



MINUTES OF CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 HELD REMOTELY

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**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

Sandie McBennett – Administrator

**1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Lyndon Taylor, Stephen Halpin and Andy Riley were accepted.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**3. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.**

Matters Arising and Action List were complete.

**Action: Jane Smellie would share the email she had prepared regarding those practices that were on Opera.**

Jill Umpleby reported Wheeldon's were not listed as being on Opera.

**4. PES Update**

Fionnuala Stott reported there had been an issue reported on urgent referrals report to Leighton Hospital in that an emergency referral was emailed to a certain email and would then be triaged, if it was referred as urgent, then it would not be triaged for some time. Rebecca Ireland had been working with the hospital on referral guidelines.

**5. CET Update**

The IT Induction event for EeRS would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Action: AT/SMB to promote the PES update and EeRS Induction on Instagram and the LOC Website.**

Jill Umpleby outlined the planned CPD Events to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

A peer review would be held offering 3 points to OO and DO.

A Seeability lecture on 'The New LOCSU Pathway for people with a Learning Disability'

Essilor and Good Karma Eyewear would sponsor the event to be held at the Cottons Hotel, Knutsford.

On 4th October there would be a CPD Lecture by Mr Sachdev on Macular Degeneration to be held at Mere Country Park.

**Action: JU would arrange the CET session for September.**

**6. EeRS/Connectivity Update**

FS and FK regularly attend the meetings and planning is ongoing for the launch date of 8<sup>th</sup> September. FK asked for feedback on the meetings.

**7. Cheshire and Merseyside Forum**

FS reported the forum were engaging with GPs and the formation of the ICS. In Cheshire and Merseyside the forum was successful in putting forward a non GP candidate as Chair, Adam Irvine was from the Pharmacy sector; the only non GP representative for Primary Care on the ICS in England. A Primary Care Day on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 would be attended by Fionnuala Kidd if Bob Wilkes was unable to attend.

The next meeting of the Cheshire and Merseyside Forum would be held at the NOC.

**Action: FS to confirm with Bob Wilkes if he is attending the Primary Care Day and inform FK.**

**8. PCN/CUES**

FS reminded all committee members that engagement with PCNs would continue to be important.

**9. Macclesfield Post Cat Update**

Amy Thompson reported the proposed contract had not progressed any further.

**10. DRSS**

FS had emailed the DRSS to note complaints and concerns about the service. The response had been circulated to the committee. It was noted the list held by DRSS seemed out of date.

**Action: FS would email Amy Jones to voice the concerns on behalf of LOC Members.**

**11. GOS Optician Act Review**

FS had collated comments and formed a response to the GOS Optician Act Review on behalf of the Cheshire LOC.

**12. Sustainability**

Harinder Notay would attend a Sustainability Zoom event at the end of September.

**13. Treasurer's Report**

Phil Cooke reported the LOC Account current held £33,400, with £4,500 owing to LOCSU. PC reported the invoicing for secretariat services to the NW Regional Forum had been progressed and most LOCs had responded. PC asked all committee members to forward any expenses for payment.

**14. Chair's Report**

The NOC would be held on 10-12<sup>th</sup> October at the Queens Hotel in Leeds. Amy Thompson would attend, together with Fionnuala Stott and Jill Umpleby. Cahir would consider attending also.

**Action: Add Homeless Pilot and Seeability to the next Cheshire LOC agenda.**

FS reported the IRIS Centre at Crewe had closed. FS noted Crewe had an ECLO – Eye Care Liaison Officer.

FK reported LOCSU had requested Cheshire Glaucoma Monitoring pilot out of Leighton to feature in their case study. The committee agreed to take part in the study, however it was noted it would be beneficial to have sight of the report before it was published. The Glaucoma Monitoring service was

of interest nationwide.

The Macular Project at Leighton had been withdrawn from the Novartis funding round. The Central Optical Fund (COF) had recently promoted their funding programme; Jane Smellie, Fionnuala Kidd, with input from PES would draft a business case to be submitted to COF for funding.

The committee agreed to progress the proposal.

**15. Secretary's Report**

Amy Thompson would review the referral pathways published on the website. All committee members were encouraged to review referral pathways in their areas.

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meetings of the Cheshire LOC would be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm remotely and Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 pm in person.

## ACTION LIST

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
JS	Jane Smellie would share the email she had prepared regarding those practices that were on Opera.	
AT	AT/SMB to promote the EeRS Induction on Instagram and the LOC Website.	
FS	FS would send the referral guidelines (urgent/emergency) to the committee members for review.	
FS	FS to confirm with Bob Wilkes if he is attending the Primary Care Day and inform FK.	
FS	FS would email Amy Jones to voice the concerns on behalf of LOC Members.	
FS	Add Homeless Pilot and Seeability to the next Cheshire LOC agenda.	