

**MINUTES OF CHESHIRE LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**30th JANUARY – VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING**

**Present**

Fionnuala Stott, Phil Cooke, Amy Thompson, Harinder Notay, Jill Umpleby, Jane Smellie, Helen Counsell, Andy Riley and Cahir Mullan

**In Attendance**

Aisling Stott, Administrator

**WELCOMES AND APOLOGIES**

* Apologies from Stephen Halpin and Mark Simpson

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

* Helen Counsell – Starting at New Medica in the near future.

**MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 5TH DECEMBER 2024**

* All in agreement to accept these minutes.

**CPD & AGM**

* JU said New medica are interested in sponsoring AGM but want to talk about details.
* JU said STEPPA are also interested and have been told its £300 for a table.
* JU asked that STEPPA can be near the food, so people have to walk past them to get to their table.
* FS said we will have similar structure to last year at AGM.
* JU asked if we could mention Blood pressure at the AGM
* HC is stepping down at AGM due to not being in area.
* SH and AR are also up for vote.
* PC said it was £1,700 for food at AGM 2024.
* AT said we need to do a new Newsletter and HC could write a paragraph on what her role has included with the LOC.
* HC agreed to get a paragraph to Amy by next week for the newsletter
* JU asked if we have seen the CPD event at Bayfield’s Chester.
* FS asked if committee are in agreement that other than the AGM and supporting other CPDs run by others, that we don’t need to run one ourselves. All in agreement.
* AT said we should help and encourage trusts put on CPD events.
* JU asked how many replies we have had for 12th feb and 5th march. As said we have 12 for Foreign body, 5 for Glaucoma and Mecs, 3 for Blood pressure monitoring

**CHAIRS UPDATE**

* FS has a meeting on Monday with Chris Heimerdinger to raise problems with Macclesfield and Leighton.
* Meeting with Chester practices next week to discuss CUES.
* FS looked at data for all trusts in the area and weather and most trusts have in the region of 10% of their post cats going back. Macclesfield do not seem to be sending them out.
* JS asked if you had a scenario of post op UV itis, could you convert it to an IP CUES and treat it. FS said Yes as long as they are compliant.
* AR said they need the data to know how successful the surgery is so we can’t.
* JS said we need to negotiate that we are not paid for IP follow ups.
* HC said she spoke to graham and seems to be that Medisoft communicates with opera, but all details must be correct for it to communicate correctly. To sort out incorrect details it’s a long process.
* FS has been trying to recruit practices for advice and guidance including Specsavers Macclesfield.
* SPoA is being rolled across a larger area.
* FS had a meeting with Rupesh and Paul Carberry and chairs across the area. The situation on Wirral is the same in terms of they have their own primary eyecare company. There is animosity between their LOC and their primary eyecare company. Not a problem at the moment.
* FS mentioned the Warrington levy payments briefly.
* Service started at alder hey for children’s screening. FS asked the committee to let her know if they hear anything about it

**CLEAR NOTES - AI**

* Approved to do a pilot for Ai note taking
* Andy, Hari and Stephen are interested
* Fionnuala has approached Wendy Diddums but no reply yet
* AR needs which practice to go with
* AR spoken to AOP about IT requirements and they said nothing in contract so just needs a risk assessment. Need to know where data is processed.
* Hari will speak to Paul Morris who does IT with Specsavers
* Jane said she is happy to try it

**PRE-CAT PATHWAY**

* AR believes the LOC negotiates services and we contract pes to run these services. AR said this is a change in a service thinks the LOC hasn’t been involved in the change.
* AR feels when it’s a significant change to how the service is delivered it should have been run past the LOC.
* AR feels like we need to say we didn’t agree to the change.
* FS asked for an agenda item for PES
* AR thinks we should go back and say it needs changing and we aren’t content with the service staying as it is.
* FS said we have written 3 letters to LOCSU. FS said to speak to LOCSU.
* FS Andy to draft an email for the northwest forum and see how many other LOC as bothered this.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

* Meeting on 4th Feb with Chester practices to discuss CUES.
* JU asked to talk to Specsavers cheshire oaks about blood pressure.
* HC said Bayfield’s have come off CUES as they have no front of house staff
* JU and Rebecca Ireland are speaking about CUES at Foreign body workshop
* A few are wanting to do Goldman and Van Herrick.
* AT and AS will sort food for foreign body workshop
* FS said we need to generate numbers for 5th march, but we will have to run it.
* 5 so far starting Mod 1 in March but AS said we are expecting a few more.
* Seen a reduction in the number of foreign bodies that are being seen and then being transferred to secondary care
* FS said we have seen an increase in number of practitioners in CUES. HN asked if that’s from existing for new practices and FS said a bit of both.
* FS asked about circulating BIOs of candidates. AR said he doesn’t think we should recommend one candidate over the other and out it in newsletter and ask people to vote. FS agreed.
* FS said she will speak to April for support in speaking to al the trusts and independent providers and ask them what their situation is in regard to providing places for any further qualifications for optoms.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

* Submitted Q3 and we managed to spend nearly £70,000. Managed to go in Q4 to fund future WOPEC events. Included another 6 people yo start IP
* Totals spend of first 3 quarters is £175,000. Got another £34,000 to spend in final quarter.
* Made a profit of about £14,500 but was inflated by IP grant so actual profit of about £9,000

Warrington levy update

* Got a reply on 17th on January from PCSE who said they don’t do boundaries and to contact LOCSU. LOCSU have a meeting with PCSE on 4th of February where they will bring it up.

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| Learning objectives and domains on CPD for AGM | FS |
| Send Helen Counsell declarations of interest form | AS |
| Newsletter | AS/AT |
| Check if we have received email from Nuffield Chester about CPD | AS |
| Chase up Chester practices | AS |
| Speak to Specsavers Ellesmere port/ cheshire oaks about Blood pressure at Chester meeting | FS |
| Sort food for foreign body workshop | AT/AS |
| send email to Andy about Advice and guidance | FS |
| Add PES as agenda item for future meetings | AS |
| Andy draft an email for north west forum | AR |
| Speak to Tom Mackley abut enhanced case findings | FS |