



MINUTES OF CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
20TH JUNE 2022 HELD REMOTELY

Present

Fionnuala Stott, Phil Cooke, Harinder Notay, Jane Smellie, Amy Thompson, Chris Houghton, Jill Umpleby, Andy Riley, Fionnuala Kidd, Stephen Halpin and Cahir Mullan.

In Attendance

Sandie McBennett – Administrator

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Fionnuala Stott opened the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting, in particular to Cahir Mullan as a newly elected member of the Committee.

Apologies received from Lyndon Taylor were accepted.

2. Conflicts of Interest

FS wished to note for information; she had arranged a school visit to Spa Medica to look at the journey of a patient.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8th February 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the 8th February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters Arising and Action List

FK would review the feedback from CUES Service Feedback.

4. PES Update

FS reported on recent liaison with PES:

- Emergency referrals into Leighton Hospital: pathways had been reviewed and how emergency referrals were picked up. Practitioners would be encouraged to use the Opera platform. It was clear the Eye Dept staff did not know the referrals were delivered to their email inbox and no log in on Opera was required. Rebecca Ireland would continue to liaise with Leighton.
- Payments were now being received.
- Glaucoma monitoring out of Leighton; patients would be sent to Alsager and a letter sent to the Optom. A copy of the letter and fields test would be available; this was a pilot at present.
- It was reported the Glaucoma/OHTM letterheads were hard to differentiate. Feedback had been forwarded to Rebecca Ireland.
- A recurring glitch was recorded on Opera reporting incorrectly there had been a payment. Contractors should ensure a reconciliation was completed.
- If Opera reported payment on Pre Cat from Cheshire CCG, it would be more helpful.

5. CET Update

Jill Umpleby proposed to hold a face to face meeting in September on Wednesday 9th or 14th for a Glaucoma CET.

Amy Thompson reported Arun Sachdev had planned an AMD talk in October.

Spa Medica had proposed to hold a 6 point CET face to face on AMD aimed at East Cheshire practices.

Action: JU would arrange the CET session for September.

6. EeRS/Connectivity Update

Andy Riley reported EeRS was live across the patch. Specsavers practices were linking through API directly. No other PMS providers had picked this up as yet. Feedback from practices would be required as consultation and feedback. It was agreed the end to end referral process should be tested.

7. Cheshire and Merseyside Forum

The ICB Board had been formed, the Cheshire and Merseyside Forum had petitioned to have the second partner to be a non GP.

8. PCN/CUES

Members were encouraged to continue engagement in their area with PCN leads.

As Committee members, each member should engage and liaise with members of the LOC and build relationships with local practices, GPs and pharmacies.

Action: SMB to collate practice list and inform members of practices in their area/divide up.

9. Macclesfield Post Cat Update

Amy Thompson reported the integration between Opera and Medisoft was working well.

The contract had been proposed to Macclesfield Hospital.

10. DRSS

The committee discussed the provision and capacity to deliver service. It would be useful to know which practices were still delivering the service.

Action: To write a letter to DRSS regarding the uptake and delivery of the service.

Action: LOC members to liaise with local practices in their area to consult.

11. GOS Optician Act Review

Fionnuala Kidd reported the NW Chairs had discussed the thirteen key points. The conclusion was that each LOC would formulate their own responses and as a collective respond regionally. The LOC Chairs were in agreement to the proposals regarding technology; the sight test should remain as a whole and not be a refraction health care check separation. Some Chairs elected to complete the form as a response from their LOC, others opted to consult. A Microsoft Forms Questionnaire had been prepared to review the thirteen points by all members of the Cheshire and Merseyside Forum.

Andy Riley suggested the consequences of the actions should also be included in the questionnaire.

Action: to arrange a group meeting of FS, FK, HN, AR, SMB in July 2022

12. Sustainability

Harinder Notay would attend the ICB Sustainability Primary Care Event on 29th September 10.30-12.00.

13. Treasurer's Report

Phil Cooke reported the LOC Account current held £35k, with £6,500 owing to LOCSU.

The committee discussed invoicing the NW Regional Forum for Secretariat Services; it was agreed PC would invoice pro rate each LOC on an annual basis.

Action: PC and SMB to discuss the cost and arrange invoice to all LOCs as part of the NW Regional Forum.

14. Chair's Report

CUES Service in Macclesfield prompted a call to Laura McCall regarding mentoring pre/new reg Optoms; Laura had recently been appointed by the AOP to mentor newly qualified Optoms. FS and FK would meet with Laura McCall to understand how to engage with the under 30 age group and newly qualified Optoms in the Cheshire area.

Action: FS Send CM the quarterly report on CUES.

15. Secretary's Report

GOS Optician Act Review link should be included on the CLOC newsletter.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cheshire LOC would be held on Monday, 8th August 2022 at 7.30 pm.

ACTION LIST

Owner	Action	Update
JU	JU would arrange the CET session for September	
SMB	SMB to collate practice list and inform members of practices in their area/divide up.	
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PC/SMB	PC and SMB to discuss the cost and arrange invoice to all LOCs as part of the NW Regional Forum.	Complete
FS	FS Send CM the quarterly report on CUES	