.

17. LEHN Update

High Impact Intervention

Rupesh Bagdai reported the Local Eye Health Network was working with the delivery and Ops team on 'Elective Care' programme for Ophthalmology. High Impact Intervention (HII) for Ophthalmology is a capacity and demand review of Ophthalmology services with a particular focus on patients lost due to delay of follow up (LDFU). There had been 2 test sites where this work had been implemented, Moorfields and South & Mid Essex.

All of the trusts across the country would be required to complete Actions 1 & 2 below, with commissioners leading on Action 3. Across Cheshire & Merseyside, NHSE would work with the STP on Action 3.

Action 1: Develop failsafe prioritisation processes and policies to manage risk of harm to ophthalmology patients

Action 2: Undertake a clinical risk and prioritisation audit of existing ophthalmology patients

Action 3: Undertake local eye health capacity reviews.

The LEHN want to engage with all of the LOCs across the Cheshire & Merseyside area to discuss what primary care is currently delivering and what further opportunities are there to expand?

18. AOB

GDPR: Cheshire LOC had registered with the ICO. It was agreed that Cheshire LOC was the Data Controller.

Action: SMcB to draft the Privacy Policy and circulate for comment.

19. Date of Next Meeting

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

6th December 2018