



**MINUTES OF CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 HELD REMOTELY**

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**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

Sandie McBennett – Administrator

**1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Stephen Halpin were accepted.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**3. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.**

Matters Arising and Action List were complete.

**4. Chair's Report**

Report received. FS had requested Primary Eyecare Service Team run a roadshow/presentation to increase awareness and practitioner confidence in Telemedicine. The LOC will promote Telemedicine as it would release resource in practice.

The timescales agreed for CUES service specifications would change – it would be in the LOC/members best interests to reduce local variations, however if these variations were done at ICB level; the CUES Service would be replicated in Macclesfield, Liverpool, Chester etc..

**Action: FK to update JS on macula information from Leighton.**

**5. CET Update**

Report received. Jill Umpleby reported on the CPD delivered to date; on 14<sup>th</sup> September; "Managing Myopia Scenarios" a peer review for 3 points and Seeability for point was delivered at Cottons Hotel, Knutsford. 46 attendees for the peer review and 39 for the Seeability section.

The CPD event by Arun Sachdev on 4<sup>th</sup> October gave 1 self-directed point.

The next CPD event would be on the 9<sup>th</sup> November with Dan Nguyen – Monitoring Glaucoma.

It was agreed to send a donation to Seeability with thanks for their talk.

**Action: PC to forward donation to Seeability.**

**6. NOC Report**

Reports received from all attendees. The networking and workshop opportunities were very well received and all agreed it was a good event.

**7. Sustainability**

Report received. Harinder Notay reported on the recent Cheshire and Merseyside Primary Care Sustainability Network Event held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The meeting proved to be both interesting and popular, reflecting on actions individuals already had in place at home and in practice. The information cascaded was useful and targeted at optometry practices.

**Action: Add Sustainability bullet point to each Newsletter.**

**8. Treasurer's Report**

Report received.

**Action: PC/FK to check which LOCs still have a voluntary levy.**

**9. Central Optical Fund**

Report received. All committee members present voted in favour of making a donation to the Central Optical Fund.

**Action: PC to investigate how to practically implement the COF levy and how it would affect the mandate.**

NHS England has secured funding on behalf of Cheshire LOC and Mersey LOC for Atrial Fibrillation Screen and Blood Pressure monitoring combined. £10 per AF/BP. £21,500 had been received.-

**10. Secretary's Report**

Report received. Correspondence had been received, mostly from Cheshire East practices regarding payments.

**Action: All contributors to the Newsletter; please forward to AT as soon as possible.**

**Action: FK to ensure the following is added to referral pathways:**

**Leighton Hospital Post Cataract: Contact telephone number and email contact to be published on the website for patients not on Opera for a post cat.**

Cahir Mullan joined the meeting.

**11. Border Report**

Report received. Fionnuala Kidd reported on the problem arising from the country in which an optom practices, rather than the patient nationality. English optoms referring into the GP for treatment in Wales do not realise that GPs is copied for information. Referrals to Welsh GP from England needs to be headed **please action – send to hospital**. The information should be added to the website.

**Action: Add to website – conditions that would be expected to have an EHEW before referral.**

**Add link to website – cross border EHEW practices - <http://www.eyecare.wales.nhs.uk>**

**12. AOB**

Committee members were asked to check availability to join a strategy day in the first week of February 2023.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

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

**ACTION LIST**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
FK	FK to update JS on macula information from Leighton.	
AT	Add Sustainability bullet point to each Newsletter.	
PC	PC to forward donation to Seeability.	
PC/FK	PC/FK to check which LOCs still have a voluntary levy.	
PC	PC to investigate how to practically implement the COF levy and how it would affect the mandate.	
ALL	All contributors to the Newsletter; please forward to AT as soon as possible.	
FK	FK to ensure the following is added to referral pathways: Leighton Hospital Post Cataract: Contact telephone number and email contact to be published on the website for patients not on Opera for a post cat.	
SMB/AT	Add to website – conditions that would be expected to have an EHEW before referral. Add link to website – cross border EHEW practices - <a href="http://www.eyecare.wales.nhs.uk">http://www.eyecare.wales.nhs.uk</a>	
FS/SMB	Arrange date for Strategy Day – late January or early February.	